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Newsletter November 2020

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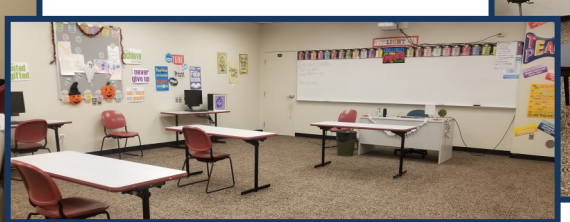
Last year Siffrin partnered with Kent State University Stark Campus and opened Siffrin Academy. Siffrin is proud to announce another Siffrin Academy is now operating on the KSU Campus in Trumbull County. This unique learning experience is a combination of classroom and discovery with an emphasis on self-advocacy. The university setting is perfect for those transitioning from high school or on a path to employment. Virtual online classes are available as an option to being on campus. If you would like to learn more about this program, please contact David Howe, Siffrin Regional Director, at 330-799-8932 or email at dhowe@siffrin.org. Please visit www.siffrin.org/siffrin-academy

SIFFRIN ACADEMY AT KENT STATE UNIVERSITY TRUMBULL



AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop at no cost to you. **Amazon Smile** is available at **smile.amazon.com**. The link below will enroll your donation to help grow The Siffrin HOPE Fund and provide necessities to people with disabilities.

https://smile.amazon.com/ch/34-1193822

Be sure to bookmark the link so those in need can benefit each time you shop.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

It has now been eight months since Siffrin took appropriate actions to guarantee the health and safety of those we serve and our dedicated staff. Some programs were discontinued, some were relocated and others took place electronically. We initiated safety precautions, acquired PPE's and put policies into place for the safety of all. While we certainly continue our diligence and sincerity in maintaining a safe environment, we are taking steps to return to providing services and addressing the needs of our individuals. Siffrin has been a leader in the field in conducting virtual learning, and we continue to be creative in developing electronic instruction for those who choose to participate. It is through the combined efforts of Siffrin's Board of Directors, Administration, Management and Direct Support Professionals that we have been able to minimize the effect of COVID in the organization. Siffrin will continue to keep abreast of the latest trends and patterns of this pandemic and act preventatively to ensure everyone's safety. **Bradley L. Vincent**

Staff Supporting Staff will assist with both Thanksgiving and Christmas meals. If you are able, please donate to help our fellow staff who may need assistance this holiday season. All donations will help provide holiday meals for staff and their families. Monetary donations can be placed in the office drop box or a check can be mailed. Non-perishable food items can be dropped off at either the Stark or Mahoning Bridge from now until December 11th.

If you need assistance, please submit your holiday meal request using the Staff Supporting Staff Request form on the Employee page of the website. All requests will be treated confidentially.

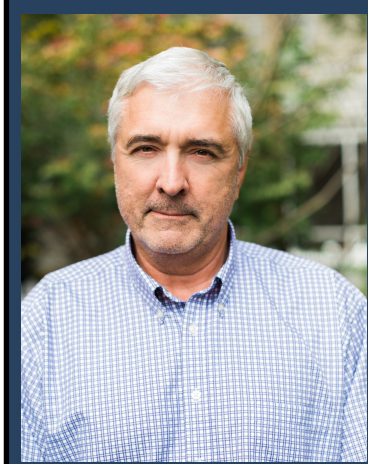
Please check your address on your next login. Your W-2 will be sent to the address that you have on file with ADP. If you have moved, please make the necessary changes before the last pay of 2020, December 30th. Your W-2 will be delivered to you in February.

Help make their Christmas a little brighter!

Siffrin is sponsoring a toy drive to be distributed at a Canton Local elementary school. Unwrapped toys can be dropped off at either the Stark or Mahoning Bridge locations. Toys should be age-appropriate for pre-school to age 8. Last year Siffrin collected 162 toys. We are hoping to gather even more this year! The last day to drop off the new and unwrapped toys is December 1st.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2020 Employee Survey. Your comments are appreciated, and all results are discussed with the Administrative Staff and the Siffrin Board of Directors.

NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Tim Shetzer

Joshua Henniger

The Siffrin Board of Directors is happy to announce the addition of two new members since our last newsletter. Tim Shetzer served 40 years at the Central Stark County YMCA and 22 years as their executive director.

Joshua Henniger brings legal experience to the Siffrin Board. He is employed with the law firm, Krugliak, Wilkins, Griffiths & Dougherty.

We are grateful for their guidance and commitment to help Siffrin extend our reach into the community to make life accessible for those with disabilities.

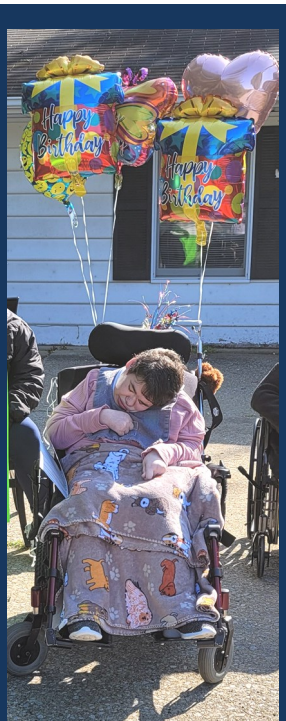
Siffrin Service September 2020 - December 2020 *Thank You!*

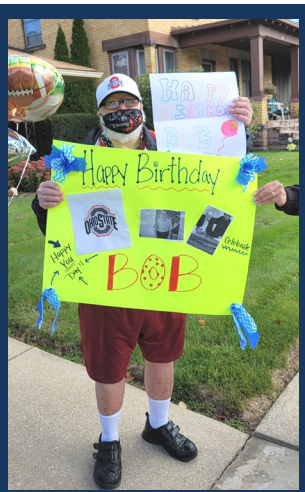
15 years
Tami Radel

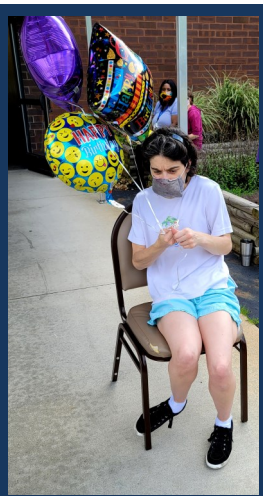
10 Years
Don Beatty
Chanelle Copeland
Serena McBride
Lisa Robarge
Elaine Wolak

5 Years
Sandra Blisky
Gerald Croston
LaShawn Dascoli-Taylor
Crystal Dilley
Mailene Glaspell
Dave Howe
Mary Nord
Dorothy Robinson
Amber Rose

3 years
Kalai Bartee
Regina Lennon
Cheryl Ramsayer







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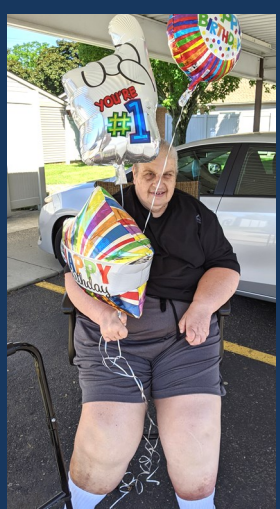

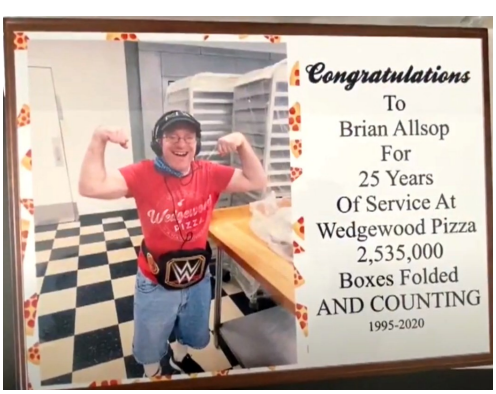

MILLIONS?
Yes, more than 2,500,000!

Brian, served by Siffrin in Mahoning County, reached a huge milestone and was featured in a WKBN news story. Brian has constructed almost every single pizza box at Wedgewood Pizza since he started there in 1995. His boss described him "like a machine." What an impressive accomplishment, Brian.

Congratulations!!

View the news story here. https://youtu.be/QYz2gKALFmE

15TH ANNUAL SIFFRIN GOLF OUTING PRESENTED BY O'NEILL insurance

We would like to thank everyone for their participation in our 15th Annual Golf Outing to benefit The Siffrin HOPE Fund. This year, the rain waited until we were finished. If you were a golfer, event sponsor, volunteer, or donated goods or services to the auction, please know that 100% of the proceeds go directly to someone in need. **Thank you for supporting those with disabilities.** Special thanks goes to Shady Hollow for keeping health and safety a priority during our event.

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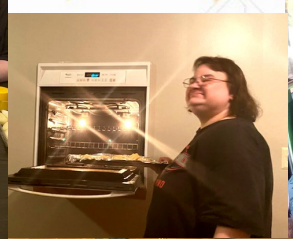

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COSTUMES

BOO!