



Newsletter | Winter 2022



Putting Faith to Work

JOIN US FOR GIVING TUESDAY!



November 29, 2022 is Giving Tuesday! Giving Tuesday is a day to celebrate generosity and make an impact. At Beyond26, we are happy to celebrate the impact that has already been made while also working toward our future goals. Since inception, we have placed over 100 individuals in meaningful roles, and in 2023 we hope to place 40+ more.

With your help, we can make this a reality! We rely on individual donations to fund our operations in order to keep everything as easy and barrier free as possible for our jobseekers. We are extremely grateful for all of our donors and we hope that you'll help us reach our goal of \$5,000! Below you can see how your donations will be used!

\$10

PROVIDES BIRTHDAY AND CONGRATULATIONS CARDS FOR 10 JOBSEEKERS



Brighten the day of an employed jobseeker who has reached the 6 or 12 month mark at their job!

PROVIDES A MEET & GREET FOR ONE JOBSEEKER



Where we get to learn about the jobseeker's goals, interests, and abilities over a 1.5 hour session!

\$25

\$50

PROVIDES PRE-EMPLOYMENT SERVICES FOR ONE JOBSEEKER



Includes developing a resume, practicing interviewing, and discussing job readiness!

PROVIDES POST-EMPLOYMENT SERVICES FOR ONE JOBSEEKER



Periodic check-ins, accommodations, and job coaching for an employed jobseeker!

\$100

\$250

PROVIDES TRAINING FOR ONE VOLUNTEER



Our volunteers are our greatest asset. They help provide all of the above services and more!

BUYS A NEW SHREDDER FOR OUR DOCUMENT SHREDDING DEPARTMENT



Help us to hire more individuals in our shredding department!

\$500

\$1000

SPONSOR A JOB-SEEKER FOR LIFE!



Change one individual's life - forever!



BEYOND26 BULLETIN

Beyond26 has moved offices! If you have any mail to send, please use our new address.

3040 Ivanrest Ave. SW
Grandville, MI 49418

Join us for a Holiday Party on Friday, December 2nd, to celebrate our jobseekers and give thanks with our amazing community. Please RSVP to elisa.beyond26@gmail.com

The B26 Gathering place is a monthly social event for individuals with disabilities. RSVP with Ellie at evkeulen49@gmail.com for any of our upcoming meetings:

- Brookside Church on Dec 5, Jan 9, and Feb 6 from 6:30-8 pm
- Marge's Donut Den on Dec 20, Jan 24, and Feb 21 from 1-3 pm

WAYS TO DONATE:

1. SCAN THE QR CODE



2. GO TO [BEYOND26.ORG/DONATE](https://beyond26.org/donate)

3. USE THE ENCLOSED FORM TO MAIL A CHECK OR CARD DONATION TO OUR OFFICE

JOBSEEKER SPOTLIGHT



Congratulations to our newly employed jobseekers!

Elizabeth, Volunteer at Family Network of Wyoming



Carlie, Volunteer at North Kent Connect

Kayla, Cafe Server at Frederick Meijer Gardens



Todd, Document Shredder at Grand Rapids B26 Document Shredding

Jared, Barista at Kenzie's Be Cafe

Justin and Corey, Document Shredders at Grand Haven B26 Document Shredding



Jenny, Volunteer Activities Assistant at Heron Community

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DIRK'S CORNER

This newsletter will arrive in anticipation of the Thanksgiving season. I am thankful for several reasons this year.

Since Phyllis and I are both cancer survivors every exam and every test that comes back with a NED (no evidence of disease) result is a major blessing.

Our youngest son Will is in his last year of transitions schooling and started a job with Weller Truck Parts, an employer that is good to him and his best friend Nick.

Blessing.

My adult children's families and businesses are thriving. **Blessing.**

Beyond26 is growing and our "Meet and Greet" are beginning to be scheduled into the New Year. 34 jobseekers have been placed so far this year. **Blessing.**

Beyond26 is moving (more on this later) into a larger office space which will bring together the office staff and the Beyond26 GR Document Shredding into the same space on a Rapid Bus line. **Blessing.**

Emily Voorhees is leaving Beyond26 to work remotely from her RV while she tours the country (doesn't that sound like an adventure), she is still going to be involved in Grant writing which is one of her passions and strengths. **Blessing.**

Alicia Bos is joining Beyond26 as the new Development Director. She has been working the past 2 months part time but as of Dec. 5, 2022, will join us fulltime.

Blessing.

With so much to be thankful for I don't want to impress you that there are no trials. Oh, they exist! I think you must realize that. But for today I'm content to count the blessings, one by one. **Blessed.**

Dirk Bakhuyzen,
Executive Director