

# Newsletter

HOLLY'S HOUSE  
OF HOPE, INC.



September 28, 2024



## Here's what's happening at Holly's House of Hope!

Welcome to our charity newsletter! We are thrilled to share with you the latest developments in our mission to make a positive impact in our community.

Firstly, we would like to express our gratitude to everyone that has continued to support us. Your generosity and dedication have allowed us to keep our programs running smoothly and effectively.

In terms of our recent activities, we have successfully launched a new curriculum to provide training approved by the Workforce Investment Act so the classroom component continues to be effective and individualized. This program aims to improve pre-employment and life skill acquisition through quality education.

We are growing! We have new clients and are building new relationships with apprenticeship sites. We have a new curriculum and are offering more opportunities to individuals that are uniquely abled.

Finally, we want to remind everyone that HHH relies on the kindness and support of our community. If you are able to donate your time or resources, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Together, we can make a real difference. Thank you for your continued support!

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## Transportation News

HHH has offered transportation to students attending Lewis & Clark in Edwardsville for a couple of years now. We have applied for grants to cover the expenses. We received a grant to purchase a new to us van that is now being used. We received partial funding to pay for the expenses of using that van.

We are thrilled to begin offering transportation to and from home for clients that live outside of city boundaries beginning this Monday, September 30, 2024.

Please reach out to us if you are interested in donating so families can take advantage of what HHH has to offer.

## Fundraisers

**Bowling Fundraiser**  
 We Hope You Can SPARE Some Time for a Great Cause!

**\$150**  
 6 bowlers per lane

**Saturday, October 12**  
 Check-in at 5pm Bowling starts at 6pm

**Lane Price Includes:** 2 Games of 9 Pin No Tap & 1 Game of Crazy Bowl  
 Plus enter for a chance to win 50/50, Heads & Tails, and gift baskets in the Silent Auction!

**Hi-Top Bowl**  
 212 Walnut St, Highland, IL 62249  
 Outside food is allowed but drinks must be purchased at the event.



## Fill-A-Bag

Come shop at HHH Mondays, Wednesday, and Fridays from 10:30am to 1:30pm AND the 1st Saturday of each month! Most items are \$.50.

Effective January 1, 2025, most items will be \$1.00.

## Volunteer Spotlight

This quarter's volunteer is Denise Getz.



It's wonderful to recognize Denise for her volunteer work this quarter. Her selflessness and dedication to helping others are truly inspiring.

Let's take a moment to appreciate her efforts and encourage others to follow in her footsteps.

## Staff Spotlight

This quarter's staff spotlight is Ashlyn Hurley.



Ashlyn is the Manager of HHH. She is known for her passion and commitment to helping others.

Ashlyn has been with us for several years and has played a crucial role in the organization.

Soon she will be a Mom of 4! We are so excited for the new addition.

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# Apprenticeship Program Highlights



Holly's House of Hope (HHH) has developed an one-of-a-kind program to help

uniquely abled young adults secure employment opportunities. We begin by conducting an intake interview, during which we identify our new client's strengths and interests. Then we work with our area businesses and professional partners to identify job opportunities that align as closely as possible with the client's skills and aspirations.



Holly's House of Hope is building skills and providing opportunities to guide young adults who are uniquely abled toward more purpose filled lives through service to our communities. We focus on enhancing employment, social, and service opportunities for people who are uniquely abled. Holly's House of Hope provides job training services for individuals to grow, learn and discover their purpose in life; a purpose within the community that will bring themselves and those around them much hope.



- Six uniquely abled individuals have been placed in apprenticeships. To date, two individuals have completed their apprenticeship and hired as a permanent employee!

## Amazon Wish List

Wanting to donate, but not sure how? Check out our Amazon Wish List.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/EeiPnQa9y4Raue4m/>





## Stories of impact: this quarter's story is about how Holland secured the job of her dreams.

"Welcome to Holland"

Let us tell you a little more about Holland and HHH. The "Holly" of Holly's House of Hope is Holland Wrobbel, a young woman with Down syndrome. Holland is named after, "Welcome to Holland", written by Emily Perl Kingsley. Holly's parents found this story comforting when Holly received a prenatal diagnosis of Down Syndrome. The story acknowledges the shock and uncertainty people experience when receiving such a diagnosis, but doesn't dwell on this. Rather, the author encourages us to see all the unique things about Holland.

Holly attended school in Highland, Illinois, and her dream job was to work with clothes. Finding a place willing to work with her was difficult, but when the folks at the Mosaic Free Store took a chance and said yes, things went so well that it was literally transformative to all. Eventually, a new non-profit was born to create similar opportunities for more exceptional people like Holly. Now, Holly's House of Hope is partnering with the several communities and businesses to create other vocational opportunities because **all** members of our community have abilities and can make meaningful contributions.

Together, we are stronger!

*Thank you for reading!*

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