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2019



Winona ORC Connection

Winona ORC Industries
Established 1973

*46 Years of Service
to our community*

"You know, all that really matters is that the people you love are happy and healthy. Everything else is just sprinkles on the sundae."

~Paul Walker



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THE LOSS OF A DEAR FRIEND - MIKE LEAF



In August, Winona ORC lost a dear friend in the passing of Mike Leaf. His sister, Mary, describes Mike's spirit as "over the top!" He "instilled in us the need to remain connected and focused on the importance of enjoying our time together." Mary continues to say "his sense of humor was contagious and he always made holiday parties fun. He went to great effort to make them special."

He surprised his brothers with trips to Scotland and Ireland to play golf and was a big supporter of our golf tournament each year. Mike loved his family dearly.

As the WSU boy's basketball coach, "he was arguably the most successful coach in D2 basketball history," states Mary. "He always shared his success with the coaching staff, players, and supporting staff. He was always bragging about all the wonderful, unsung people who helped him and the team." Mike received "scores of cards and notes from parents and players - none of them mentioning wins or losses, only that he was loving, sharing, and caring. This was Mike's legacy."

He not only supported Winona ORC, he also supported the Winona State Foundation and many individuals in need. Mary states, "Mike was always positive and upbeat, his cup was always half full and never half empty. Mike was always positive and upbeat. He always said, 'live for today, for you never know what tomorrow will bring. Live simply and play hard' - and that he did."

Winona ORC will forever be grateful for Mike's compassion and generosity. He will live on in the hearts of those who know him.



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Employee Superstar!



Mary Serva
Employee Superstar

Mary started at Winona ORC in 1991 and during that time she has worked at janitorial sites in the community and has worked on assembly jobs in our center. Most recently, Mary has been working in our shredding department and participating in our Skills, Education, and Training program (SET) which she really enjoys.

In her spare time she enjoys listening to her Grease and Mama Mia CD's, going to dances, seeing movies, and she loves spending time with her family. Her favorite food is Mac and Cheese.

Mary is a sweet and compassionate person who shows support to her peers daily.

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



Michael Androsch, MEYN Poultry Solutions, and George Kosidowski, President of Peerless Chain

Visiting from Amsterdam

It's always wonderful to have guests visit our Production Department, especially when a guest has travelled from Amsterdam to see our MEYN Poultry Chain operation at Winona ORC. We welcomed Michael Androsch from MEYN Poultry Solutions in Amsterdam and George Kosidowski from Peerless Chain.

Individual Placement & Support Services

Molly started working in the Individual Place & Support (IPS) Program in 2016 due to her mental illness. When she began, it was her goal to find a job that would help her provide for her family. Molly is currently working part-time at Panera Bread and has learned many valuable skills: customer service, relationship building, teamwork, multi-tasking, and the ability to handle stress in

a healthy manner. She reached two years of employment in August of 2019, and she is proud of herself and her job. Molly states, "My job makes me feel needed and valued." She works in the dining room, as a cashier, and the drive-thru, which is her favorite area of employment. She continues to say that her job has given her "the ability to help provide for my family" - her goal through the IPS Program. When asked what the favorite part of her job is, she smiles and says, "making customers happy!"



Check out our new website!
www.winonaorc.org



What's Happening!

Lions Club Picnic 2019

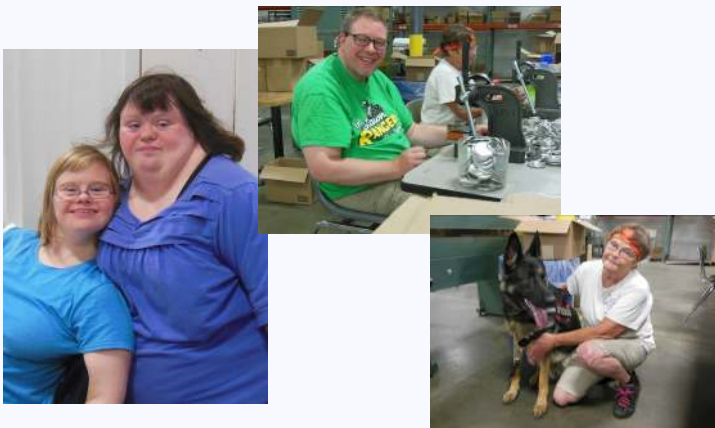
Every year we are blessed to join other area organizations at the annual Lions Club Picnic held at their lake pavilion. We enjoyed a lunch of sloppy joes with all the fixings, topped off with chocolate covered ice cream bars!

We enjoy this so much and we are very thankful for all they do for us. We had a great time and look forward to next year!

Laundry



Production



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
<https://www.winonaorc.org/careers-at-worc/>
For more information: (507) 452-1855 Linda Digby**

Find the HIDDEN WORD "Gotcha!"

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!

20th Annual Golf Tournament



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July 25, 2019



Matching Revenue Sponsors

Michael and Joette Gostomski

Bob Kierlin and Mary Burricher

Make the Difference Sponsors



Thank you to everyone who donated their time, talents, gifts, and resources to make the 20th annual golf tournament a very successful event. Over **\$39,000** was raised to support our mission of providing employment opportunities to people with disabilities.

Be the Change

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**The following people have made donations from May through July.
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 the 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 four-some 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

\$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 8-2

We also welcome recycling in your own bags or boxes—drop off on Tuesday or Friday. The cost is \$10 handling fee plus 15 cents per pound.

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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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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