

Change is Afoot!

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On September 18th, our long-time Operations Manager, Dan Heinen, will retire! We have been actively planning for Dan's retirement for almost three years, taking time to determine important traits we want in the next manager and how best to accomplish this transition smoothly. The day is almost here!

How true that statement is! As we send Dan off in style, we are excited to welcome our incoming Operations Manager, Kathy Wells, to the Express Team!

We are thankful to Dan for his many lasting, positive impacts on our community. We look forward to the leadership and impact Kathy will bring to our team, our clients and associates, and the community in the years to come.

Congratulations Dan!

Dan started with Express in 2006. He was instrumental in helping Express succeed through the great recession and thrive under new ownership. Dan was a Champion of Hope for Express in 2017 (check out the YouTube video here Express made in recognition of his work here).

Dan has been an amazing coach, teacher, employment expert, and advocate for workforce development. In partnership with organizations such as the Betty Kwan Chinn Foundation, Uplift Eureka, and Westside Community Improvement Association to name a few, Dan has trained countless people in how to get a job and what it takes to keep a job. Dan is leaving a lasting impact on Humboldt County.

Soon, Dan and his lovely wife will move to Mexico where he will continue to practice another passion - SCUBA diving! If you have a personal connection with Dan, take a moment this week to give him a big CONGRATULATIONS on his retirement!

Welcome Kathy!

Kathy came to Humboldt in the late 80's as a college student and made Humboldt her home. She has a diverse background ranging from childcare administration, coordinating economic development and youth entrepreneurship programs, human resource manager, and financial controller. Kathy went back to school in the mid 2000's, completing an MBA at Humboldt State. All of these experiences have perfectly positioned her to join the Express team as our incoming Operations Manager!

Outside of the office, Kathy and her husband Dave make sure to enjoy the beauty of Humboldt by hiking the majestic redwood trails and kayaking our local waterways. Kathy loves to give back to the community. She is a proud Rotarian and has volunteered with many local programs and organizations, including Humboldt Bay Rowing Association, Special Olympics, and Lemonade Day, to name a few.

Kathy is excited to carry forward the excellent service and care that Dan has provided to our clients, our community and our associates for so many years!