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Winona Laundry Exceeds 500,000 Pounds of Clean Linen!



The great thing about a commercial laundry is that the linens just keep coming! We heard these words multiple times from other laundries while doing the initial research on the feasibility of a commercial laundry at Winona ORC. Two years into the laundry business, it certainly turns out they were right. The workload of Winona Laundry has been remarkably consistent, providing needed stability for client schedules. Winona Laundry also provides jobs with varied skill levels, allowing for employment of up to 20 clients each day.

This year we are on pace to provide 21,000 hours of work to people with disabilities in Winona Laundry. The commercial laundry business really has been a great fit, bringing out the best in many of our clients through consistent, stable work.



In August of 2015 Winona Laundry produced its 500,000th pound of clean linen! This is really a remarkable milestone considering that two years ago not a single pound of linen had ever been processed at Winona ORC. Thank you to all of our customers and donors for partnering with Winona ORC in our mission of helping people with disabilities achieve their employment and life goals!



Harvesting the Garden



**It was amazing
to see the personal growth of
our employees during this
project. Thanks for this
wonderful opportunity!
We can't wait until next year!**



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Special Moments

*We employees at ORC
have a vast array of handicaps
including me.
Some have Down's Syndrome, many do not
We do what we're told
We work very hard and do quite a lot.
Some can't walk without some aid
That's okay.
They can still show what they made.
One can't talk
but he still communicates.
He shows with his hands as he walks.
Some have problems with their backs
They can sit and work
and put what's done in some packs.
Some work with quality and speed
Some aren't so fast,
but they do what the bosses need.
One can't hear, some can't see.
They still do the work,
just let them be.
The bosses are very caring and smart.
They help when they can,
and show how to do the job from the start.
Some workers are loquacious when they work
As long as they do their work well,
they keep others perky and alert.
Some are really good at helping others out.
These workers each have a big heart,
there is no doubt.
I just wanted to show that it's fun to work here.
We have so much in common,
we look at each other's abilities — we are our peers.*

*Lynette Palecek
Winona*



Lynette is an employee on our Production Floor. Her poem was published in the Winona Post. We thank you Lynette! It's wonderful!



"You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step."-Martin Luther King, Jr.

Employee Superstar!

Still Going Strong at 70



While most of us would happily settle into retirement, Gerald Erickson doesn't see that happening any time soon. He likes his job.

"I like to stay busy", Gerald said with a smile, and busy he is! He does janitorial work at the Winona County Government Center bright and early in the morning and works at St. Mary's Primary School, Winona Health and Bub's. He's one busy guy!

Gerald has worked for WORC for 19 years, and has worked mainly in the community at janitorial sites. His favorite part of his job is working at Winona Health and Bubs.

His supervisor Randy Gotz says "Gerald's work is impeccable. Nothing gets by him. He does a very thorough job."

In his free time Gerald enjoys Country Music. In fact, he loves it so much that he's been to Nashville and Branson ten times! He also enjoys going to LaCrosse for dinner and shopping, visiting with his sister Evelyn, and enjoys the races in Fountain City.

Thank you for all that you do, Gerald. We're very happy to have you as an employee!

Zollman Zoo

I don't know about you, but I didn't know there was a zoo in Byron, MN! Employees in our DT&H program traveled to Byron this summer to learn about many different wild animals. Along with a wonderful learning experience, they had a great time!



Over 30 species of wild animals native to Minnesota are represented at the Zollman Zoo. Visitors can participate in environmental education classes designed to stimulate an interest in our natural world.

Community Challenge



Heidi Smith, Anna Rozek, and Maria Diotalevi while competing in the Amazing Race.

Winona ORC Places 2nd in Competition

Winona ORC competed in Live Well Winona's Community Challenge held August 29th through September 2, 2015. Many teams of employees joined in this fun filled event and we did quite well! The competitions included a Mud Run, Euchre, Bean Bag Toss, the Amazing Race, Basketball Shoot-out, Pickle Ball, Brain Teasers, and Volleyball. We placed 2nd in our divisions overall competition!

Watch out YMCA! We'll be ready for you next year!

"There are victories of the soul and spirit. Sometimes, even if you lose, you win." Elie Wiesel

News

WORC's Website Updated For Mobile Use

We are happy to announce that we have joined the fast paced mobile world! Our website has been updated to allow easier browsing on cell phones. Please go to www.winonaorc.org to view the changes!



We like the way it turned out and we hope you do too!

Ryan Sundstrom Accepts New Position



Ryan has been promoted from Job Coach Team Leader to IPS Employment Specialist. He loves working one on one with new clients,

and helping them find fulfilling employment.

Ryan said "Winona and the surrounding counties are beautiful. I love the scenic drive. However, that might change in a month or two."

Ryan enjoys hiking and canoeing and finds this area provides a lot of opportunity for both.

As far as what he hopes to accomplish in the next year, Ryan said "I would hope to place every referral that comes my way."

That's a great goal! Congratulations Ryan!

Upcoming Events



**5k and 1 Mile Road Race & Fun Run/Walk/Roll
Friday, November 6, 2015**

6:05 p.m.

East Lake Winona

Benefitting Winona ORC Programs

5k (3.1 miles)

\$20 registration prior to October 23
to guarantee a t-shirt on race day.

\$25 after October 23
(not guaranteed a T-Shirt)



1 Mile

\$15 per person by October 23 to
guarantee a t-shirt on race day.

\$20 race day or after October 23
(not guaranteed a T-Shirt)
No group registrations.

Grab your glow sticks and join us for Winona ORC's third annual Starlight Stroll Run/Walk/Roll. This race is a 5k and 1 Mile event which will begin and end at East Lake Lodge in Winona. Out and back, flat and fast.

The Starlight Stroll is a unique fundraiser which will open the door for area runners, walkers and those with disabilities to join together in a healthy community activity. Wheelchair entries have the option of participating with or without assistance and are welcome in both distances.



After Stroll Glow Party: After the race, free tap beer at Market Street Tap for all participants 21 and older with a race bib, until the keg is gone. Compliments of Market Street Tap.

Experience Winona ORC's Starlight Stroll 5k and 1 Mile run, walk or roll (wheelchairs only), all at a single event.

The fun starts when the sun goes down!

Register online at: www.active.com

Or visit our website for the registration form:

www.winonaorc.org



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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.