



Seemingly Small Tasks and Old Technology Lead to Big Impact for Morningside Clients and Others

Seemingly small tasks can have a big impact on the work environment. Just ask Morningside clients Jeremy Malleck and John Nyiri. Both have been working to erase data from old cell phones for use by new employees or clients of another local non-profit. This is important work that helps free up other staff to do other tasks and ultimately helps other people.

Safe Place, a local non-profit that assists women victimized by domestic violence, was the recent recipient of much needed cell phones from Morningside. The phones are a life-line for women who will rely on them should they find themselves in an emergency situation. Jeremy Malleck, a LINCS High School Transition Program student, recently worked with Don Hayden, Morningside's Vice President of Technology Services/Chief Information Officer. Don trained Jeremy to erase the data from the used phones, along with properly inventorying and repacking them for donation. Don said, "Jeremy did a good job sticking with the project including contacting Safe Place and delivering the cell phones." Mary Pontarolo, Safe Place Executive Director, was ecstatic upon receiving the phones. "We are extremely pleased to partner with Morningside and receive these cell phones, which will be put to good use." Teresa Anderson, LINCS Transition teacher, felt this was a great opportunity for Jeremy to learn a viable skill, while giving back to the community: "Jeremy enjoys working with electronic gadgets and this was an excellent experience for him to participate in." Jeremy also felt it was beneficial for him as well: "I never did anything like that before and it really made me happy because it was going to help people." This shy, cordial young man wants to continue working on the cell phone project by volunteering this summer: "It's good for me and good for others."



Jeremy Malleck



John Nyiri & Job Coach Jane Mohr

John Nyiri is a 29 year old client supported by Morningside. He is also an employee that completes many important tasks in the Morningside Corporate Headquarters. An unmet need was identified and John was the perfect match for that job at Morningside.

John started working for Morningside in November 2010. Prior to joining Morningside John was a Sanitizing Specialist at Worksource. The Worksource offers those seeking employment use of their computers and each station had approximately 40 to 50 different users every day. John completed many steps to ensure each computer station was thoroughly disinfected which protected everyone from the spread of various illnesses. John brought this experience to Morningside and thoroughly cleans the many computer stations and pods around the Morningside offices. He takes pride in following a set of steps, including cleaning off all laptops, monitors, phones, calculators, and various tools at each desk. John had the great idea of putting his signature stamp at each station he completed.

John and his coach, Jane Mohr, created the multi-colored cards that state "Sanitized by John!" His work is much appreciated by all the staff and contributes to a healthier environment. Again, a seemingly small task that makes a BIG difference in the lives of his co-workers. Great job John and thank you!

John's enthusiasm to learn even more tasks, opened the door for his managers, Susan and Don, to develop new work skills and opportunities. John now has experience in assembling mailing packets and the multi-step process of wiping information from used Blackberry cell phones, which will be recycled for further use by new employees or donated to another organization. Now Jeremy and John are a tremendous help to the Information Technology Department with its staff of one!

John looks forward to coming to work each week, and always has an enthusiasm to try out and learn new tasks. John's favorite quote is to "Always work your hardest-with a smile on your face!" John definitely lives by these words!

Congratulations Outstanding Employer



From L-R: Anna Finnell, William Schelper, Laurie Berryman, and Cindi Kirchmeier

Outstanding Employer – McDonald's Berryman, Incorporated

Client: William Schelper

Owner: Laurie Berryman

Supervisor: Shauna Thomas

Job Coach: Anna Finnell

Bill has worked for Berryman, Inc. (McDonald's) for seven years. He does a variety of tasks at the office, including light janitorial duties, cleaning the kitchen, and special office assignments. This job has enabled Bill to get out of his home and interact with other people while still doing important work. Bill was given the opportunity to work and he is doing his job very well!

Both Laurie and Shauna are supportive of Bill while he's at work. They make sure he understands what needs to be done before moving on to the next task. This helps him achieve success and do the quality work that his employer expects.

Bill is very much a part of the family atmosphere that exists at the office. He fits right in with his love of the two office cats and his sense of humor. Bill also enjoys the beautiful flowers growing in the office's yard and loves it when Laurie lets him cut a bouquet when he's done an especially good job.

Congratulations to Berryman, Inc. for their outstanding support of Bill over the past seven years and for their support of previous Morningside clients. Their dedication to hiring and including people with disabilities in their work environment has enriched many lives and they are most deserving of receiving a Morningside Outstanding Employer Award.



Fourth Annual Morningside Ride: September 18th

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It's Morningside Ride time again! Drivers, find a navigator and sign up today! Tune up the car, grab a map and start planning your team attire (*casual is recommended but racing suits may receive extra credit!*). Check out our NEW Ride website at www.MorningsideRide.com where you can watch our new Ride video, register on-line, connect with the Ride's Facebook page, and see more information about the 2011 Ride.

Sign-up early to be connected to all the latest event info and pre-event clues!

New Van for Port Angeles Clients

A very big thank you goes out to Jim and Evelyn Chumbley for their recent donation of their conversion van to our clients in our Group Supported Employment program in Port Angeles. This van has replaced an older van that was showing much wear and tear and will be used to transport clients and their equipment to their job sites.

This van has been in service supporting clients for a couple months now. Not only is it a tremendous upgrade in reliability compared to our old van, but it has significantly impacted the clients' morale as well. Lorenzo Portelli, one of our Employment Trainers in Port Angeles, states that "our clients are ecstatic about it. They are all very proud in their own way and also very grateful. This is a very good thing for their morale, integrity, and dignity. It makes them feel appreciated and acknowledged and I feel that I have all of their approval to extend these thoughts to you. Thank you to the donors!"

Jim and Evelyn have been long time supporters of Morningside both financially and by hiring clients for their business – The Warm Company. We appreciate their support of our mission and all they've done to benefit Morningside clients over the years. **Thank you, Jim and Evelyn!**



From L-R: Tammy Price, Victor Perkon, Fred Cnockaert, and John Wacker