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A LETTER FROM THE CEO

MRSI believes in promoting from within. Over the years numerous employees have been patient, worked hard, were open to learning and handling constructive criticism and demonstrated they can lead a team and showed they needed to be given a chance to be placed in a higher position within the agency verses the agency hiring from outside. Heidi Leiendecker, Amy Bennett, Linda McMichael, and Mackenzie Cox all began their careers at MRSI as a Direct Support Professional. Each of them is now in a Home Coordinator position. Jasmine Goins began her career as a Direct Support Professional and worked her way into a Home Coordinator position and now is our ADS Coordinator. Jennifer Bishop began her career as a Direct Support Professional and worked her way into a Shift Supervisor position and is now our Adult Day Program Director. Emily Hoelscher began her career as a Program Director and is now our Director of Operations. Our latest promotion is with our Direct Support Professional, Haley Prieb. Haley is beginning her new position as a Home Coordinator in Van Wert. MRSI is proud of each of these employees and how they have worked hard learning their roles and demonstrating they can be a positive team leader.

- Janelle Wehrman, CEO



GAY ST.

Greetings from Gay Street. We hope this finds everyone well. Our ladies have had an exciting summer so far. We've had cookouts with Linden Dr., our sister house, went on walks with Paula Miller from the county board and just getting out in the sun! We had a fabulous time in Columbus with Special Olympics summer games as we all brought home medals in our sports! Kathy brought home a silver in bowling, Sharon brought home a gold in throwing and a bronze in her 25-meter walk and Beth brought home a gold in throwing 16 meters and a bronze in her 100 meter walk. We are looking into some more summer trips and seeing what all kinds of adventures we can go on! Tootles from Gay Street.

Amy Bennett: Home Coordinator



MADS

We have been very busy this springtime. We have worked hard to stay fit and active working on our Dance fitness and cardio drumming almost every day. We also enjoy going to the library for book club and current events. There was even a week that we learned about agriculture by taking a trip to MVP Dairy and learning how to make our own butter. One of our favorite activities is the trips to the bowling alley. Making cakes to donate to the St. Henry picnic was also a lot of fun for us to practice our cooking skills.

ADS Director Jennifer Bishop





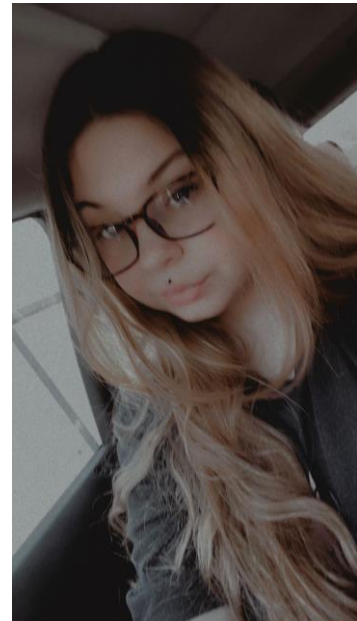
STAFF SPOTLIGHTS

Van Wert County

Charity Runyon came to work at Gay Street in August of 2022. She enjoys walks with our clients and playing games. She’s a self-proclaimed crazy cat lady! She also stated she likes working with MRSI because all the staff members are nice and encouraging towards each other as well as our clients.

Mercer County

Chelsea Mills is originally from Portland, Indiana. She moved to Ohio 10 years ago. She has 3 children and has been married for 4 years. Chelsea has been a DSP at MRSI for 6 months and loves it. She enjoys coming to work every day and learning new things. She reports the clients we serve teach her just as much as she teaches them. Each and every day is different. Each client is different and unique in their own way. Chelsea has worked in many different job fields and has found so much enjoyment being a DSP. Chelsea has become such a wonderful addition to the Mercer ADS. We appreciate all the wonderful things that she brings to the ADS every single day.



Charity Runyon



Chelsea Mills



INDIVIDUAL SPOTLIGHT

Lori has been with us for almost a year. She is cheerful and loves to help staff and housemates. Some of Lori's favorite things are ... finding and trying new recipes, baking, and dancing! She loves ... her family (especially the babies!), DOGS!!, and her boyfriend Justin. Lori goes to Thomas Edison Center during the week and likes to relax on the weekends. You can find her sitting out on the front porch almost any evening.

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