

# Winona ORC Connection

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## Production Increases at Winona Laundry



Winona Laundry is under new management. In January 2017, Lorin Thilmany took over as Director of Operations and Sales, and Amanda Asche as the new Laundry Manager. This change took place when Todd Olson, who worked tirelessly to make Winona Laundry happen, accepted a position at another company in Winona. While we were sad to see him go, we will be forever grateful for the work he did to create a successful business operation which has grown dramatically under his guidance.

The laundry department has been so busy,

a new washing machine had to be installed.

In the first four months of 2016, 39 individuals worked over 6850 hours in the Winona Laundry operation. In that same time period for 2017, 51 individuals worked over 8900 hours, an Increase of nearly 30%! With new contracts and continued growth, Winona Laundry is generating sustainable, meaningful, income earning employment for a number of our clients.

We look forward to great things in Winona Laundry for 2017!



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## Employee Superstar!

### Jordan Blood

Jordan began working at Winona ORC in 2010. He started in center on a variety of assembly jobs on our production floor as well as working in the community at janitorial enclaves. When the Winona ORC laundry department opened in 2014, Jordan found his niche! He offered to work in laundry daily with the drive to learn all there is to learn, from basic hand folding to running machines. Jordan currently works in the Winona ORC Laundry facility full time and takes on many responsibilities. When he isn't busy working hard, he enjoys taking time to visit and help his peers. Thank you Jordan for all your hard work and dedication, and CONGRATULATIONS on being chosen the Winona ORC Employee of the Year! You earned it and we appreciate all that you do for Winona ORC!



Jordan Blood  
2016 Employee of the Year

## We miss you Jim



Jim Schoen was a part time bus driver for Winona ORC. Near the end of his shift on a Friday, he contacted our transportation coordinator saying he didn't feel well and needed to go home. Before returning to WORC, he made sure all of the passengers on his bus got home safe. His first priority was to make sure of that.

Over the weekend, he and his family found out it was more serious than what they had expected. There would be many medical appointments and a great deal of expenses ahead.

Things took a turn for the worse, and sadly Jim passed shortly after. We miss him dearly and our hearts are sad.

Jim was a kind, generous, helpful, positive person, and had all the qualities you would want in a friend. He was a very special person who would go out of his way to help anyone.

We miss you Jim, and we are thankful for all you've done for us.

If you would like to help his family, you can donate online at <https://www.gofundme.com/JimSchoenMedicalFund>

# Donation Helps Workers in Shredding Department

A recent donation from the Winona Community Foundation is making our workers in our shredding department very happy. A brand new cross cut shredder which has the ability to cut x-rays and credit cards was purchased with their donation. The addition of the new shredder not only increases our volume, but also provides another person a job they enjoy. It is such a hit with our employees that they sometimes fight over who gets to use it!

Thank you so much for the donation and for helping us provide employment opportunities to those with special needs.



Terry Kubis using our new shredding machine, made possible by a donation from the Community Foundation

**Find the HIDDEN WORD in the pictures! It could be anywhere in the publication!**

The first person to call us at 452-1855 and reveal the hidden word will receive a free pair of mittens!

## Upcoming Events & Job Opportunities

### Golf Tournament



The 18th Annual Golf Tournament will be held Thursday, July 27, 2017

### Sponsorship Opportunities

If you or your business would like to support us in our journey to help people with special needs achieve their goals, we have many ways you can help and have fun too. If you would like to be a Sponsor for our golf tournament or our Starlight Stroll 5K/run/walk/roll, please call Heidi Smith at 507-452-1855 and we will send you a Sponsorship form.

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### Job Coach

As a Job Coach you will be responsible for providing job training, implementation of program plans, and direct supervision for people with disabilities at community-based employment sites or in our DT&H (Day Training and Habilitation) program.

This position requires the ability to make decisions independently and also work in team environment. The successful candidate must be able to establish good rapport, have a basic knowledge of human behavior, and possess good observation skills. Must be able to work a flexible schedule; possess a valid driver license and a reliable vehicle.

Competitive pay based on experience and education, flexible schedule, mileage reimbursement, and friendly fun environment. Access to group health, dental, life and disability insurance, and retirement options depending upon number of hours worked.

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# Annual Appreciation Banquet

## Garden Party



What's really happening isn't always obvious. Sometimes great heights require vast support before even the tiniest sprout is visible.

~ Jane Lee Logan





## Awards



**Customer of the Year**  
**Saint Anne of Winona**



**Employer of the Year**  
**Walmart of Winona**



**Volunteer of the Year**  
**Winona Master Gardeners**



**Employee of the Year**  
**Jordan Blood**

### **5 years**

Heath Boehmke  
Khayyam Delmore  
Maria Diotalevi  
Eric Gardner  
Michael Hermann  
Steve Marquardt  
Danna Maschka  
Helen Rackow  
Steve Thesing



### **10 years**

Jenna Heaser  
Sandra Holte  
James Hengel  
Christopher Nelson  
Jesse Soderstrom  
Michael Summer  
June Sylvester  
Kevin Peters

### **15 years**

Sheryl Clegg  
Sheryl Himlie  
Merton Morphew  
David Riska

### **20 years**

Jill Berg  
Gerald Erickson  
John Huddleston  
Timothy Pellowski

### **25 years**

Christine Erickson  
Mary Serva

### **30 years**

Tim Erickson

### **35 years**

Jean Kopperud  
Helen Nordby



*A Very Special Thank you  
to  
Flowers on Broadway*

# Thank you for supporting Winona ORC!

The following people have made donations from January through April 2017.  
Thank you all so very much!

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**Gold Banquet**—Ron Wenzel

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# Winona Shredding Service



Winona Shredding Service is pleased to offer a new option for your business or personal use.

Seal N' Shred is a great alternative for low volume or overflow business needs. Easy and economical.

- Purchase a sealable shredding bag
- Fill the bag with your documents, seal shut
- Drop off at Winona ORC for shredding
- Simple and cost effective
- Two convenient sizes

**Small - Holds 15 pounds**

**\$10 (includes shredding)**

**Large - Holds 35 pounds**

**\$15 (includes shredding)**

**For an additional \$10, call us and we will pick-up the full bag of shredding.**

**Make sure to order a replacement bag and we can bring it with us!**

**Walk in shred customer hours Tuesday and Friday 8-2**

## And don't forget our container service!

Secure and timely destruction of confidential documents is important in today's business world.

As easy as 1,2,3...

1. Select your lockable container(s).
2. Fill with your documents - no need to remove staples or paper clips.
3. We will take care of the rest.
4. Our service is a convenient, economical and secure solution for your document destruction needs. We also offer a one time purge service.

**Contact us today at 507-452-1855**



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**Winona Laundry**



**Our Mission:**

It is our mission to provide community based employment, vocational training and comprehensive job related skills and services to people with special needs. We will design programs to work harmoniously with other community resources to maximize opportunities to our clients and our community.

We envision a world where all people are uplifted by working. Through pride, dignity, continuous learning and respect for all, we build a healthier community.

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