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Winona ORC Connection

Winona ORC Industries
Established 1973

*"It's time we
take our focus
off disabilities
and place it on
capabilities, so
we can see the
person first."*

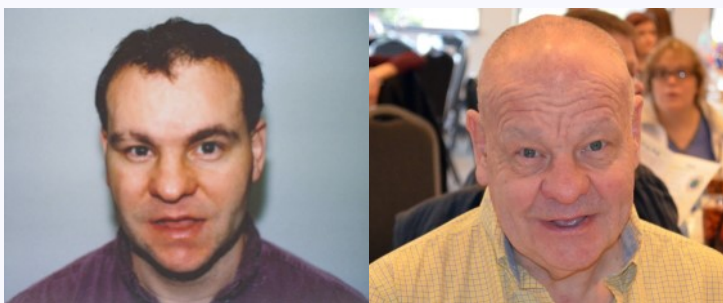
~Robert M. Hensel



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BREMER GRANT AWARDED TO WINONA ORC

In August, Winona ORC was awarded a grant in the amount of \$61,071.00 for technology enhancements. What does this mean for those who work at Winona ORC? It means a larger television set for our visually impaired clients in our SET Program; it means a high-quality phone system better equipped to handle emergencies; it means software that easily tracks clients hours, pay, and benefits; and it also means upgrades of out-of-date technology that will increase our productivity. Winona ORC is grateful for the opportunity to work with Lue Her, our regional representative, and the Otto Bremer Trust as a whole for this amazing grant.



**Rodney
Employee Superstar**

While looking through photos, I came across this wonderful one of Rodney when he first started working for us. He is still the happy, sweet man that we met in 1993.

Rodney works in our laundry department, delivers papers for the Winona Post, and participates in SET programming (Skills, Education, & Training). He especially enjoys tending to our raised bed garden each summer and tasting the dishes they prepare from the harvest.

Thank you Rodney, for being a part of our family at Winona ORC!
You are truly a Superstar!

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6TH Annual Starlight Stroll



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Special Thanks

Committee: Heidi Smith, Stephanie Reed, Connie Tropple, Brian Swartling, Amanda Asche, Chianne Thicke

Volunteers: WSU Special Olympics Club, WSU Circle K Club, Linda Digby, Jozie Britten, Patricia Nolan, Mandy Beth, Kelsey Polus, Maria Diotalevi, Karen Albrecht, Faith Davis, Delilah Jaen, Katie Franklin, Russ Brabbit, Mona Young, Randy Gotz, Kathy Loos, June Sylvester, Kayla Pronschinske, Aileen Abliss, Eryn Potthast, Brian Swartling, Sharon Flatten, Mary Blank, Bernadette Thicke, Vickie Trouten, Mark Smith, Judy Herdina, Marie Kovacs, John Milek

Special Thanks: Steak Shop Catering, Kwik Trip, City of Winona, The American Legion, WORC Board Members

We are so pleased by the outpouring of support Winona ORC is given by all of you in the community.

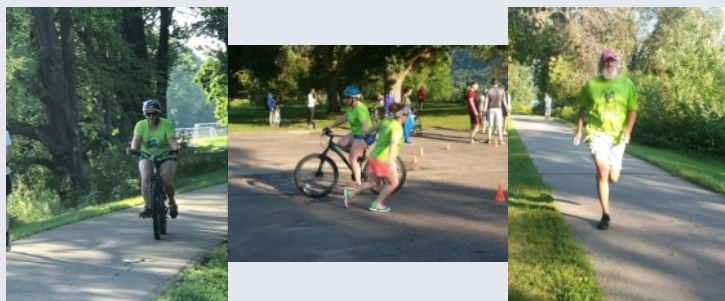
We had a great turnout for the 6th annual Starlight Stroll held on November 2, 2018. Energetic participants from all over the area enjoyed a cool evening while running, rolling, and walking to raise money for our employees with special needs. An awards ceremony along with soup & games was held at the American Legion after the event.

Over \$17,000 was raised by our sponsors and 186 participants for this fun annual event. We truly appreciate you all and we hope you enjoyed yourself and will be back next year!

Thank you to our Starlight Stroll committee, the wonderful volunteers, and most of all to the employees we serve each day. We are happy to be with you on your journey to find and achieve gainful employment.

What's Happening!

Community Challenge



Employees and members of the Board participated in this years Live Well Winona Community Challenge. The Community Challenge consists of teams that engage in friendly competition against each other in a variety of intellectual and physical challenges over the course of several days. We are proud of our 4th place standing!

Harvest Time



We had another fruitful year in our raised bed vegetable garden. It gets bigger and better every year! Our employees love watching and helping things grow and enjoying the ultimate reward, getting to eat what they've grown.

Shred Employee Finds Cash!



Once again, our workers in our shredding department have found a large sum of money! The owner was thankful that we have such hard working, honest employees.

The money found, combined with previous finds, brings our total to over \$4,000 returned to our customers! We are grateful to have such a wonderful group of employees who are just as excited when they find money as they are when they return it!

"We Want You!" Job Opportunity

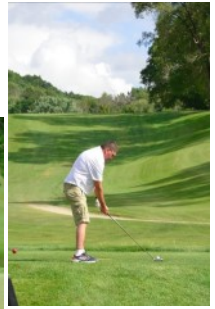
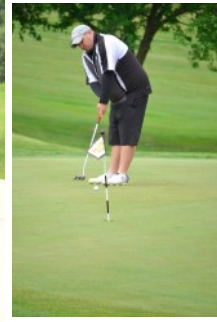
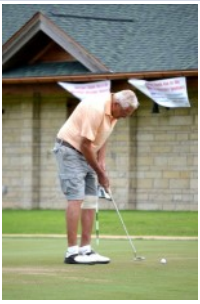
Do you want to make a difference in the life of someone with a disability? We have a Job Coach position available at Winona ORC!

**Apply in person at
1053 E. Mark Street, or online at
<https://www.winonaorc.org/careers-at-worc/>
For more information: (507) 452-1855 Linda Digby**

Find the HIDDEN WORD! Hint - It could be in any picture!

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

19th Annual Golf Tournament



"We are very appreciative of the support that is shown year after year for Winona ORC. The support of our sponsors and the dedication of our volunteers is what makes this event such a success. On behalf of the committee, we express our sincere appreciation to everyone who participated."

Kevin O'Reilly, Committee Chair

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Thank You!

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The 2018 Winona ORC Golf Committee

Kevin O'Reilly, Sue O'Reilly, Amanda Asche, Bob Leaf, Mike Leaf, Mark Norton, Stephanie Reed, Heidi Smith, Katie Wohletz, and Tom Wynn. Thank You!

Contributions

The following people have made donations from May through December 2018.
Thank you all so very much!

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Jane Bremer and Sheryl Miller, Light Up a Life
Rane Roelse and Aileen Abliss, Winona ORC

Light up a Life for Down Syndrome

We want to thank "Light up a life for Down Syndrome" for their generous donation. On October 18, 2018, mannequin lamps were auctioned off to help individuals with Down Syndrome or special needs find employment, learn life skills, or find housing.

Mannequins were repurposed as lamps and artistically decorated by talented area artists. Each had a different theme and they were quite spectacular!

Our SET program (Skills, Education & Training) decorated a mannequin for the event. Ours was a garden theme with seed packets, gardening apron, gardening tools, and vines. Our clients enjoyed the time spent decorating "Daisy" for her debut.

Four area organizations were the recipients of money raised at this event, and we are very happy to be chosen as one of them. Your generosity is very much appreciated and we thank you very much.

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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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