



# Season's Greetings

## progress

Serving central Iowa since 1979

Winter 2022

As the season of giving approaches, we ask that you remember Progress in your holiday plans. For over 43 years, P.I.'s vast array of services has made a positive difference in the lives of central Iowans with disabilities and the larger community.

P.I. provides community-based residential, supported employment, and day activity programs to over 250 people annually. Together with funds released from the P.I. Foundation, we completed the construction of a new, accessible home for five individuals in P.I.'s 24-hour Home and Community-Based Services. This enables P.I. to expand its services in the vacated home to support 3-4 additional individuals with disabilities using Smart Home technology. This a new and exciting direction for P.I.

Innovative technology, such as home safety monitoring and automated reminder systems, grant people with disabilities greater independence by anticipating and responding to challenges and threats to safety before they happen, allowing staff to intervene only when needed instead of being present 24/7.

Your contributions make it possible for P.I. to make these and other vital improvements, increasing access to community supports, employment, and life-enhancing activities. We have enclosed an envelope for your giving convenience. Remember that every donation makes a difference, regardless of size.

Wishing you a joyful holiday and a happy new year.

Sandy Ham  
President and CEO  
Progress Industries and P.I. Foundation

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A FULFILLING LIFE IN THEIR  
COMMUNITY.**

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## *It's been a great year!*



## THANK YOU

for making our progress possible

### INDEPENDENCE

The P.I. Foundation's newest accessible home was completed in September 2022. Five ladies served by P.I. moved into their new home in October 2022 and have been busy unpacking, organizing, and decorating. P.I. provides 24-hour residential services in 11 5-person homes throughout Newton and Des Moines, Iowa.

### SERVICE EXCELLENCE

P.I. received an "Exceeds Expectations" rating for service outcomes tracked by Polk County Health Services for this past fiscal year. P.I. is 1 of 4 providers out of 16 surveyed to receive this high rating for community inclusion and safe, affordable, and accessible housing.

### TEAMWORK

Through the Supported Employment program, P.I. supports over 100 people to obtain and maintain community employment. Of this number, 76 individuals are employed, with 72 working 5 hours or more per week, earning an average hourly wage of \$11.70.

### MAKING PROGRESS POSSIBLE

As you begin your year-end gift planning, please consider a gift to the P.I. Foundation. Your support will help P.I. deliver the highest quality services for people with disabilities. You can make your donation securely online at [www.progressindustries.org](http://www.progressindustries.org) or mail your gift using the enclosed envelope. For information, email [melissa.butler@progressindustries.org](mailto:melissa.butler@progressindustries.org) or call 641-275-3392.

Progress Industries is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. P.I. Foundation provides financial aid for P.I. to deliver the highest quality programs and services to people with disabilities.

