

Beyond26

Finding jobs for adults with disabilities
NEWSLETTER - SUMMER 2025



JOBSEEKER UPDATES

Congratulations to our newly employed jobseekers!



Joseph, Stocking
Burlington



Courtney, Stocking
J&H- South Express

R.S., Custodial
J&H-Sunnybrook

S.B., B26 Document Shredding
J.C., Meijer -Clyde Park location



Ellie, Buddy's Pizza

EMPLOYER HIGHLIGHT

J&H Family Stores demonstrates a profound commitment to our mission at Beyond26 by consistently embracing inclusive hiring practices. Their dedication to providing meaningful employment opportunities for adults with disabilities not only strengthens their own workforce but also enriches our entire community.



BUSINESS PARTNER HIGHLIGHT

We are incredibly grateful for Procare's support of Beyond26. Their consistent dedication to our mission and their generous sponsorship of our events are invaluable, enabling us to continue empowering adults with disabilities to achieve meaningful employment and build brighter futures.



UPCOMING EVENTS



SAVE THE DATE

BEYOND26 BANQUET

"A night full of stars"

Tuesday, September 30th, 2025

Goei Center - Kindel Room
818 Butterworth St SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504

DIRK'S CORNER

I just came from a Golf Outing that is hosted by B&B Truck Equipment. Every year they invite Beyond26 back to receive the 50/50 Raffle proceeds. The way a 50/50 works is the holder of the winning ticket gets to keep ½ of the proceeds. But tradition has it that the winner at this outing has always donated the winnings to B26. This year was not any different and once again their generosity humbles me. The owner of the company also matches the raffle total, so this is a big pay day for Beyond26. The generosity of our community blesses my heart on a regular basis. Thank You!

Beyond26 has a team that is transitioning currently. We have hired Grace Winkler as a job developer. Grace is fresh out of college and working to get jobseekers placed in the community. Our intern Sam Durey joined the team as a part time job developer after his internship ended. Sam is still in college, but he plans to contribute to our success in the community. Joshua Van Wyhe has transitioned as well into a new role as Partnership and Giving Coordinator. Joshua is helping me expand our donor base through Business Sponsorships, Event Sponsors and Individual donors.

We are on track to place a record number of jobseekers in 2025. We are currently at 38 placements in 2025, and I project we may end the year with an additional 30-32 placements. Pray for team success in this work because it can be tedious and difficult at times. Each placement represents another family that is blessed with a job for their adult with a disABILITY. Each placement also represents another business that has become a work family. "Finding Jobs for Adults with disABILITIES"

Dirk Bakhuyzen,
Executive Director



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Thank you for supporting
Beyond26's mission of
finding employment for
individuals with
disABILITIES.



HIGHLIGHTS

We're officially calling our 2025 Golf Outing a HUGE success!
A sincere thank you to every single sponsor who stepped up to support us.
Your partnership is invaluable and deeply appreciated.
And to all the golfers who came out, thank you for spending your day with us and helping us raise crucial funds for our mission & thank you to our amazing volunteers!

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DENNIS & VICKY WINKLER-SAWGLE



Access the 2025 Golf Outing Gallery
by scanning the QR code below

OR visit:

www.beyond26.org/events



UPDATES

New Blog Alert! ✨

We're incredibly proud of the impactful partnerships that drive our mission forward! Dive into our latest blogs to hear directly from two of our valued collaborators: J&H Family Stores and Comprenew.

Discover how their commitment to inclusive hiring is making a real difference in our community and for adults with disabilities.

Thank you to all our amazing partners for helping us build a stronger, more inclusive Grand Rapids!

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Exciting news on the horizon for Beyond26!

We're preparing to launch two fantastic new initiatives:

B26 Giving Club and the B26 Running Team.

Whether you love to give back or hit the pavement, there will be new opportunities to support our mission. **Details to follow!**

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