



New Dimensions Inc.

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Olympians at New D.

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**Special
Olympics**



Robert N. was presented his certificate on September 5th, 2013

We have many members of the Michigan Special Olympics here at New Dimensions. Sarah P., Brian A., and Erin B. are only some of them who swim with Special Olympics of Michigan (SOMI). They wanted to extend the invitation! “One of the best parts is that it is for anyone who is interested,” offers Sarah.

“Our swimming practices are held at Handy Middle School in Bay City. The beginning of the season is right around the corner; we will start up again near the end of February,” says Erin. The teams practice to compete

against teams of other areas.

Another reason we practice as hard as we do is to prepare for the State Finals; this is where the faster swimmers are asked to compete. Last year, State Finals took place at Central Michigan University (CMU). This year, finals will be in Sault Sainte Marie.

Erin has been swimming at State Finals since she was 23 years old. “Last year, when I swam at CMU, I placed 2nd, 3rd, and 5th. Most of the time, I swim the 50 yard breaststroke. This means that I swim back and forth once across the

length of the pool. A breaststroke is similar to a “frog-kick,” says Erin. It is definitely my favorite way to swim!” Even though Sarah P. has not swam as many years as Erin, she also has a fair amount of talent. In contrast, Sarah enjoys swimming the backstroke. This is her second year swimming with SOMI. Last year at state finals, Sarah placed 5th for her backstroke. There are 313 athletes in Michigan Special Olympics, and New Dimensions is proud to have many of them.

Please visit SOMI.org for more information!

Employee of the Month: Robert N.

New Dimensions would like to congratulate Robert N. for earning Employee of the Month for September of 2013. Robert deserves this title for many reasons. Specifically, Robert’s dedication to his work often shines through. He

maintains a positive attitude, regardless of the task assigned to him. Robert is productive, avoids distractions, and completes tasks with very little guidance. Robert’s manager is currently encouraging his interest in

community employment. Once in the program, Robert will be looking for jobs. He hopes to wash cars or find a janitorial position.

Keep up the hard work, Robert!





Fun fact: A 'clapper' is a small piece of metal suspended within a bell that causes it to sound when made to strike against its side. Did you know that is what it is called?



SPREAD THE WORD — WE ARE SHRINK-WRAPPING EXPERTS!

Our Production Dept. has over 39 years of experience shrink -wrapping customer products like telephone books, journals and promotional materials.

Our workers operate our texwrap 1810, which has a capacity for large products and produces high-quality results. This equipment provides excellent job opportunities for our

workers at a low cost for our customers. Spread the word – tell your business associates to contact Brian at 989-892-8883 for a quote!

Bell Ringing Season Begins

What is bell ringing? It is a position that pays \$8.00 per hour. The bell ringer has a storefront post where they draw attention to customers encouraging them to donate to The Salvation Army. Each year, millions of dollars are donated to the Christmas charity. The Salvation Army uses this money to aid families in need, seniors, homeless and

families of prisoners. They provide financial assistance for basic necessities. During the holiday season, The Salvation Army also hosts Christmas dinners and gives clothing and toys to those in need. It is not difficult to become a bell ringer for The Salvation Army. If interested, please notify your program manager. An application must be completed and

submitted on or before October 7th, 2013. Past bell ringers from New Dimensions shared some of the benefits of bell ringing, in addition to the great cause, for those who are interested but unsure. Some of the pros include:

- \$8.00 per hour
- Have the opportunity to support those struggling
- Visit new places
- Meet new people

Three Keys to our Vocational Training Program

Our goal is to provide you with vocational training that prepares you for the job of your choice in the community. We will work together to identify work that interests you and will help you get the training and work experience you need to be ready for competitive employment. At New Dimensions, there are three key parts to our Vocational Training Program:

1. Career Exploration

Take part in tours of local businesses where you may want to work and participate in job shadows to learn more about a specific job or employer.

2. Career Training

Select from the wide-variety of job-related curriculums that are designed to help you gain the skills necessary to obtain the job of your choice.

3. Career Development

Work at paid jobs here in our Production shop, as part of our lawn care crew or at businesses like Tim Horton's where we have developed relationships to create on-the-job paid work experiences.

Employment Resources

1. Tri-City CRAIGSLIST

www.Saginaw.Craigslist.org

TIP: To search jobs by category, look to the right hand side. You can narrow down your search by selecting a specific type of job, and/or choosing full or part-time employment.

2. INDEED

www.Indeed.com

TIP: One benefit of using Indeed.com is that you are able to upload your resume instantly. This makes for a hassle-free application.

3. MITALENT

www.MiTalent.org/job-seeker/

TIP: The search results are not always specific to needs. Refine your search on the right hand side. Consider adjusting educational requirements.

The Supported Employment Program uses these websites when searching for jobs with their clients.

If you or someone you know is looking for a job, one of these three resources can help in the searching process.



Good luck!

First Positions and Experiences

As a vocational training facility, it is only natural to wonder how everyone at New Dimensions got their start. The results from our sample of 54 surveyed shows where most first jobs were. The most popular first job were in the food service industry. This category includes wait staff, kitchen staff, and grocery store attendants. New

Dimensions came in second place for the most popular first job. About 33% of the sample gained their first work experience through New Dimensions.



Food Service	35.2%
New Dimensions	33.3%
Caretaking	16.7%
Entertainment	3.7%
Paper delivery	3.7%
Machine Repair	1.85%
Farmer	1.85%
Tutor	1.85%
Gas station attendant	1.85%



Spirit Week



Leading up to Halloween, New D will host our annual **SPIRIT WEEK!**

Monday, October 28th: Hat Day!

Tuesday, October 29th: Sports Day!

Wednesday, October 30th: Crazy Hair Day!

Thursday, October 31st:

Wear your

Halloween costume!

Friday, November 1st: USA Day!

Curriculum Awards

Congratulations to those who completed Introduction to Computers, 120 hours of typing practice with Mavis Beacon, and 120 hours of Cashier & Money Handling for the month of September.

William M., Lena D., and Donald T.

This took hard work and dedication! New D. is proud of you!



Birthdays



Happy Birthday!

Jeff P.,

Anna T.,

Brenda C.,

Sallie D.,

Amanda G.,

Ashley W.,

and Kathy W.!

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The Haunted Masonic Temple
of Bay City is an event sponsored by
Bay Arts Council.

From 7-11 p.m.

on **October 11th & 12th,**
18th & 19th,
and 25th & 26th

(700 Madison Ave. corner of 6th St. Bay City, MI)



Emergency Food Assistance

Food Vouchers

Provided

by United Way

(909 Washington Ave., Suite 2,
Bay City, MI.)

Call (989) 893-7508

Ask for Archie!

Public Resources



Food Drive

October 17th, 2013

(Detail to come- Bay City Lions Club)

November 7th, 2013

(Salvation Army-401 10th St., Bay City)

November 21st, 2013

(Salvation Army-401 10th St., Bay City)

December 5th, 2013

(Salvation Army-401 10th St., Bay City)

9:30 a.m. -until food is gone!

Dental Clinic

at the Salvation Army
(401 10th Street, Bay City, MI.)

October 10th and 11th,
November 7th and 8th,

December 12th and 13th

By appointment only,
from 10:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M

Call (989) 983-3041

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