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WEDNESDAY WEEKLY · THANKSGIVING ISSUE

Thankful for you.

A whole issue filled with gratitude, from our community to yours.



Happy Thanksgiving from Onboard Outreach!

This is the season for counting blessings, and so many of ours are you. Throughout the year, families and the people we support have shared kind words with us. This week, we're sharing some of them back, along with what our own team is thankful for.

Thank you for trusting us, partnering with us, and showing up for each other. Whatever your table looks like this year, we hope it's full of the people and moments that matter most to you.

YOUR KIND WORDS

What you've shared with us this year.

> "Thank you for all that you do! We are so appreciative of what you have done for our family!"

> "We love our driver and how he always takes care of us!"

> "Thank you for helping me get my first place of my own! I am being more independent because of you!"

> "Thank you for helping me get my job!"

> "You all are so cool to talk to! You listen to me!"

> "We love our new home!"

> "I have someone supporting me now."

> "Thank you for helping me find a new program that's more fun! I am having more fun now."

From families and the people we support. Every one of these reminds us why we do this work.

A REAL MOMENT

A first day at the lanes.

Josephine had her first day at the bowling lanes, and we wouldn't have missed it. Our Executive Director Ashley, along with Alicia and Ashley Wildman, arrived early to check out the bowling alley, confirm her schedule and pickup times, and make sure every upcoming bowling date was set.

When she saw us walk in, her face lit up. Then she picked up a ball and got to work, and she had a blast. Between turns, she told us all about visiting her family for Thanksgiving and how she's getting ready for the trip.

Moments like this are why we do what we do: showing up, handling the details, and cheering the loudest when someone tries something new.

FROM OUR TEAM

What we're thankful for.

"I'm thankful for being able to fulfill a purpose each and every day. Doing this work alongside our families and team is a gift."

Ashley Jones, Executive Director

"I'm thankful for the opportunities to grow and the wonderful people around me. I'm grateful for everyone who has supported and encouraged me along the way. And I'm reminding myself to give myself grace because I'm still learning, growing, and doing my best every day."

Ashley Wildman, Billing and Communications Coordinator

"I am thankful for such a great work environment! I love that I am able to grow here and be a part of a team."

Ajae Jones, Medical Billing Clerk and Administrative Assistant

"I am thankful for family and the people who encourage me, support me, and build me up rather than bring me down. Life is too precious to not surround yourself with people who bring positivity and peace into your life. I'm grateful for the ones who stand by me no matter what and remind me what truly matters!"

Alicia Bannon, Client Case Coordinator and Compliance Coordinator

"I am so thankful for the opportunity OnBoard Outreach has given me. They have helped shape me, allowed me to grow, and reminded me that I am capable of so much more than I ever imagined. They helped me realize my worth and see a future for myself that I once couldn't picture. I truly can't thank you enough for that.

I am thankful for my family and my children, who continue to inspire me and make me who I am today. And above all, I am thankful for God, because without Him, none of this would have been possible.

My heart is full of gratitude for the people, opportunities, and blessings that have brought me to where I am today."

Alyssa McCauley, Client Case Coordinator

"Gratitude over Attitude. It's my everyday slogan and the one I live by."

Anthony Jones, Board Treasurer

ONE MORE THANK YOU

"I am thankful for my salvation, my family, and having a roof over my head. I am also thankful for the opportunity to be a part of Onboard Outreach. This summer, I had so much fun helping create social media videos, organizing things around the office, and spending time with the team. I enjoy coming to the office whenever I have a day off from school because I love helping out and learning new things. I'm thankful for the people who make me feel included and give me a chance to be helpful, even at my age.

Happy Thanksgiving!"

Amaris, our youngest helper

TO OUR PARTNERS

Thank you, Support Coordinators.

You know the people you support so well, and you trust us to deliver the services on their plans. We don't take that lightly. Thank you for the calls, the referrals, and the teamwork that keeps services moving all year long.

HOLIDAY WEEKEND REMINDERS

Before the big day.

- **Office hours.** We're closed Thursday, November 26, so everyone can enjoy family and good eats. We're open Black Friday, November 27, with normal business hours.
- **Holiday rides.** Confirm pickup times and the plan for getting home before Thursday.
- **Self-directing?** Check your staff's holiday hours and timesheet deadlines with your fiscal intermediary.
- **Rest counts too.** It's okay to slow down, step away, and enjoy the quiet moments.

COMING UP

NOV 26 — **Thanksgiving.** Our office is closed.

NOV 27 — **Black Friday.** Open with normal business hours.

DEC 1 — **December issue.** Our next newsletter lands in your inbox.

JAN 20 — **Resource Zoom, 6:00 p.m.** Our free virtual Resource Zoom is moving to the new year: Wednesday, January 20, 2027. Meet local providers and community resources and ask your questions. Register here.

5K SOON — **Onboard Outreach 5K.** Join the interest list at onboardoutreach.org.

KINDNESS CHALLENGE

Pass it on.

This week, tell one person what they mean to you. A call, a text, a note, or a hug all count.

"Gratitude grows when we share it."

From all of us at Onboard Outreach: Happy Thanksgiving.

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