



SUPERNOVA SERVICES

# THE STELLAR GAZETTE

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## Spring Events

BRITTNI HODINKO - DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMMING

This month, we proudly “**Lit It Up Blue**” in recognition of Autism Awareness Day, coming together to take a wonderful group photo and show our support. Throughout the month, we stayed busy and engaged in our programs—creating and displaying artwork in our homes, sharing delicious meals, and enjoying meaningful time together. We also made some unforgettable memories by stepping out of our comfort zones—trying out for the Wild Things to sing the national anthem (we are so proud of you!) and going fishing, where we caught our very first fish! These moments truly reflect the courage, growth, and joy we celebrate together.

A highlight of the month was attending the ASI banquet, where we enjoyed great food, laughter, and community. We are especially proud of R.S., who was honored with a Bowling Hall of Fame Award through Adaptive Sports—what an incredible achievement!

As we look ahead, we are excited to welcome spring and prepare for our **Second Annual Spring Festival!** This year’s event will be held on June 4th from 2-6 PM in our office parking lot. We’re planning an afternoon full of food, fun, and entertainment, along with a Chinese auction featuring a variety of local prizes and gifts. We hope you’ll join us and bring your friends along! Spring is in the air, and we’re ready to enjoy warmer weather, blooming flowers, and all the joy the season brings.



# Spring Events (contd.)





**JOIN US**

Supernova

Spring

Festival


Thursday | 4 | June

2:00 Pm - 6:00 PM

**A Community Celebration of Fun,  
Connection and Inclusion**

380 West Chestnut St.

RSVP to Brittni: 412-997-4243



**Enjoy light refreshments, a dunk tank, games, face painting, and local food vendors—plus plenty of fun surprises!  
Be sure to check out our Chinese Auction, with 100% of proceeds going toward community activities for the individuals we support.**

# Job Fairs

AMY STROMBERG - HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

Supernova Services attended the Penn Technical Job Fair again this year on April 10, 2026; We met with High School Seniors from the area who were looking for employment in various fields, and we were proud to share Supernova's story and employment opportunities. Thank you Penn Tech for the invitation!

On April 25, 2026, Supernova Services attended the Pittsburgh Job Fair for the first time, and it was a great success! We had the chance to connect with many individuals from a wide range of backgrounds and it was the perfect opportunity to share our current job openings. A huge thank you to those who stopped by, and if there is someone you know who is interested in applying to Supernova Services, please have them apply on our website at [supernovaservices.org](http://supernovaservices.org)!



# Quarterly Attendance Bonus

AMY STROMBERG - HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

Congratulations to the following DSP's who received the **4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Attendance Bonus!**

Amanda Ranson  
Billy Rood  
Breanna Ritter  
Dave Henderson  
Ethel Rush  
Jenna Woytovich  
Kara Harris  
Keshabi Subedi  
Luann Welsh  
Mike Smith  
Paula Patterson  
Summer Thomas  
Thelma Hickle



These DSP's were also entered into a random drawing for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Prize of a gift card basket. The winner selected was Dave Henderson; Congratulations Dave!



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# Happy Anniversary to our Supernova Employees!

THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING TO SHINE BRIGHT WITH US!

JULIANNA HURT

APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

CARLYN HATFIELD

APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

SUMMER FRYE

APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

CLARISSA MILES

APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

KAELA COFFIELD

APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

MELISSA HITCHMAN

APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

CHAD TAYLOR

APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2025

COURTNEY BISCEGLIA

APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2025

EDWARD STUMP

APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2025

BREANNA RITTER

APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2025

DEBRA SROGI

APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2024





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HANNAH SETHNER

APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

TARA WHITEMAN

APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

KAILAH WHITEMAN

APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

SAMUEL LOMBARDO

APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

TAMMY VARNER

APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2025



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## Shining a Light on B.P.

B.P. is 33 years old and currently attends the REACH day program every day from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; He has a wide variety of interests including spending time on his parents' riverboat, taking walks, and anything related to Disney. B.P. also enjoys books, music, sing-along videos, using the swings, his rocking chair and playing spelling games.



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# Birthday Parties!

MICHELE GRANDE - PROGRAM  
SPECIALIST/RECREATIONAL THERAPIST

In April, we celebrated the birthdays of K.R. & S.E.M. with parties full of fun, laughter, games, and of course... ice cream cake!!!

S.E.M. is an avid Lilo & Stitch fan, so Stitch himself made a special appearance at her party! All of the partygoers were so excited to see him—it made the celebration even more memorable.

K.R. chose to keep things simple with a party at her house, enjoying a few rounds of bingo before getting to her favorite part—presents and cake! She was over the moon to receive the new Taylor Swift CD and feel all the love her friends showed just by being there!



# Paws, Purpose, and a Whole Lot of Heart

*HEATHER MILLER - DIRECTOR OF BEHAVIOR SUPPORTS*

There is something truly special about the quiet magic a therapy dog brings into a room. We are proud to recognize K.B. who volunteers her time visiting a local senior center. Beyond the smiles, therapy dog visits have been shown to reduce stress, lower blood pressure, and improve overall emotional well-being. Great job K.B. for sharing your compassion and dedication! It's a beautiful example of how small acts can make a big difference!!



## National Alliance for DSP's

*MELISSA HITCHMAN - ASSISTANT RESIDENTIAL DIRECTOR*

At Supernova, exceptional care defines who we are, and our vision for 2026 is to lead the human services industry by achieving the highest percentage of NADSP-certified professionals in our workforce.

Through the National Alliance for Direct Support Professionals (NADSP) certification program, we are empowering our team to grow, lead, and be recognized for their life-changing work. This credential is a symbol of dedication, professionalism, and purpose. We are investing in our people by providing the opportunity, support, and financial rewards necessary to elevate your careers and deepen your impact. Together, we are setting a new standard for excellence.

**Please join me in congratulating our newest certified team members on this significant achievement:**

- Kaela Coffield, NADSP Frontline Supervisor (FLS)
- Meranda Lycett, NADSP (DSP 2)
- Debra Srogi, NADSP (DSP 1)

Congratulations to you all on your hard work and commitment to professional growth.



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# The Cooking Corner



MICHELE GRANDE - PROGRAM

SPECIALIST/RECREATIONAL THERAPIST

Our Supernova Cooking Corner baked a rich, layered lasagna for this month's dish!! K.R., B.P., A.C., S.E.M., K.H., W.B. and R.F. helped make this cheesy and savory casserole, and now you can enjoy it too!

## Ingredients/Seasonings:

Lasagna noodles  
Ground beef  
Spinach  
Ricotta  
Eggs  
Mozzarella cheese  
Sauce  
Garlic  
Basil  
Onion powder  
Garlic powder  
Italian seasoning  
Salt & pepper

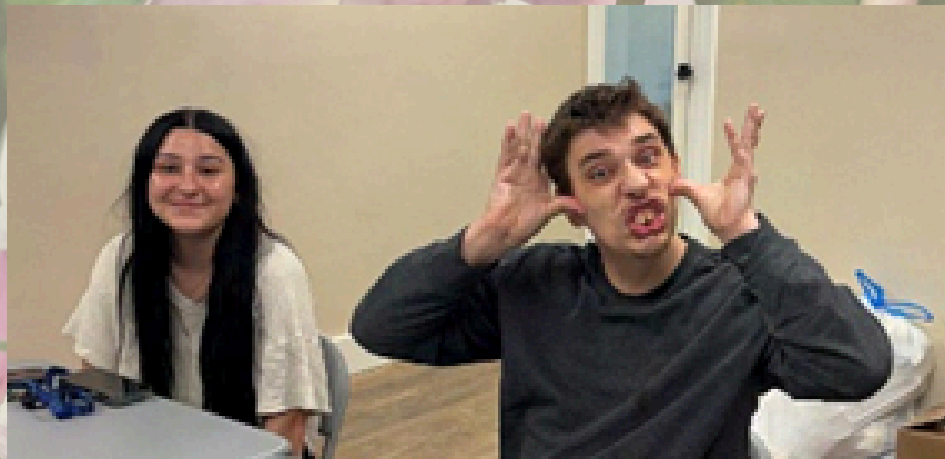


## Instructions:

1. Boil lasagna noodles
2. Brown ground beef in pan with fresh garlic
3. Once cooked, add one jar of sauce and season with basil, italian seasoning, onion powder, salt and pepper
4. Add spinach and cook down
5. Let sauce simmer
6. Add two eggs to one container of ricotta and season with onion powder, garlic powder, basil & Italian seasoning; Mix well
7. Assemble lasagna:  
\*Put sauce on bottom of tray, add noodle, layer of sauce, layer of ricotta mixture, layer of mozzarella cheese and repeat till complete. Make sure the top is cheesy!
8. Bake on 400 covered for 30 min, Bake uncovered for another 20 min till top is golden brown and bubbly

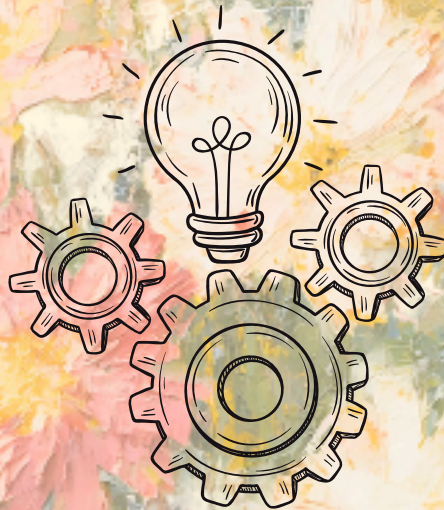


# The Cooking Corner (contd.)



# RELIAS

**A reminder to all staff to please keep monitoring your Relias accounts for upcoming due dates to ensure that we are in compliance with the 6400 Regulations, for we must acquire 24 hours of training each year. Thank you all for being amazing as always!**



**Want your ideas featured in the Supernova Newsletter?**

Please contact Amy Stromberg, HR Director,  
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