

# The Bridge

“Bridging the Gap Between  
Work and Home”

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## **CESCC Moves to Increase Numbers**

As we continue to work diligently behind the scenes to plan and implement some new and exciting offerings for our programs, one of the things we wanted to highlight is the amount of progress we have made the in last three months, is in the area of bringing our consumers back. As you all know we had been operating under a limited capacity for some time due to Covid-19 concerns and restrictions. In November we lifted those capacity restrictions, and since then we have been tremendously successful in building back our numbers of persons served, increasing our numbers by over half of what they had been!

Our main focus has been and still is providing quality services to as many individuals as we can, and with that focus in mind, we set a target goal for ourselves to increase our current number of individuals served in the next six months. As of this month, we have already reached and surpassed that goal! Credit goes to our wonderful staff who continue to adapt to our changing and growing mindset. With their dedication we have been able to once again give people the services that many of them have had to go without for quite some time.

We have many exciting things in the works moving forward, so if you are not coming to program currently and want to or know of someone who would like to attend Community Enterprises please reach out to your CMH Case Manager or Associate Director, Caitlin Reynolds at 810-982-3261.

*Submitted by: Caitlin Reynolds*

Workin' For A Livin'  
By Nick Manciero

With each New Year comes new opportunities, and the Community Employment Program is no exception. I write to you now as the freshly minted Job Developer working alongside and under the tutelage of the unstoppable Jill Gorde. Both of us are committed to ensuring fair and inclusive employment for each person who would like to get a job in our great community. All you need to do is visit our office located in the Southeast corner of the Arena!

As for introductions, my name is Nick Manciero, and I could not be more excited to be part of this great group of dedicated individuals. With some background in Psychology and advocacy, I also have a wide and varied work history ranging from manufacturing to materials science, from retail to being an integral part of the international supply chain, and even slinging drinks and burgers at the local watering hole. With all my work experience, I even encountered some roadblocks and periods where it was difficult to find a job, so I know that pain well. All of this amounts to valuable lessons about perseverance when distressed, productivity when easily distracted, social interaction when coping with anxiety, and ethics in decision making that I carry with me into this new position.

In many ways, our experience shapes who we are, and I review mine regularly. This helps me deliver the best possible service I can to each person I work with. One thing that I have carried with me all these years is a commitment to honesty and excellence, for I truly believe the two are inextricably intertwined. As I work to help each and every person who wants to work find the job that is right for them, I can promise open communication, and the ability to draw examples from different experiences that can help everyone make an informed decision about their personal employment goals.

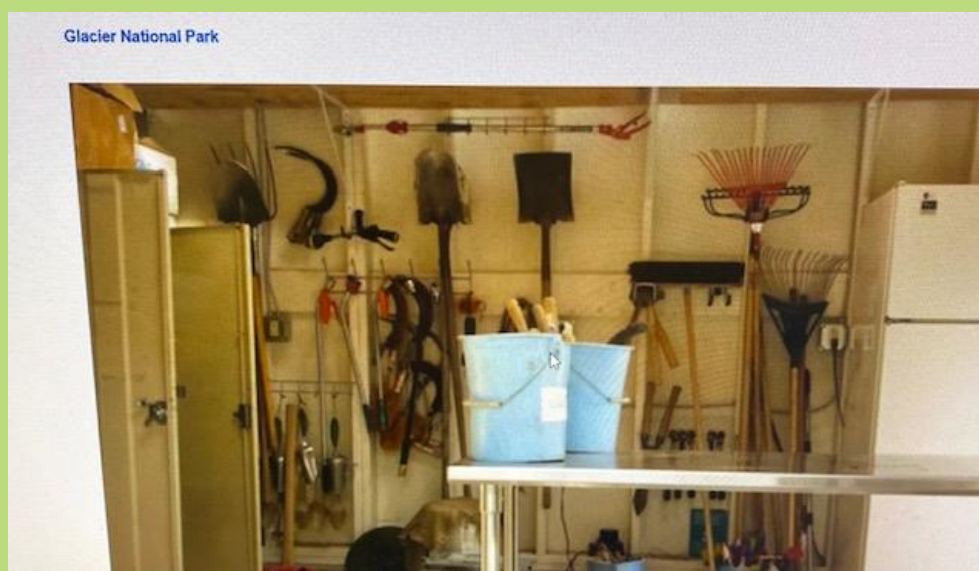
In the end, I recognize that I have been helped by so many people over the years, and it is now my turn to use what I have learned to help others. There is little to be said about anyone claiming to be “self-made” since we all bring light to each other’s life in different ways, but if I can be a positive influence on even one person on their road toward independence, then darn it, I’m going to shine as bright as I can.

When the time comes and you are ready for work in the community, be sure to visit myself or Jill Gorde in the Community Employment office. Just look for the purple sign, pull up a chair, and say hello. We are here to help YOU!

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### Scott Bradley, BWSS Sales and Marketing Manager, Makes an Interesting Discovery

We are almost halfway into February and it's hard to believe that this month marks my 15<sup>th</sup> year here at Community Enterprises. Since I began working for CESCC, I've seen our pails that we manufacture get picked up every day by the UPS driver. My question was "where are all these thousands of pails going"? Well last week while planning my next vacation, I ran across a photo on YouTube featuring Glacier National Park, and on that page was a clip about different stops to visit throughout the park. While watching the clip, to my surprise, up popped a photo of our pails! The video featured a planting station that uses our buckets in their offices. They grow trees and seedlings to re-plant throughout Glacier National Park. I now know where some of our buckets get sent to and I plan on stopping there on my vacation! I may have a few photos later in the year that I'll will share!



### Make your Furry Friend's Day

BW's Dog Biscuits is doing something a little different! They are making and selling dog cakes. The cakes cost \$12 and are made to order because of the fresh ingredients. (egg, pumpkin, peanut butter, apple sauce, and greek yogurt). Give them a call at 810-982-3261 or message them on Facebook to place your order!

### An Update from the ECL Community Center

Staff and consumers have had a great month welcoming back many friends. We have had many additions to our program, and we are all very excited about seeing our old friends and meeting some new ones!

We have been out and about enjoying mall walking, craft class, sports classes, ceramic class, bowling, and many other choices. Everyone has embraced being able to choose their classes each day learning how to plan their day has been very liberating for many of our consumers.

We are all looking forward to spring and to begin accessing the outdoors and enjoying the sunshine.

If you or someone you know are interested in Community Center classes, please feel free to contact us!

Community Center March OUTING CALENDAR									
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Mark your Calendars!

No Program- Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022