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Winona ORC Connection

Winona ORC Industries
Established 1973

*46 Years of Service
to our community*

"The best thing
about learning is
that no one can take
it away from you.

~B.B. King



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Kevin O'Reilly Receives Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser Award

Kevin O'Reilly, Vice President of Strategic Sourcing at Peerless Chain, volunteers as an organizer for Winona ORC's Annual Sponsorship drive. He consistently raises between \$50k and \$60k each year for those with disabilities seeking employment. Not only does Kevin volunteer to lead our sponsorship drive, he also manages our annual golf tournament committee, making sure our event is not only fun but rewarding as well.

He also volunteers his time coordinating and delivering meals to those in need through a partnership between Peerless Chain and Volunteer Services.

Kevin is a graduate of the Blandin Community Leadership Program; he was volunteer of the year in 2011 for the Winona Area United Way.

He became a member of Winona ORC's Board of Directors in 2008 and has served on many different committees since he began. In 2009 he became the Board President. Even though he is no longer on the Board, he still continues to help us. The hours of volunteer time spent by Kevin raising funds for Winona ORC are immeasurable.

When speaking with his wife Sue, I complimented her family on the outstanding volunteer work they do in the Winona Community. Sue replied that she and Kevin believe "to whom much is given, much is expected." I cannot think of a better way to describe Kevin and his commitment to Winona ORC and our community.

This prestigious award was given by The Upper Mississippi Valley Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals who annually honor those in our area for their work as volunteer fundraisers and those who have contributed through philanthropic works.

I can't think of a more deserving person for this award. We thank you, Kevin, from the bottom of our hearts for all that you do for Winona ORC.



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Employee Superstar!



Duane Benson
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Duane Benson has worked at Winona ORC since 1983 and has reached **Superstar** status! In his many years of employment with us, Duane has worked in the community at Burger King, at janitorial sites, in our Production Department, our Laundry Department, and our Shredding Department. That's quite a list!

Duane grew up in Rushford, MN and he has always enjoyed cheering on his hometown team. He also enjoys watching and cheering for many major league sports teams.

Being a huge Elvis fan, Duane enjoys collecting everything about Elvis. If you see him, check out his hands with many rings! He likes country music and travels to Memphis or Nashville every few years.

We thank you Duane, for being such an awesome employee and congratulations on being a Superstar!

Peerless Chain recognizes Winona ORC employees



Peerless Chain, A Kito Company, presented Winona ORC employees with a plaque that reads: "Honoring Winona ORC, Industries, Inc. for their commitment to achieving production and quality goals." Our employees were thrilled to receive this honor, which recognizes their hard work on the MEYN Poultry Chain. Pictured above: Cary Kronebusch, Peerless Chain, Jeff Kreinbring, Franklin Herstine, Tom Kohlstedt, Production Manager, and Allan Block.

Thanks to the Winona Community Foundation, Elizabeth Callender King Foundation, Slaggie Family Foundation, and our annual shred event with WNB Financial, we were able to purchase a new Cummins crosscut shredder. This machine will help us get your papers shredded just a little quicker, increase our output, and provide more hours of available work to our employees.



It has arrived! We were very much in need of a new cooling unit in our laundry department and in September it arrived. It is now up and running and giving us much better temperature control in the warmest area of our building. We are very happy for this upgrade and it will be used for many years to come. We would like to once again thank those who gave to our laundry campaign and donated to this cause. Our clients would like to thank all that were involved in making this happen. It is truly a blessing.

Michael Bellesbach is Retiring!



Michael Bellesbach, our Director of Finance, will be retiring on January 3, 2020. He has been with Winona ORC since 1984.

Over his many years of loyal service at Winona ORC, Michael has provided administrative leadership to the organization. He is also the official "resident historian." While we will miss him, we know he will enjoy his retirement, showing his horse Bart, and enjoying time with his wife, Cathy.

An open house honoring Michael and Raneë will be held on Tuesday, December 17th from 10-2. Please come and celebrate with them!

Raneë Roelse is Retiring!



Raneë Roelse, our Skills, Education and Training (SET) Coordinator will be retiring on January 3, 2020. She started working at Winona ORC in 2014.

Raneë developed and implemented our SET program by creating a curriculum from raised garden beds, to community outings, to social and independent living skills. We will miss seeing her smiling face, but we know that she will be enjoying her retirement by traveling, volunteering, and spending time with her family.

Out and About



Job Opportunity



"We Want You!"

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
winonaorc.org/careers

For more information: (507) 452-1855 Linda Digby

Find the HIDDEN WORD "snow"

It could be in any picture!

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

2019 Starlight Stroll



November 1, 2019



Matching Revenue Sponsors

Michael and Joette Gostomski
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Special Thanks: WSU Special Olympics Club, WSU Circle K Club, Steak Shop Catering, Kwik Trip, City of Winona, The American Legion, WORC Board Members and the Starlight Stroll Committee.

Committee: Linda Digby, Maria Diotalevi, Kristen Herrick, Heidi Smith, Freida Sweigart, Kelsey Polus, and Stephanie Reed

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 7th annual Starlight Stroll held on November 1, 2019. 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 \$10,000 was raised by our sponsors and 140 participants for this fun annual event. We truly appreciate all of you. 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.

Contributions

The following people have made donations from August through November.

Thank you all so very much!

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WINONA ORC "GEMS"

Give Every Month

Visit our website at www.winonaorc.org/support-worc/ to read more about this great program!



RUBY \$12.50 per month = \$150 a year. Give up two coffees a month, and you've got this great sustaining donation covered! You receive a Winona ORC pen and window cling, along with special recognition in our newsletter!



EMERALD \$25.00 per month = \$300 a year for Winona ORC to support programming for our clients who struggle to work in the community. At this level, you receive the RUBY level gifts, plus TWO FREE tickets to our Annual Employee & Staff Recognition Banquet! Enjoy an evening out at The Riverport Inn eating great food, talking with our employees, and celebrating their victories!



SAPPHIRE \$50.00 per month = \$600 a year to help our organization support those with disabilities by offering community employment options—both with the support of our Job Coaches or as a Direct Hire! You will receive both the RUBY and EMERALD gifts, along with TWO FREE registrations to our Annual Starlight Stroll 5K/one-mile "Run, Walk, Roll!"



DIAMOND \$100 per month = \$1,200 to support each individual with a disability that comes to our organization! This level allows you to make a difference in the life of a Winona ORC employee. This is a big commitment, but has the best rewards: helping others while also receiving the RUBY, EMERALD, and SAPPHIRE perks, along with a foursome for golf at our Annual Golf Tournament held every July.

Shredding Service



Winona Shredding Service is pleased to offer an additional option for your personal or business use.

Seal N' Shred is a great alternative for your low volume shredding needs.

Purchase a sealable shredding bag

- Fill the bag with your documents and seal shut
- Drop off at Winona ORC to shred
- Simple and cost effective
- Two convenient sizes

Small - Holds 15 pounds

\$15 (includes shredding)

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

Walk in shred customer hours 8-2:00

We also welcome recycling in your own bags or boxes—drop off on Tuesday or Friday. The cost is \$15 handling fee plus 25 cents per pound.

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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.

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Employee Superstar
New Cross Cut Shredder



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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