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**CORK
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We would like to thank Amanda from Cork & Canvas for leading a painting activity for our individuals. They created some one-of-a-kind masterpieces and really enjoyed themselves. We look forward to seeing Amanda again real soon.

Summertime
TAKIN' IT EASY

Forever Friends
Gene and Vicki

"The noblest search is the search for excellence."
Lyndon Johnson

Things to Know About Your MCO...

On July 1, 2023, Molina Health Care of Iowa joined Amerigroup and Iowa Total Care in providing services to Iowans in the Iowa Medicaid program. The Department of Health and Human Services indicated this will enhance choice for members and incent innovation in the Iowa Medicaid program. (<https://hhs.iowa.gov/hhs-announces-intent-award-new-managed-care-contracts>) -

Since the addition of a third managed care organization (MCO), some members were reassigned to Molina and the open choice period was from March 1 through May 18. Since July 1, 2023, members have another 90-days to change their MCO.

More resources:

Department of Health and Human Services
- MCO Onboarding <https://hhs.iowa.gov/ime/mco-onboarding>

Amerigroup <https://www.myamerigroup.com/ia/iowa-home.html>

Iowa Total Care <https://www.iowatotalcare.com/>

Molina <https://www.molinahealthcare.com/members/ia/en-US/pages/home.aspx>



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SETWorks and eMAR

New Dawn, New Day – Feelin' Good

We are excited to share that Discovery Living has a new electronic health record (EHR) and medication administration (eMAR) record!

Over the past year, everyone at Discovery Living has put in a significant amount of attention, effort,

and training hours to evaluate, deliberate, build, and implement these systems.

SETWorks, our

new EHR, is a robust health and service data collection and storage system, and CaraSolva MedSupport (eMAR) will be used for our individual medication administration records.

A few advantages of each system and why we choose these vendors:

Overall:

- Provides accurate, up-to-date, and complete information about individuals we support
- Are user friendly, quick, and grants easy access to key information needed to provide quality support
- Ensures privacy and security
- Integrates with other organizational systems

SETWorks:

- Is the largest provider to HCBS in Iowa
- Is disability services-focused, person-centered, compliance-committed, fully-integrated.
- Is highly customizable to meet our individuals' and agency's needs

eMAR (by CaraSolva):

- Integrates with pharmacies
- Administers real-time prompting/alerts to DSPs
- Improves compliance with medication administration and reduces medication errors

MedSupport eMAR went live for our agency on February 1, 2023 and SETWorks on April 3, 2023.



3 Years: WITH EXCELLENCE!

Submitted by Bob Hebl, Executive Director

We are very pleased to announce the outcome of our Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) certification review by the [Iowa Department of Human Services](#). Discovery Living received the highest certification allowed, "Three Years, with Excellence". Obtaining this rare distinction means that the onsite auditor found no serious issues with our operations, policies, documentation, or delivery of services! The auditor was very complimentary regarding our steadfast commitment to the people we support. Thanks to each of you who helped make such an outstanding outcome possible.

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"There are no shortcuts to true excellence."
- Angela Duckworth



New chapter of life, new perspectives. We are pleased to share our updated mission statement with the world.

NEW MISSION STATEMENT

Discovery Living's mission is to provide individualized, life-long support to adults with developmental disabilities in the setting of their choice by promoting personal growth, success, and satisfaction through life experiences.

Bob Hebl - Executive Director



Brad Jacobson - Human Resources Generalist



Lynette Vozenilek - Finance Coordinator



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LEADERSHIP

Kim Larimer - Director of Marketing



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Administrative Staff

**to learn more about your leadership team, bios are available at www.discoveryliving.org/contact/



Kim Carr - Finance Coordinator



Leon Bahn - Director of Information Technology



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Missy Roseberry - Director of Finance



Kristie Clark - Administrative Support Professional



Monica Raun - Director of Compliance



Stephanie Orozco - Director of Planning & Training



Taylor Albert - Information Technology Associate



“Hey – tickets to Hawks basketball! How did you get these?”

“HAWKIJOE!”

“Yum - where did you get that?”

“HAWKIJOE!”

The kind heart and generous nature are legendary. But who is this HAWKIJOE? Has anyone actually seen him? “Yeah, I think I have. About this tall? Glasses? Beard?” Well, as with many good things, the answers are a little more complex than that. See, the name implies that he is just one man, but the spirit of HAWKIJOE is more than that. HAWKIJOE is a team effort.

Meet Joe and Rosanne Mashek. Married 58 years, Joe and Rosanne have built quite a life together and grown to be as much partners in their relationship as sweethearts. Over the years, the two have pursued various interests and callings, but one talent made itself particularly evident and in fact, has only grown: Joe and Rosanne are master philanthropists. “The lord has been good to us,” says Joe. Rosanne adds wryly, “I just let him do all of the talking and legwork.” So how long have they been at this?

Well, if you’ve been connected to Discovery Living over the past eight years, and you’ve enjoyed a World’s Finest chocolate bar, tootsie rolls, peaches, or Christmas cookies that seem to have appeared from out of nowhere. If you been lucky enough to score free tickets to a Hawkeye basketball game or a **Knights of Columbus** fish fry, it’s likely you have HAWKIJOE to thank. And while eight years is an impressive tenure as is, eight years is just how long they’ve been bringing the tix and treats. In actuality, HAWKIJOE has been supporting Discovery Living since before we existed - playing a considerable role in raising \$2-300,000 in startup funding and helping secure the original land donation!



HAWKIJOE

The Face(s) Behind the Legend

Discovery Living would like to extend a warm thank you to the two of you, “HAWKIJOE”! Giving of yourselves and of your own resources, through a unique and clever knack for supporting multiple causes at once, you have brought so much joy to so many.



Four Discovery Living homes and the office received special tender loving care thanks to 10 volunteers from **Basepoint Wealth** and **Target Property Management** as part of **United Way's Day of Caring** on Thursday, May 11. Volunteers planted, pruned – and much more – to beautify these Discovery Living locations creating a pleasant environment for employees and the individuals we serve.

Day of Caring is the largest volunteer event in the Cedar Rapids area, connecting over 1000 volunteers with nonprofits each year.

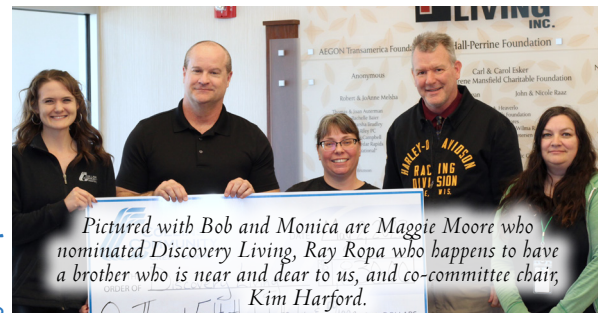


ONE for the BOOKS

We recently visited the newly-rebuilt **Marion Public Library** where we were fortunate to make a new friend. Anna was ‘above-and-beyond’ welcoming to us and made everyone’s day.

After helping us find the Playstation games, we returned to the counter to check out... and discovered Andrew didn't have a library card. Anna leapt into action. Sorting out the details with Andrew via his iPad, she and Andrew collected the information she needed, and in no time, we had the game checked out. Anna, of course, received several thumbs-ups, high-fives, and fist-bumps, and soon Andrew persuaded her to dance with him to a couple of songs on his iPad. Dance party at the library! (Shhhh.) Luckily, other library staff’s and patrons’ appeared to enjoy the show.

Thanks for all you did to make us feel welcome, Anna. We always look forward to seeing you when we visit!



Friendship and Support You Can Bank On

We are grateful for **Collins Community Credit Union** and the members of the **Community Action Committee** who recently chose to honor us with a donation from proceeds generated by their “Collins Casual for a Cause” program - an arrangement by which employees may wear jeans every day in exchange for \$5 from each paycheck.

“We should not judge people by their peak of excellence but by the distance they have traveled from the point where they started.” -- Henry Ward Beecher



Are you looking for a way to make a positive impact for many years to come? You can contribute to Discovery Living's endowment fund with the **Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation (GCRCF)**, making an ongoing difference by providing a permanent tribute for future generations. Every gift is valued but by making a gift of \$3,000 or more, you will join an elite group of supporters, the Discovery Living Legacy Society.

Discovery Living relies on endowment gifts to ensure the future of providing quality services to individuals with intellectual disabilities. These gifts provide an ongoing source of income for our agency, supports program expansion, and helps ensure our long-term stability.

Through the Endow Iowa Tax Credit Program, you are eligible to receive a 25% state tax credit, in addition to any federal tax benefits you qualify for (see example below):

- > Gift: \$3,000
- > Endow Iowa Tax Credit (25%): (\$750)
- > Net Federal Deductible Gift: \$2,250
- > Federal Tax Savings (37%): (\$832.50)
- > Net Cost of Gift: \$1,417.50

Please consider securing your legacy by supporting the Discovery Living endowment and contact Monica Ravn (monicaravn@discoveryliving.org) or Bob Hebl (bhebl@discoveryliving.org) with questions. You can also learn more by viewing this endowment video:

<https://www.desmoinesfoundation.org/your-giving/endow-iowa-tax-credits>.

"Excellence endures and sustains. It goes beyond motivation, into the realms of inspiration." -- Azim Premji



Discovery Living has been blessed to have received support from so many kind people and generous organizations over the years. Many of you reading this article have donated your time, energy and/or resources to make us who we are today. Thank You! Each and every gift is appreciated. Recently we were blessed to receive a wonderful donation from Mitch and Clancy Keller.

Mitch had a great career at Xavier High School - before being drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the second round of the 2014 [Major League Baseball \(MLB\)](#) draft. Mitch has been on the Pirates roster the last several years and was honored to be selected to pitch on opening day this year. Mitch was also recently selected to represent the Pirates at the [MLB 2023 All-Star Game](#). Way to go, Mitch! Clancy also attended Xavier H.S., where she met her future spouse. Clancy attended the University of Iowa and has a passion to assist and support people with special needs. Clancy and Mitch have been married since 2020.

Mitch is the son of Al and Joni Keller of Cedar Rapids and the grandson of Larry Sharp and the late Claire Sharp, both of whom received the first ever Discovery Living Founders award in 2022 - in recognition of their decades long support. A special thanks also goes out to Mitch's agent, Brent Warren, who is a Major League Baseball Players Association Certified Agent with Tidal Sports Group. Thanks, Brent, for working to make this partnership happen.

We are truly thankful to have Mitch, Clancy, Brent, and MLB on the Discovery Living team!

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