

2019 Quarterly Newsletter



Winter 2019

2019 was a wonderful year for LCS... more LCS Participants gained community employment, Connect Participants gave back to the community and/or engaged in over 36 new opportunities in addition to its already established volunteer sites, and Explore Participants took part in an extra 24 new community opportunities geared toward increasing their future employment outcomes. Most importantly, LCS - 2019 Satisfaction Surveys told us that we are meeting the expectations of the people who receive services and their families, guardians, and/or support staff. One of the comments from the surveys indicated that, "Participants are not only respected and are treated as adults, but are expected to raise up to high expectations. This sets LCS apart." LCS is grateful for this acknowledgement and will continue to work hard in 2020 to maintain that level of customer satisfaction.

Meeting mission plus participant and stakeholder satisfaction is important to LCS, and the organization is fortunate to have exceptional personnel who strive to meet the standards mentioned in this comment. It is not unusual for LCS Staff to go above and beyond for the participants; In fact, this action is very common. They truly "get" the value of making mission happen each and every day, and they do so with great passion and compassion. Thank you LCS Staff; you are all truly invaluable.

Moving forward, LCS will continue to tap into the nonprofit community as a great way to train and educate LCS participants through volunteerism. LCS TRULY VALUES AND APPRECIATES OUR COLLABORATION WITH OUR NONPROFIT PARTNERS. We have learned that the best teaching of new skills is done through real life experiences in the community. LCS fully supports, through the services it provides, the quote that "Everyone – regardless of income, available time, age, and skills- can do something useful for others, and in the process, strengthen the fabric of our shared humanity." -WILLIAM J. CLINTON

On behalf of LCS, I want to extend best wishes for a wonderful holiday season to each of you....

-Mary Beth Popchock, Executive Director

LCS' mission is to provide training and community engagement for youth and adults of varying abilities to enhance their self-esteem and quality of life.

"POTENTIAL IS LIMITLESS"



Welcome to the LCS Team!



Nikki started at LCS as a Connect Community Coach on October 15, 2019. She enjoys this field because she likes helping people be the best person they can be, and she finds it very rewarding. She has two sons – 18 and 4 years old. She enjoys cooking, baking, doing crafts, and helping others.

Amber began her career at LCS on October 21, 2019 as an Explore Coach. She enjoys motivating the individuals she works with and letting them know they are awesome. Amber has one beautiful daughter. In her spare time, she likes to do crafts and volunteer work, and her favorite season is summer.





Christen was hired as a Connect Community Coach on November 4, 2019. She loves helping others accomplish tasks and goals, and the smile of excitement on their faces afterwards fills her heart with joy. Christen is married and has three children whom she enjoys going fishing with. Christen also runs a catering business with her mom.

Luis started his career at LCS on November 11, 2019 as a Connect Community Coach. He enjoys helping individuals who need assistance with different tasks.

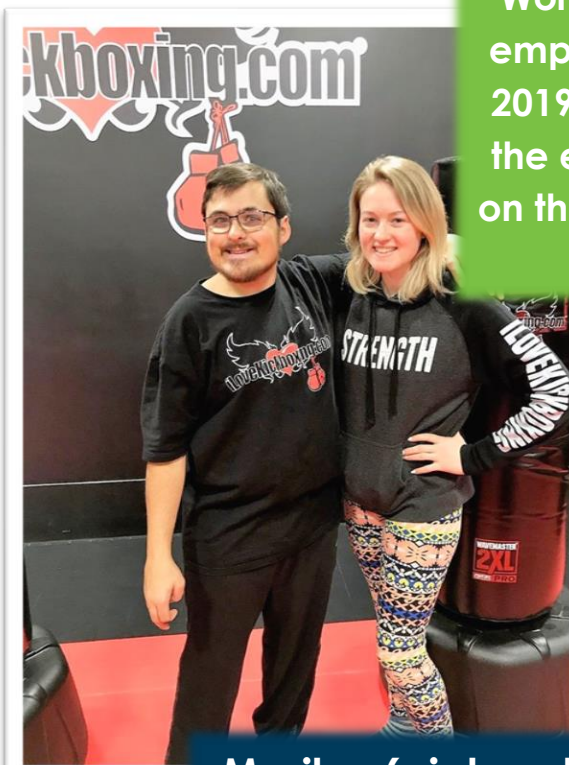
He was married on May 25, 2019, and he is a foster dad of two beautiful girls. In his spare time, he enjoys making nameplates.



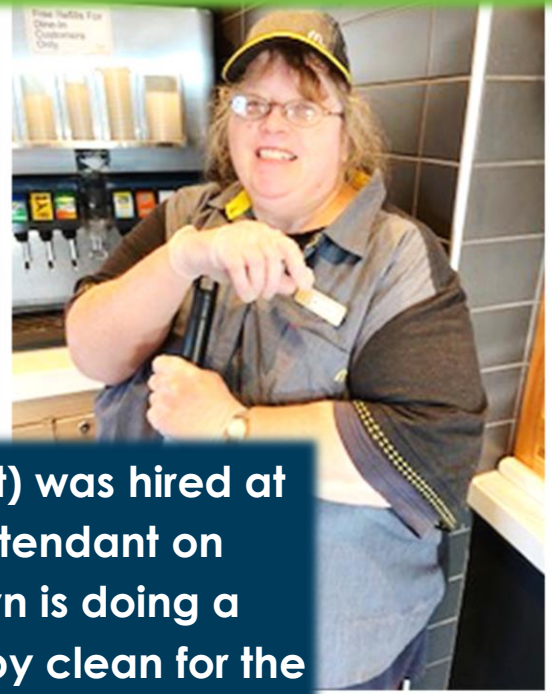
LCS Success Stories!

All stories were made possible through LCS' partnership with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR).

After successfully completing a 12-week Temporary Work Experience (TWE), Kyle was hired as an official employee at ILoveKickboxing.com on November 12, 2019! Kyle did a great job during his interview, and in the end, the Gym Manager, Katie (pictured with Kyle on the left), offered him the position as a Utility Worker. Congratulations, Kyle!



Marilyn (pictured on the right) was hired at McDonald's as a lobby attendant on November 22, 2019. Marilyn is doing a fantastic job keeping the lobby clean for the customers. Keep up the great work, Marilyn!



The 2019 Holiday Luncheon Brought Cheer and Fun for Everyone!

Our annual Holiday Luncheon took place on December 6, 2019 at Fountain Banquet Hall in Sturtevant. Everyone had a wonderful time mingling, dancing on the dance floor, and taking pictures at the photobooth, and the food was delicious! Thank you to everyone who made this year's luncheon a success!



In the picture above, is Michelle, Nicole, Sarah, Janet, Sandi, and Kristy (from left to right).



The two pictures above feature Saul, Kyle, Tony, Mary Beth, Joey, Ellen, Robert, and Kristi (from left to right).



The two pictures above feature Cindy, Robert, Vanessa, Amanda, Jared, Brittany, and Caleb (from left to right).



In the picture below on the left-hand side is Alison and Lora.



In the two pictures above from left to right is Torans, Christen, Nick, and Theresa.

Seen in the picture below is Cindy and Lucy.



Featured in the three pictures above from left to right, is Nellie, Nikki, JR, Amanda, Cindy, Matt, and Corey.





Important Dates to Remember in 2020!

Save the Date...

Holiday Party – **December 4, 2020**

LCS Community Food Truck Rally and Flower Sale – **June 19, 2020**

Holidays/Dates LCS is Closed...

Good Friday – **April 10, 2020**

Memorial Day – **May 25, 2020**

Independence Day – **July 3, 2020**

Labor Day – **September 7, 2020**

Volunteer Day – **September 18, 2020**

Thanksgiving – **November 26, 2020** and **November 27, 2020**

Christmas – **December 24, 2020** and **December 25, 2020**

New Year's – **December 31, 2020** and **January 1, 2021**



Executive Team

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Director of Community Services, Alison Hoffman

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