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#### Meet Our Newest VSC Board Member



Melina Gosa



We are looking for new board members to help with our mission.

For more information contact Lori Garcia at 361-563-8040



Kendra Gives Back Par

Benefiting the Volunteer Services Council of the Corpus Christi State Supported Living Center

> Saturday, April 15 Kendra Scott | La Palmera Mall

Shop in-store from 6-8pm or online using code GIVEBACK-DRIDD at check out. Web code valid 4/15-4/16.

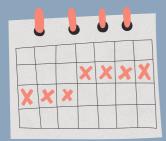


## Mark your Calendar April May

**Good Friday** Fri 4/7

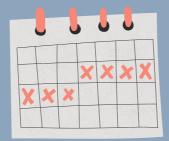
> **Easter** Sun 4/9

San Jacinto Day Fri 4/21



Mother's Day Sun 5/14

Memorial Day Mon 5/29



June

**Independence Day** Tue 7/4

> **Father's Day** Sun 7/18

Juneteenth Mon 7/19





#### CCSSLC NEW HIRE LIST

Veratia Bennett, DSP Moniefa Carter, DSP Tiahna Chapman-Stingley, DSP Esperanza Garza, DSP Daniel Hernandez, Security Officer Darrell Higginbotham, DSP Kaitlyn McMillan, DSP Daffeney Miles, DSP

Store & Store

Rene Salinas, Custodian Alyssa Sierra, DSP SP Haylee Southern, DSP Vanessa Torres, DSP V fficer Arturo Garcia, DSP Mike Mesa, DSP Shelby Mock, Volunteer Service Coord. Irene Pena, Human Service Tech Dequinton Perry, DSP

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Kndra Alford, DSP Darria Brittan, BHS Clyde Coleman, DSP Veronica DelaFuente, RN Tereek Emmanuel, DSP d. Kristian Garcia, DSP Cassandra Johnson, DSP Sierra Sandoval, DSP Imelda Porras, BHS

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This is a new opportunity that provides new growth opportunities for me, both professionally and personally. I am very thankful for the experiences I have had while working here at CCSSLC for 10 years. I started working as a Dorm RN in Kingfish then transferred to Coral Sea. Opportunity opened in the Psychiatry Department for Psych RN position and was lucky to get chosen. I was able to advance my career by going back to school to get my APRN focusing on psychiatry and mental health. One of the highlights of my career in CCSSLC was exiting the DOJ settlement agreement of our department. The skill and knowledge that I have learned from CCSSLC, I was able to use it and help Rio Grande State Supported Living Center and now the El Paso State Supported Living Center. I appreciate all the support and opportunities given to me over the past 10 years.

-Ruthlane Lopez

## **VOCATIONAL VIBES**

Check out the Vocational Department's latest updates!

#### DEPARTMENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Pic Pac residents and staff have been keeping up with the high demands. Banquete ISD requests 60 cases a month, which each case contains 250 packages. That's 15,000 packages!

Way to keep up the hard work!

Vocational staff receiving training in gardening led by Susan Cole. They will be able to teach the residents green house skills.



Jahida Balboa and Lucy Ortiz



Amy Ramos, Jessica Zamora, Susan Cole, Chelsea Ruiz, and Marlynn Gonzales

Only IH individuals working sub minimum wage All Vocational positions filled



Thanks to all Vocational staff for all their dedication! -Lucy

#### STAFF BIRTHDAY

March - Rose Soto April - Humberto Yeverino, Marlynn Gonzales, Cindy Perez, May - Esperanza Gonzales, Armando Brambila, Susan Cole



Green House preparing to open. It will employee the residents with hourly wage jobs.

Pending: 2 Jobs at Goodwill

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Check out the Vocational Department's latest updates!

### Thank you for your service!



Patricia Bradshaw 15 Years

> Susan Cole 5 Years

On Sale Now! Candy Bags (candies&chips) \$3 Plastic Rabbits \$12 Plastic Eggs \$8 Metal Easter Pails \$10



For more information call the Annex at 361-844-7599

# CORPUS CHRISTI STATE SUPPORTED LIVING CENTER **BLOOD DRIVE** THURSDAY, APRIL 6TH 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM LOCATION: 902 AIRPORT RAOD

April showers bring lifesavers



Appointments are highly recommended, walk-ins welcome.

Call the Blood Center at 361-855-4943 or go to our website at coastalbendbloodcenter.org. Donors will receive a T-shirt & a Grimaldi's food coupon. While supplies last.

# We one social workers before social workers 2 positions available

Apply at https://jobshrportal.hhsc.state.tx.us/ENG/careerportal/default.cfm?



## BASEBALL

COME CHEER ON THE CCSSLC RESIDENT BASEBALL TEAM!

APRIL 15: 11AM AT MIRACLE APRIL 22: 10AM AT MIRACLE APRIL 29TH:11 AM AT MIRACLE MAY -TBD

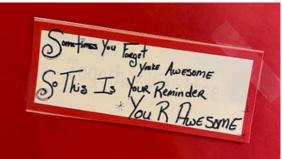
BOCCIA BALL: APRIL 3: 6PM AT MIRACLE APRIL 11: 6PM AT MIRACLE

## THIS IS WHAT'S HAB-PENING!

**CHECK OUT THE HABILITATION THERAPIES DEPARTMENT'S LATEST UPDATES** 

I WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT HAB'S NEW "TOGETHER WE SHINE SHOUT-OUT BOARD"! THE HAB DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN GOING THROUGH SO MUCH HERE INTERNALLY AND I WANTED TO IMPLEMENT SOMETHING NEW SO WE CAN START TO BUILD EACH OTHER BACK UP THROUGH LOVE. **RESPECT. AND APPRECIATION. I KICKED-OFF THIS NEW** PROGRAM TODAY, IN HOPES THAT EACH OF US WILL FEEL INCLINED TO TELL SOMEONE HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE SOMETHING THEY HAVE DONE FOR US OR FOR OUR INDIVIDUALS. I MADE THE CARDS WITH THE TOGETHER WE SHINE LOGO AS A WATERMARK AND THE TEAM CAN WRITE A RESPECTFUL MESSAGE AND POST IT ON THE BULLETIN BOARD. OUR TEAM NEEDS UNITY DURING THIS CRITICAL TIME WHEN IT FEELS LIKE OUR DEPARTMENT MAY BE CRUMBLING. I WANT HAB TO BE THE STRONG DEPARTMENT IT ONCE WAS AND WE CAN ONLY DO THAT IF WE FEEL WE ARE TOGETHER AS ONE. WE CAN'T SHINE THAT BRIGHT INDIVIDUALLY. BUT WE CAN LIGHT UP A **ROOM AS A TEAM!!** -NAOMI RAMIREZ **INTERIM HAB DIRECTOR** 









## **CONGRATULATIONS**

PHYSICAL THERAPIST, DR. SAMUEL OWIREDU WAS ORDAINED A MINISTER AT HIS CHURCH, CORPUS CHRISTI CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP ON MARCH 26. WE ARE SO BLESSED TO HAVE HIM IN OUR DEPARTMENT, WORKING AND CARING FOR OUR INDIVIDUALS!

# HELP US CELEBRATE THE Volunteer Services Council's 50ch Stanieros Stanieros Star, 7, 1973

The VSC is celebrating it's 50th anniversary with a 70's Dance Party for the CCSSLC residents. Help us get GROOVY by making a monetary donation

> Thanks for your consideration! PEACE & LOVE

> > -VSC

## TOGETHER WE SHINE: CULTURE OF QUALITY INITIATIVE

The Culture of Quality Initiative 'Together We Shine' is now in full swing! We are continuing to focus on creating an environment where everyone understands their role and how they can effect change and improve the quality of the services that we provide to the individuals who live here.

Over the last couple of months, our ILearns have focused on defining what quality improvement is and introducing steps to developing a culture of quality. As we continue on through the trainings, there will be more focus on specific tools that we can use to create this environment, and practical examples of how we can put those tools to use. In order to assist with developing a culture of quality here at CCSSLC, we have initiated an interdisciplinary Culture of Quality team. This team will be working on brainstorming ideas for improvement, creating action plans to help us meet our facility goals (Improving Communication and Staff Recruiting/Retention) and fostering a culture of quality. Our first meeting held on March 17th went very well, and we were able to come up with simple ways for supervisors to show appreciation, as well as an idea for staff shout out boards (coming soon to a building near you!).

I want to continue to encourage everyone to participate by completing the ILearn trainings and providing feedback about your ideas to improve our culture of quality. If you or anyone you know would like to be part of the Culture of Quality Team, please don't hesitate to let me know!

I've had the chance recently to see some of the efforts that you all are implementing and the ways (big and small) you're working every day to make a difference- believe me, they do not go unnoticed!

Thank you for all that you do! Remember.....



For more information, thoughts, or ideas, feel free to reach out to me! - Aeriel Ligon, Quality Assurance Director, ext. 7907.