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A LETTER FROM THE CEO

Changes at MRSI

Jen Schatzer joined the MRSI Team in April as our Finance Director. Although new to the nonprofit world and developmental disability field, Jen shows she is a quick learner. Day one she stepped in and began working on our cost report and the annual DODD DSP Compensation Survey while also learning waiver billing and ICF billing to name a few things. We are excited to have her join our team and we love the laughter she brings to our home office with her witty comments.



Jamie Payton joined our MRSI Team in February 2024 as our Office Assistant. Jamie has shown over her time with the agency she is also a quick learner. She was initially hired to help wherever she was needed at our home office but began picking up more financial responsibilities. In October, when we had to say goodbye to Bev Boroff, our previous Financial Director, Jamie stepped in and helped us through our transition with the finance department. As a result, Jamie is now our Finance Coordinator.

- Janelle Wehrman, CEO

HOUSING

Recently, Tri County ADAMHS Board provided MRSI with a grant to replace the heating and cooling systems at two of our Mental Health Housing, six plex units in Celina. The grant also provided MRSI to be able to replace the water heater at the Mental Health Housing six plex unit in Van Wert. Thank you, Tri County, for continuing to support Mercer Residential Services so that we can provide safe, affordable and comfortable housing for our tenants.

- Jenny Kinney, Housing Coordinator



GAY ST.

Greeting my Lovely People!

Spring sure did pop up here at Gay Street. We celebrated Easter with our friends and staff with an egg hunt and lots of yummy food.

We also enjoyed going to prom and getting to shake our tail feathers and walk through local high schools to see their prom decorations. Warmer weather got us out and about to see the trees and flowers blooming along with the start of our concerts in the park every Friday. Of course, we had to have some fancy coffee drinks from our local Biggby coffee shop!

Summer is coming in HOT! Be ready for some great times coming up from us here at Gay St., you know we don't sit still for long!

Catch you all on the flip side!

Peace Out!

Amy Bennett, Home Coordinator



LINDEN DR.

Linden has been out and about visiting the wood creatures at various fairgrounds. We are excited to start doing some more fun trips. We have been busy with state for bowling, and we are now getting ready to start softball skills season. The ladies have been staying cool with this heat; pool days are in the near future. We enjoyed watching the peony parade and seeing all the cool floats and people we knew in the parade.

Casey York, Home Coordinator



VAN WERT ADS

Van Wert ADS has spent the last few months on the go and finding ways to serve our community. We have gone on many community outings that were chosen by the clients. The movies, parks, coffee, and bowling are just a few of our favorites. We are volunteering at a nursing home, and the staff and residents light up when they see us coming. We have worked on cooking skills and are starting to master some of those. Sweet treats are a favorite to make and share with others. We currently have some giving back to the local schools in the progress. Please check our Facebook page for the updates on that. Stay healthy and hydrated!

-Jasmine Newman, ADS Coordinator



MERCER ADS

Mercer ADS has really been enjoying the springtime weather. We have gone to local festivals and events like the Rockford Lavender and Sunflower festival, the historical forts of Fort Recovery, and the Food Trucks at the Mercer County Fairgrounds. We also really enjoyed going to Jutte's Fruit farm and picking strawberries, then turning them into strawberry pie. We also enjoyed the beautiful weather by having picnics at the park, taking walks by the lake and visiting the splash pad. Possibly the most exciting event this spring has been hatching baby ducks at the ADS for a local farmer.

Jennifer Bishop-ADS Director



TEGH:

Over the last couple of months, with the warmer weather, we have gone on a couple trips to the zoo and got to feed the giraffes. We went to the PAC and watched the Aretha Franklin show. We went to Prom. Robin went to Columbus for Bocce and got 4th place! We also had to say goodbye (for now) to a very special lady, Tammy. She has moved to Findlay to be closer to family. We held a nice little going away party for her, which she loved very much!

Jessica Mawk-Program Director

WSGH

Wayne Street Group Home had a fun spring and a great start to summer! We have been enjoying our newly remodeled kitchen. We have been playing Challenger Baseball and have been enjoying many fun activities in the home. We even had a float in the Lakefest Parade on July 26th, 2025!

Anna Cox- Program Director



FROM THE NURSES

Summer is here, and with it comes the risk of heat-related illnesses. Protect yourself and those around you by taking simple precautions. Stay hydrated, drink plenty of fluids throughout the day, even if you don't feel thirsty. Stay cool, seek air conditioning, cool shaded areas, or use fans for increased air circulation and ventilation during the hottest hours of the day. Protect your skin, apply sunscreen with an SPF of at least 30 to all exposed skin. Reapply every 2 hours or more frequently if swimming or sweating. Check on others, check on elderly, medically fragile, young children, and infants, those most vulnerable to heat to ensure they're staying cool and hydrated. Know the signs of heat-related illness. Be aware of the symptoms of heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke. For more information check out the CDC website topic on Heat Health.

Cassi Haworth, RN

SPOTLIGHTS

VAN WERT STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Linda Anderson was hired in August of 1995. She started work at the Mud Pike Group Home in Celina. In 1995 she came to work in Van Wert at Market St. and then at Park St., where she became affectionately known as #1! One of Linda's favorite things over the years was accompanying individuals to Special Olympics events and cheering for the Tigers with them. Linda has worked with and loved many individuals over the years, and their losses are like losing members of her family. We are so lucky to have her still working and taking care of her ladies at Park St. Linda- you are still #1 with us!



MERCER STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Stacey Burke rejoined the MRSI team in 2021 after a break from her employment with us in 2013 and 2014. Stacey works primarily 2nd shift at the Wayne Street Group Home but has helped out as needed in the past. She is kind and has good relationships with each individual in the home. Stacey helps out with the Lake Fest Parade, WSGH cookout and holiday events every year. WSGH is proud to have Stacey on our team.

CLIENT SPOTLIGHT

William moved into the WSGH home in August of 2024. He previously had lived in one of our Van Wert locations and we were happy to have him move back into the MRSI Family. William has been attending Mercer County ADS. He has been attending events such as the parade, fairs, festivals and enjoying building relationships with all the clients and staff at WSGH. William keeps everyone entertained with his singing and being the sheriff of the home. He loves spending time with the therapy cat that visits from time to time and was able to help build the picnic table on the back patio.

