

Enhancing Lives Through Work

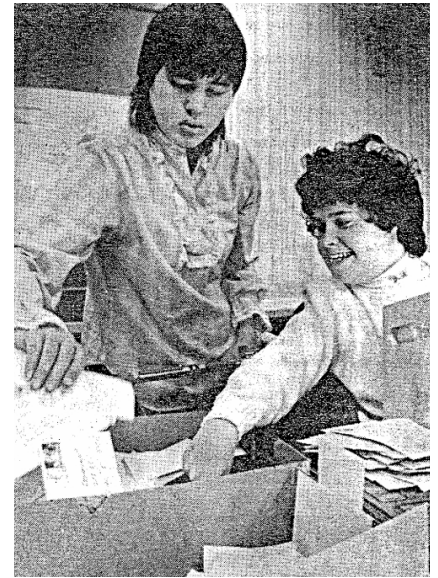


Community Work Services

FALL 2024

Then & Now... 40 years later!

Community Work Services celebrated our 40th year anniversary this year! With this, we wanted to acknowledge another extremely special 40-year milestone that a few of our clients are celebrating as well: Brenda Sundbakken, Kari Klade, and Sue Mauger each celebrated 40 years with their employer, the Madison City Clerk's Office! It was 1984 when Kari and Brenda began their work at the City Clerk's Office. They would help revise outdated forms, staple, stamp and use a light box to check envelopes before they got thrown away. It wasn't long after that Sue Mauger became a wonderful addition to the Clerk's team. Though Brenda, Kari, and Sue's tasks have changed slightly through the years, their work ethic, enthusiasm, commitment and contribution to their work hasn't changed a BIT. It was mentioned by Clerk's staff in 1984, that there was "plenty of tasks to keep them busy for a long time – maybe even indefinitely." Little did they know – all 3 ladies were up for that challenge and we couldn't be prouder to spotlight their achievement. Great work ladies! And as Kari would say, "I bet you did not know I could do that!"



This photo was featured in an article in the Capital Times, posted on March 12, 1984, (from left: Kari Klade and Brenda Sundbakken)



Sue is all smiles while she works on her shredding!



Brenda & Kari smile & chat on their way to the Clerks Office.

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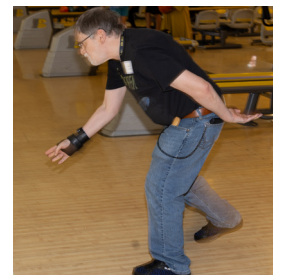
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A fun time was had by all!

Community Work Services celebrated 40 years of Enhancing Lives Through Work by hosting a celebration for clients, their families, current and former staff, board members, friends and many supporters at Ten Pin Alley.

Many thanks to our generous sponsors: First Business Bank, Aprilaire and Vita Plus!





Thank you to all who were able to attend and make this such a memorable milestone!!

Laura's friend Taylor

When Laura's friend Taylor arrives to bring her on a fun excursion, the joy that emanates from Laura's face is unmatched! Laura comes to work beaming as she tells her job coaches about the fun activities she has done with her volunteer.

Taylor has been volunteering with Laura since August of 2023. Here's what she has to say about her experience:

"I enjoy volunteering with CWS because it gives me a chance to slow down for a couple of hours. Time with Laura is a break from my regularly hectic schedule. Whether we are seeing a movie, out for a meal, or sharing an activity together, we are enjoying each other's company. It makes me happy to be a positive and reliable person in Laura's life, especially as she's had some difficult times this year. After knowing Laura for one year, I hope we can continue to see each other and grow our relationship."

We hope so too, Taylor! Thank you for all the positivity, fun, and friendship you add to Laura's life! We can truly see the difference it's making!



Taylor and Laura

2023/2024 Campaign Donors

All of us at Community Work Services continue to be grateful for and touched by the outpouring of support we have received from our friends, families and supporters!

Your generosity has been, and will continue to be, vital in allowing us to fulfill our mission of enhancing lives through work. As always, you have our heartfelt thanks and appreciation. We couldn't do it without you!

We'd also like to thank our many donors who wished to remain anonymous.

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Congratulations!

The following individuals supported by Community Work Services celebrated milestone anniversaries at their jobs in 2024:

5 Year Anniversary

Max Aubin	Ten Pin Alley
Daniel Baker	WI Dept. of Corrections
Reem Ezalarab	Dane Co. Facilities Management
Jim Judy	Dane Co. Facilities Management
Robert (Windy) Ramsdell	The Law Center
Jeff Sabean	National Conference of Bar Examiners

10 Year Anniversary

Alyssa Brown	Dept. of Safety and Professional Services
Sam Filut	Shopbop
Rich Moore	City of Madison Municipal Court
Pat Murphy	University of WI - Camp Randall

15 Year Anniversary

Daniel Kliewer	Madison Metropolitan School District
Ademola Lesi	Dept. of Transportation
Robert (Windy) Ramsdell	Dane Co. Sheriff's Dept.

20 Year Anniversary

Jon Glenberg	WI Dept. of Corrections
Mark Wildman	Edgewood College - Facilities

30 Year Anniversary

Mark Olson	Dane Co. Facilities Management
Jeff Sabean	WI Dept. of Corrections
Nancy Dornfeld	Dane Co. Juvenile Detention

35 Year Anniversary

Nancy Dornfeld	Dane Co. Facilities Management
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40 Year Anniversary

Kari Klade	City of Madison Clerk's Office
Brenda Sundbakken	City of Madison Clerk's Office
Sue Mauger	City of Madison Clerk's Office

Staff Years of Service

So much of this agency's success is because of our qualified, compassionate and *experienced* staff – we are so grateful for each and every one of you! A sincere thanks to the current staff of Community Work Services for their many years of service.

Candy Knick	7/1/1990	34 years, 3 months
Tara McAweeney	4/1/1992	32 years, 6 months
Sarah Nack	5/14/1997	27 years, 5 months
Jeri Murray	4/1/1999	25 years, 6 months
Kris Runstrom	11/5/2001	22 years, 11 months
Kristyn Chlebowski	11/18/2002	21 years, 11 months
Lindsey Bachmann	10/1/2007	17 years
Gina Shea	10/6/2008	16 years
Anna Peters	9/29/2014	10 years, 1 month
Stacy Cognac	12/1/2014	9 years, 10 months
Leah Baertschi	8/29/2016	8 years, 2 months
Taylor Klitzke	5/1/2018	6 years, 5 months
Madeline Donahue	6/18/2018	6 years, 4 months
Kathleen Gammeter	5/6/2019	5 years, 5 months
Juli Gempler	10/1/2019	5 years
Al Majkrzak	4/25/2022	2 years, 6 months
Alex Lalor	7/11/2022	2 years, 3 months
Elizabeth Swan	9/26/2022	2 years, 1 month
Eunha Song	6/8/2023	1 year, 4 months
Jeff Vollendorf	7/8/2024	3 months
Renee Wininger	7/15/2024	3 months

Our mission...

Community Work Services is guided by the belief that all people have value and that supporting individuals with disabilities to actively participate in all aspects of community life results in a more diverse, compassionate, and stronger community for everyone.

With that as a foundation, the agency works in partnership with employers to make a positive difference in the lives of the people we support by helping them find and keep individually meaningful community jobs.

The logo for Thrivent, featuring the word "thrivent" in a bold, lowercase sans-serif font. A small red heart icon is positioned to the right of the letter "t".

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who is eligible to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars?**
If so, consider choosing Community Work Services
as a recipient.

Volunteer - Be a friend!

Are you interested or know of anyone who would be interested in being a volunteer for one of our clients? Check out our volunteer opportunities at: www.volunteeryour-time.org or call Jeri Murray at Community Work Services: 608.233.0115.

To learn more about Community Work Services, please visit our website at www.cwsmadison.com



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