

# THIS JUST *INDIRECT*

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## FIELDPRINT

The agency is excited to announce we are partnering with Fieldprint to do certain background checks right from our office!

Our CAFÉ building, located at 159 Montezuma Street in Lyons, will host a kiosk where we will be performing 19 verifications, photos for ID badges, and fingerprint checks. How cool is that!?

Shoutout to Rob Weaver, director of the Finger Lakes Living Healthy program for suggesting this and spearheading the partnership.

## JANELLE'S JOTS AND THOUGHTS

We recently had the opportunity to have our annual management retreat to work on the strategic plan for the agency. It was a motivating experience, and we are excited about the plan we've put together for 2023. As a group we came away with so many new ideas and a renewed sense of excitement. As a result, we will be developing several work groups that will begin to meet in the next few weeks, and we would like YOU to join. I'd love to hear your thoughts and ideas as we continue to propel the agency into the future. -Janelle



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*"In February there is everything to hope for and nothing to regret."*

- Patience Strong

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## MANAGEMENT RETREAT

At the end of January, the directors, Senior and Executive management were able to get away and talk about issues they've seen or heard from you! We've come up with some work-groups and ways "front-line" staff can get involved with making policies and procedures, benefits, and more. You'll be reading about those opportunities in the near future. Jump in! Help shape the agency's future!





## WAYS TO PARTICIPATE

Ever wanted to be more involved in the agency's decision-making process? Well, have we got news for YOU: there are two more exciting ways to get your voice heard!

Fundraising Committee: These are the movers and shakers of our "funding" world. With hopes to bring back an annual Gala, we'd like to get our fundraising committee back together and do some brainstorming. This is your chance to work side-by-side with all levels and programs of the agency. Please email your administrator if you'd like to be a part of this influential group!

Health & Safety Committee: We're going to start having regular meetings for our safety committee! We'd really like as many employees as possible to be involved in this, as it's important to be a safe and healthy as possible! Someone working regularly in an office may not be aware of some concerns someone in a classroom or working on a client's house may be! Please say you'll come and have a chance to shape agency procedures!

## REVIEWS

The **OASAS** Program received a performance report from HUD recently and ACED it! Here is a statement from Pam Precourt, program director: "We are happy to announce that the program received a Green Color Designation, meaning the program is meeting ALL the primary benchmarks for completion. The team received a rating factor of 92.

I am extremely grateful for this team. They deserve the KUDOS!"

"A "team" is not just people who work at the same place. A real team is a group of very different individuals who enjoy working together to help their organization achieve its goals and purpose."

**Head Start** also went through a huge review/audit and passed with flying colors. Administrator, Stacey DeGross, had this to say: "A Big Shout out to all Head Start/Early Head Start employees for a phenomenal job on the results of the Focus Area Two review. It has been a tremendously hard year with the staffing crisis and FLCA Head Start once AGAIN prevailed in accomplishing the most amazing work that we are known for - even during the most difficult times. Thank you all for the amazing, dedicated, and devoted work that each of you do each day for the families and children of Wayne County. I appreciate each and every one of you!"

## TAX SEASON IS HERE!

February 1st begins the start of Tax Season for our TCE- Tax Counseling for the Elderly Program. Our program has been serving senior citizens in Wayne County for many years. We have a team of IRS trained volunteers serving at sites around Wayne County for the public's convenience. This service is free to all, but we do accept donations.

Check out the attached flyer for site locations and times. It also includes the tax information phone number and required documentation needed to complete a return. For those who call into the agency phone lines for information, please direct them to the information phone: [315-573-0778](tel:315-573-0778).

We are fortunate to have Deb Cimineri as a greeter at 159 Montezuma Street this year. This will make the flow of service to the community much easier. She will be here Monday through Thursday 9am to 2pm during our drop off times. We are looking forward to another successful Tax season.

## NEW FACES:

### JANUARY:



Anne Marie Reeves – Head Start



Kaylynn McCarthy – Head Start



Heather Radhs – Head Start



Nicholas Darling – Transitional House



Matthew Fabie – Transitional House

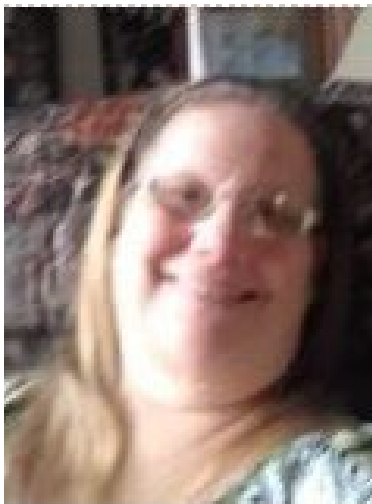


Samuel Graham – Weatherization



Colin DeGraff – Community Schools

## SPOTLIGHT EMPLOYEE:



### VALGEEN VERPLANK

Transitional Specialist  
Success Center

#### ABOUT VALGEEN:

I've been with the agency for one year. I love being outdoors, reading, gardening, hunting with hubby, doing crafts and spending time with my family especially the grandchildren. People would be surprised to find out that I'm not an outgoing or assertive person I prefer to be in the background with just a few people around me. I don't like the attention being on me it makes me very self-conscious of myself. If I could have a superpower, I would want the ability to end world hunger no one should be hungry and not have something to

eat. I like old rock and roll and country. As far as songs that make me happy its "TNT," and "Life is a Highway". But if I'm dancing with my hubby its either "Could I Have This Dance," or "It's Your Love. I enjoy good mysteries and adult romance books when I have time to read and going on an Alaskan Cruise is on my bucket list!

## SPOTLIGHT PROGRAM:

### Success Center

Success Center **Emergency Services** provides supports for clients in Wayne County through Advocacy; Emergency Food Pantry; Clothing Closet; SSI/SSDI assistance and case management services.

Success Center **Second Chances** program provides support for homeless adults (age 18+). For the duration of their stay, residents are provided with individualized clinical and case management services to support their goals of becoming self-sufficient.