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2021



Winona ORC Connection

Winona ORC Industries
Established 1973

*48 Years of Service
to our community*

"I can't change the
direction of the wind,
but I can adjust my
sails to always reach
my destination."

~Jimmy Dean



Educate • Empower • Employ

Reflections on an Amazing Career Path

The Covid-19 Pandemic has created a lot of time to reflect on all the great things each of us take for granted. Time with friends and family, a simple get together, and the day to day structure of work that was turned upside down in 2020.

I have taken this opportunity to think about my career working with people with disabilities. I came to this field by mere accident and have never regretted the chance to serve this incredible population.

25 years ago I was looking for a part time job. I was young, new to a community in western Iowa and needed some extra income. I was in college, getting my BA in psychology with the intent of working as a counselor or with at-risk youth. A friend of mine suggested I apply to work as a direct care provider for with people with disabilities. I had never thought of working in the field; it simply never occurred to me.

My first position gave me the opportunity to work with two incredible women, living on their own as roommates in an apartment. Each had their challenges but what I came to love were their strengths. They were genuine, kind, hilarious, real; they had none of the smoking mirrors most of us wear to impress people and make ourselves feel important. Those two ladies taught me more about life than any college course I ever took on human behavior. They shared their hearts with me, their meals, and their fears and how they had been bullied, ridiculed and marginalized because they were different. After one week of working with them, I knew I had found my calling.

Many people I know work to make money, gain prestige or just work to work. I have been blessed: I found what I was meant to do.

Do you have a passion for serving others? Do you want to go to work every day knowing you are making an impact on someone's life? Have you ever considered working with people with disabilities?

If you are looking for a new position, somewhere to make a difference and be a part of a progressive organization that is changing the lives of people with disabilities, I encourage you to go to our website and apply online. www.winonaorc.org

Are you interested in serving in a different way? Perhaps on the board? Making a donation to our organization which is building a stronger infrastructure to serve people with disabilities with the future in mind? I encourage you to donate on our website or use the enclosed envelope.

I sometimes wish I could go back in time and hang out with those two women that opened up a whole new world of opportunities for me. I would thank them for what they taught me and the pure joy just knowing them had given my life. How many people can say that about a 25 year long career?

Make Winona ORC part of your story. Join us.

With much gratitude-

Heidi Smith, Executive Director

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Employee Superstar!



Danny Padgett
Employee Superstar

Danny started working at Winona ORC in 1977! He has worked in just about every area we have had over the years. He has worked at RiverSide Electronics, RiverStar, Westfield Golf Course, Super 8, WSU, Winona County Court House and Chartwells Lourdes to name a few. He is presently working in our shredding department.

Danny is happy, helpful, and kind to everyone he meets. He likes reading books, watching movies, listening to music, and golfing. Did I say he likes golf? Really, he LOVES golf! On a beautiful day, you'll be sure to find him on a golf course!

We thank you Danny, for being such an awesome employee. You have always been and will always be a **Superstar!**

Wishing you all the best in 2021



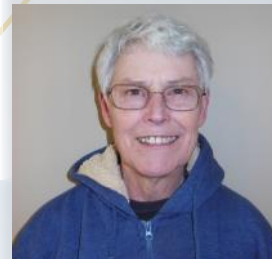
We'd like to thank all of our awesome drivers who continue to keep us safe. Each driver has a Covid 19 protocol ensuring our clients are safe and that we at WORC are safe too!



Pat Eklund



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Pat Larter



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Lisa Chellew

We would like to graciously thank all who have given a donation to WORC this past year. You have helped us so much during this difficult time and we appreciate it more than you can imagine. Thank you for believing in us and what we stand for and thank you for being our rock during hard times.

Rotary Club Purchases Mittens for Habitat for Humanity's Snow Angel Project

Rotary Club of Winona has generously donated 30 pairs of mittens to Habitat for Humanity Winona-Fillmore Counties in support of the Snow Angels volunteer snow removal program. Volunteers will receive these mittens as a thank you for the important work they will perform in the coming winter months. Best yet, Rotary purchased these cozy mittens locally from Winona ORC.

Snow Angels is a program delivered in partnership by Habitat for Humanity and the Winona Friendship Center.



Ugly Sweater Winner



Erick Hoffmaster

Fun T-shirt Friday Winners



Frank Krause

Dustin Johnson



Lucas Coalwell

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

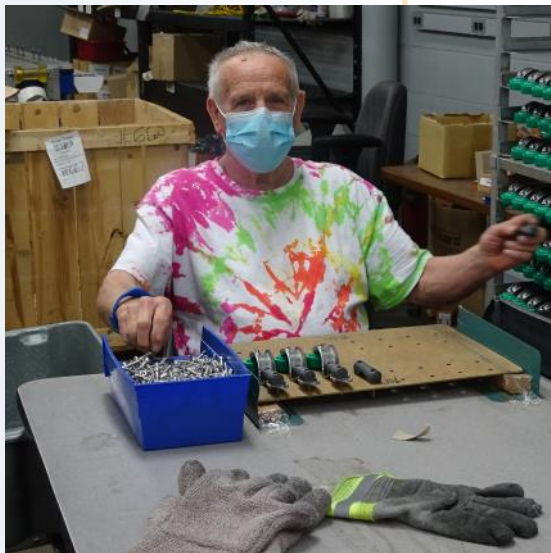
For more information: (507) 452-1855 Linda Digby

Find the HIDDEN WORD "winter"

It could be in any picture!

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

Around ORC



Our employees are hard at work every day. We thank them for their dedication and their ability to give it their all even through a pandemic. They are amazing and we are so thankful for each and every one of them!



Hard at Work



Contributions

**The following people have made donations from October through February.
Thank you all so very much!**

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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

Shred Bag - Holds 15 pounds

\$15 (includes shredding)

2 Bags for \$25

For an additional \$15, 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 8:00—2:00

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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30 Gallon



64 Gallon

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Inside the Winona ORC Connection

Employee Superstar
Our workers
Ugly Sweater winner



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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