



New Dimensions, Inc.

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CHECK OUT THE JOBS IN PRODUCTION

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New at Arnold's Cafe!



Coffee mugs at New Dimensions for \$5.00 and free coffee, tea, and hot chocolate for one month!



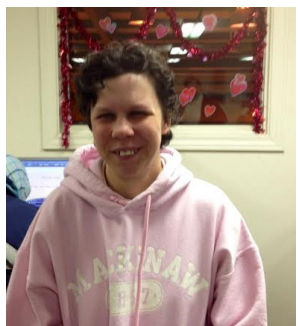
Kevin, Josh, and April are pictured above performing a job contracted by Gougeon Brothers in Bay City. On this job, the worker first folds the box so that one bottle of epoxy and one bottle of cement can be placed inside the box with the directions by the worker. The boxes are then folded and packaged together. All three workers have performed this specific job in the past. Kevin said that he is selected to do the work because he is such a hard worker, and he works at such a fast pace. Josh also works at a fast pace, but he said that he is very dependable— he “gets the job done!” April states that she is very good at following directions, and she is a quick learner— she knew how to do this job after only one demonstration! We have reliable workers here at New Dimensions, so spread the word!



The cement bottles that were being packaged in the pictures above are labeled using our Texwrap 1200. Labels are loosely wrapped around the bottles, and then they are placed onto the conveyor belt. When the bottle goes through the machine, the heat allows the label to tighten around the bottle so that the label does not fall off. The labeled bottles come off of the conveyor belt on the other side, as seen in the picture, and they are brought over to be packaged by workers like Kevin, Josh, and April. We work as a team here at New D!



**Group picture from
2013**




COMING SOON


WALK-A-MILE PREPARATIONS— May 14th

Walk-A-Mile in My Shoes is an annual event that takes place in Lansing, MI every year. People join together in an effort to end the stigma associated with mental illnesses and developmental disabilities. At the gathering, rally members share a short monologue followed by the phrase, “walk a mile in my shoes.” There is a winning slogan for each county. Each member also enters a t-shirt design into a contest. The winner of the contest has their design featured on all t-shirts worn by rally members of their county. We are currently working on our slogans and designs up in the training room. Make sure to stop by and complete yours!

SPECIAL OLYMPICS IN TRAVERSE CITY

Since the end of November, Olympians trained for the weekend of February 4th through the 7th. From New Dimensions, Jeff P. skied cross-country, and Allison B. snow shoed.

Jeff “skied out in the middle of nowhere, at Schuss Mountain.” Jeff’s favorite part was the indoor and outdoor activities offered by the Grand Traverse Resort, where everyone stayed. However, after all of his hard work, Jeff preferred to simply relax inside. He claims that it felt great to take off the extra layers, enjoy supper, and zone out.

Allison B. won a 4th place ribbon and a 3rd place medal in snow shoeing. She really enjoyed the other activities like dancing at the opening and closing ceremonies. While there, Allison got a chance to meet the Traverse City Hounds of the Midwest Junior Hockey League. She also really enjoyed the food at Grand Traverse, too, particularly the lasagna. Allison made sure to let the wait staff know that the food was excellent, and that she truly enjoyed her stay at the resort. Congratulations on all of you hard work, Jeff and Allison!

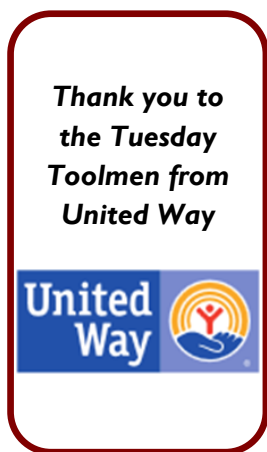
BECKY’S PROGRAMMING CORNER

We have teamed up with Hidden Treasures, a local business where we will create the items and put them for sale. The business is located at 1201 Marquette St. in Bay City. Our first project has been postponed, but should be underway very soon. We are looking forward to having this opportunity, and we greatly appreciate everyone’s patience.

TIGERS WORKING IN DETROIT

On March 31, 2014, the Detroit Tigers will start yet another exciting season of major league baseball. There are many people involved in making this experience possible for us. Comerica Park and other businesses employ individuals for a variety of positions, and many of the people who serve patrons are actually volunteers. As soon as the fan walk through the gates, there is someone scanning tickets while security personnel check the fan's belongings before allowing them to enter the stadium. Fans are greeted by a person with a booming voice looking to sell programs. There are also employees offering fans t-shirts, hats, and other memorabilia. Surrounding the stadium, people occupy booths encouraging fans to enter to win giveaways and sweepstakes. Food and beverages are distributed by volunteers running kiosks such as Little Caesar's and Chicago Style Hot Dog. Fans can also purchase food and beverages from their seat, as vendors pass through the stands. These positions among others involve sales to some extent. Comerica Park brings in millions of dollars per game.

For 2012, the Tigers hosted an average of 40,175 fans for the first three games of the season. At this time, the anticipated cost for fans to attend a ballgame was just over \$80.00. This revenue is what allows the Tigers to continue to improve their roster and "play ball!" New Dimensions is looking forward to another great season of baseball...Go, Tigers!



THANK YOU TUESDAY TOOLMEN

The Tuesday Toolmen recently helped out New Dimensions with several small repair projects. This is a program created through RSVP and UW Community Services Program to address home repair issues for senior citizens, low income families and disabled adults. The objective of this program is not to remodel homes or do extensive repair work, but to help our citizens in need with simple basic repairs to their homes to make it safer and easier to maintain.

Are you handy and have some spare time? Consider joining the Tuesday Toolman and volunteer just a handful of hours a month. Give Jen a call at 893-7508 (extension 15) to get involved!

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



Patrick R. was awarded Employee of the Month for February. He has been recognized for his outstanding desire to succeed and to follow through with his plan here with New Dimensions. Patrick makes sure to attend all

scheduled meeting with Competitive Employment, and rarely misses his scheduled days to attend New Dimensions. If he is unable to attend, Patrick is sure to follow procedure by calling in. To top it all off, his birthday is this month! Congratulations and happy birthday, Patrick!

IMPROVED PERFORMANCE AWARD



This new award, Improved Performance, was given to Kathy W. for the month of February. Kathy has decided to increase her scheduled days of attendance here at New Dimensions to demonstrate that she is willing to do what it takes

to gain better employment skills. She currently works at Tim Hortons and is doing a fabulous job. Her outlook and attitude is much more positive, which makes her a co-worker everyone wants to work with! Way to go, Kathy! Keep up the hard work.

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BEATING THE BARRIERS

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Bay City, MI 48708

Phone 989-892-8883

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Beating the Barriers is a grant awarded to New Dimensions from the Gerstacker Foundation to provide up to \$50.00 assistance to Bay County residents who are in danger of losing their jobs. Those who meet eligibility requirements may use funds for transportation, daycare, work clothing, or safety equipment. To request an application contact Melissa or Becky at (989) 892-8883.

SERVICES OFFERED BY NEW DIMENSIONS— What can we do for you?

New Dimensions is a non-profit agency that reaches out to our community by offering services at low costs. By offering these services, we provide people with barriers to employment opportunities to gain work-related skills.

We recycle cardboard!

If you or your business would like to have cardboard picked up just once or regularly, call New Dimensions and ask for Brad at 892-8883.



We can clean the inside of your vehicle!

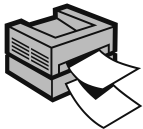
Our auto detailing service includes vacuuming, wiping down the interior of the vehicle, and cleaning the windows. While you wait, enjoy a complimentary cup of coffee. Stop in or call Brad at New Dimensions.



We make copies!

Need help creating or printing invites, business cards, or brochures? There is no job too small!

Just call New Dimensions and ask for Becky at 892-8883



We will cut your grass!

Our lawn care services are available regularly or on an individual basis. Are you interested in giving us a try? Call Eric at New Dimensions (892-8883) for more information.



RESOURCES



989-893-5973

Good Samaritan Rescue Mission Food Basket Service

713 Ninth St., Bay City, MI

2nd and 3rd Tuesday of the month

Doors open at 10:30am and close at 11:00am

Details: Bags of food are given to families and individuals in need.

Recipients must have picture ID and come prepared w/ride home.

Thank you to all of our New Dimensions Newsletter contributors!

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