



Newsletter | Winter 2023



Finding Jobs for Adults with disABILITIES

PARTICIPATE IN GIVING TUESDAY!

Giving Tuesday is on November 28th! This Giving Tuesday, let's celebrate the strides we've made and all the lives that have been transformed! At Beyond26, we are we are happy to celebrate the impact that has already been made while also working toward our future goals. Since inception, we have placed **189** individuals in meaningful roles in the community. Below you will find some statistics from 2023. As we look towards 2024, we hope to place 50+ more and hit our 200 jobseekers placed milestone!

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 continue to serve our community!

These businesses provide jobs to our jobseekers. We are so thankful for these partners!

BUSINESS PARTNERS

16

BUSINESS SPONSORS

These businesses donate on an annual or monthly basis and provide stability to our organization!

The demand is high and we are currently scheduling Meet & Greet's into March!

MEET & GREET'S

52

JOBSEEKERS PLACED

This is the largest number of jobseekers placed in one year! Last year, we placed 38.

Jobseeker inquiries continue to rise! Last year we had only 76.

JOBSEEKER INQUIRIES

103

INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY DONORS

These individuals give us stability month after month and allow us to focus on our mission!

WAYS TO DONATE:

1. SCAN THE QR CODE

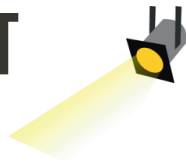


2. GO TO [BEYOND26.ORG/DONATE](https://beyond26.org/donate)

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



JOBSEEKER SPOTLIGHT



Congratulations to our newly employed jobseekers!

Haylie, Working at B26 Document Shredding & Stomping Grounds



Arielle, Intake Specialist at Salvation Army

Brandon & Andrew, Stocking Associates at J&H Family Stores

Kellie, Associate at Puppy Dog Nursery



Travis, Stocking Associate at J&H Family Stores

Hunter, Volunteer at Mel Trotter

Corey, Robert, Spencer, Jayden & Zachary, Volunteers at In the Image

Elias, Working at Celebration Cinema

Nathan, Dante, & Ami, Shredders at B26 Document Shredding

Kylee, Custodian at Music Everyday



DIRK'S CORNER

What a great year this has been. Our job developers are very busy and job placements are at the highest level to date. We have already placed 54 job seekers in our community this year. Since this is our main mission, area channel partners like Disability Advocates of Kent County are referring jobseekers to us. With nearly 38,000 students with disabilities in our Kent County school system, our continued growth is inevitable.

We are serving a full house in the B26 Document Shredding program. 30+ jobseekers work in that program in Grandville and Grand Haven locations with 4 supervisors and 10-15 volunteers assisting. Grand Haven has plenty of documents to keep their crew busy, but Grandville location needs more documents. If you know of a business that would be willing to send their documents our way, that would be a blessing.

Pew Busters will launch by serving Brookside CRC with light housekeeping duties for our crew of 4 jobseekers and their supervisor. We want to grow this program to serving 3-4 more churches in 2024. We have been sending letters to area churches offering this service. We are not charging the church but instead we ask for a short presentation for awareness and current needs at Beyond26. Church referrals are appreciated!

We are entering the giving season. I hope you will consider your best gift for Beyond26. Our growth is going to require a bigger budget in 2024 and beyond. I want to thank each one of our supporters whether that was through prayers, volunteer hours or gifts. God has blessed us to be able to grow this wonderful nonprofit! What a blessing!

Dirk Bakhuyzen,
Executive Director

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