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CELEBRATING

40 YEARS OF PROGRESS

Making a difference in the lives of people with disabilities since 1979

TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2019

OPEN HOUSE

4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

5:30 p.m. Community Sculpture Garden Dedication

Progress Industries

202 N. 3rd Ave. W.

Newton, IA

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Supporting people to achieve a fulfilling life in their community.

The Progress Edition

Spring 2019

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Patrick celebrated his 50th birthday with many friends and family.

SURPRISE!

Turning 50 is something to celebrate...and that is exactly what Patrick did when he flew to sunny Florida to visit his mom and take in some sights. They spent a full day at Disney World's Animal Kingdom being entertained by the beautiful animals and safari rides.

They also rode the Sun Rail from south Orlando to Sanford for another sight seeing trip which included touring an art gallery and enjoying German cuisine. Patrick knew he would have a great time, but he didn't know that that his mom had arranged a surprise birthday party for friends and family to join the celebration.



Patrick said he was totally surprised to see all of his family, making this a birthday Patrick will always remember.

P.I. provides residential living services to support Patrick in achieving a fulfilling life in his community.

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ON A PATH TO PROGRESS



Robert was introduced to P.I. about two years ago after transitioning from a nursing home into his own apartment. He has worked with P.I., receiving hourly residential community living supports to regain skills after having

a stroke. Robert has worked diligently in his recovery, and with much success. Several months ago, Robert relocated to a new apartment in Newton, Iowa. With ongoing hourly residential support from P.I., Robert is getting acquainted with his new community and various locations such as grocery stores, parks, restaurants, the public library and medical facilities. Robert has made significant progress over the past couple of years and continues to work with his direct support staff to regain skills and independence. When asked how Robert likes his new apartment and life, he beamed with pride stating, **“It’s the best thing that’s happened in a long time.”**

DMACC Partnership = Progress for People

P.I. and DMACC continue their partnership to introduce the college's first term nursing students to environments outside of the traditional medical setting where nursing skills are delivered. DMACC Instructors say this is valuable to assist students in developing communication skills to interact with people of all abilities in a variety of settings. Students have commented how impressed they are with P.I.'s; the quality of its services, kindness of staff, and interactions with individuals served.

Pam Hackathorn, P.I.'s on-staff RN commented, “Through this program, we are sending people into the field who feel comfortable interacting with people with disabilities. Students are grasping how to communicate or interact with people of all abilities to build trusting patient relationships.”



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Mary entered back into the workforce in May 2017, working three days a week at Park Centre. Mary excelled in her job duties which included folding napkins and setting tables. Within a few months, Mary was asked to work 5 days per week. Excited for the opportunity to take on more hours and responsibilities, Mary has proven to be one of the best employees at Park Centre. Mary's manager and P.I. Job Coach said "she is reliable and a valuable asset to Park Centre."



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INDEPENDENCE THROUGH SUPPORTED COMMUNITY LIVING SERVICES

Sara received hourly community living services and supported employment services from P.I. for many years. Through the SCL hourly residential living program, Sara received instruction and support in activities of daily living which included financial planning, healthy lifestyles, community access and social interaction. The availability of this service and support from P.I. helped Sara better understand and manage her finances, make healthy lifestyle changes and successfully access her community independently.

As time went on, Sara relied less on P.I. for daily support. Her confidence and abilities increased and she expressed her goal to “graduate” from P.I. Over the course of a year, P.I. gradually reduced staff support and today, Sara is now living independently.

Congratulations to Sara for achieving her goals and to P.I.'s direct support staff and team for providing excellent service.

Hy-Vee Recognized as Inclusive Employer



Paraphrased from 2018 Newton Daily News article. Photo: Alli Gibbs and Rick Morr (Hy-Vee), Autumn Hunt (P.I.) and Matt Illingworth (Hy-Vee).

Progress Industries of Newton, Iowa, awarded the Newton Hy-Vee with the "Inclusive Employer and Partner for Progress Award" in 2018. P.I. provides employment services for people with physical, intellectual and developmental disabilities throughout central Iowa. P.I. offers training, tools and resources to assist people in reaching their full potential at work, at home and in their communities.

"We're honored to receive this award," said Alli Gibbs, Assistant Manager of Perishables at the Newton Hy-Vee. "When the job coach presented the award, she thanked us for giving these employees the opportunity for personal development. But really, we are the ones who are lucky to have these awesome people work with us." Matt Illingworth, an individual served by P.I. and a Hy-Vee employee, accepted the award with Rick Morr, Store Director at the Newton Hy-Vee.

"Matt is a great guy with the most infectious smile," Morr said. "Any day Matt works, he is that 'smile in every aisle' and he goes above and beyond to help our store. All of our customers and the community love having him in the store."

Matt has been employed with Hy-Vee in Newton, Iowa since October 2018. He works every Tuesday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Matt provides excellent customer service working his way around the store greeting and meeting people, asking them if they need any help and providing that helpful smile in every aisle. Hy-Vee has been amazing to Matt and all employees have taken the time to meet Matt and bring him in as part of their team.

P.I. Job Coach, Autumn Hunt, worked with Hy-Vee to customize this position for Matt so he can work in his community and earn a paycheck. Autumn commented, “Matt tells me every time he works, that he loves his job and is so thankful to be a part of Hy-Vee’s team.”

PROGRESS 40th Anniversary Golf Outing

Please join us for an afternoon of FUN, networking and yes, a little GOLF! For those of you who have golfed with P.I. in the past, you know the fun you'll have from the minute you arrive. Invite your friends and colleagues and join us for lunch, a round of golf and many opportunities to win great prizes.



Thursday, June 20, 2019
Westwood Golf Course
Newton, Iowa
1:00 p.m. Start
Four-Person Best Ball Format

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