

The Many Hands of our Mission

The Many Hands of our Mission provides information on Diakon staff members celebrating anniversaries in July through December. A list of all staff members celebrating work milestones is shown at the end of this online publication.

Everyone celebrating an anniversary is asked to provide additional information by answering a brief survey, along with submitting a photograph.

Those who responded are listed below. Please congratulate everyone celebrating work anniversaries. Thank you for your continuing service and commitment to our ministries and to those we serve!



Lisa is pictured on left.

LISA STUM

SWAN

SWAN Contracts Administrator

Years celebrated: 25

WHAT IS A FAVORITE WORK MEMORY SINCE BEING EMPLOYED AT DIAKON?...

Time with friends and colleagues moving to new location. Amazing teamwork and collaboration.

TELL US ABOUT WHAT YOU LIKE TO DO WHEN YOU'RE NOT AT WORK... Sharing time with my friends and family.

WHAT IS SOMETHING THAT MOTIVATES YOU TO FULFILL THE MISSION AT DIAKON?... Working on behalf of

Pennsylvania's waiting children and families.

HOW DO YOU DEFINE SUCCESS?... TEAMWORK

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT WORKING AT DIAKON?... Our successful team.



SUZIE SCHMALE

Topton-Luther Meadows and

Heilman House-HUD

Service Coordinator

Years celebrated: 20

WHAT IS A FAVORITE WORK MEMORY SINCE BEING EMPLOYED AT DIAKON?...

When we did Christmas in our home. It was the staff

that formed groups and each group put on a skit/act for the residents.

TELL US ABOUT WHAT YOU LIKE TO DO WHEN YOU'RE NOT AT WORK...

When I'm not at work you can catch me sipping on wine, baking, cooking, thrifting, my new hobby is trying to keep my indoor plants alive.

WHAT IS SOMETHING THAT MOTIVATES YOU TO FULFILL THE MISSION AT DIAKON?... I feel motivated when I know that my work genuinely helps my residents.

HOW DO YOU DEFINE SUCCESS?... Completing the goals I set for the day.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT WORKING AT DIAKON?...

My favorite thing about working at Diakon is helping others/ creating impact. Knowing I did the best at solving some interesting problems. And of course, my TEAM.

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KELLY TRUSCOTT

Tremont Senior Center
Tremont Senior Center Manager
Years celebrated: 5

WHAT IS A FAVORITE WORK MEMORY SINCE BEING EMPLOYED AT DIAKON?...

Celebrating with seniors for our annual Christmas party.

TELL US ABOUT WHAT YOU LIKE TO DO WHEN YOU'RE NOT AT WORK...Crochet

WHAT IS SOMETHING THAT MOTIVATES YOU TO FULFILL THE MISSION AT DIAKON?...

The difference I make in serving our senior population. I know that the meals we deliver may be the only contact they have with people.

HOW DO YOU DEFINE SUCCESS?...

I define success as a smile on the face of my congregates and also when I receive a thank you.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT WORKING AT DIAKON?...

I enjoy working with my seniors and my coworkers. We all are making a difference.



LYNNE MARKOWSKI

Lutherwood - HUD
Property Manager
Years celebrated: 10

WHAT IS A FAVORITE WORK MEMORY SINCE BEING EMPLOYED AT DIAKON?...

My favorite memory is when I

achieved two back-to-back above average scores in my Management Review.

TELL US ABOUT WHAT YOU LIKE TO DO WHEN YOU'RE NOT AT WORK...When I am

not working, I love to go on spur of the moment trips. One of my favorite places to go is Lancaster where there is a lot of great shopping.

WHAT IS SOMETHING THAT MOTIVATES YOU TO FULFILL THE MISSION AT DIAKON?...

I love moving in low-income people to our beautiful building and seeing how they thrive in affordable housing.

HOW DO YOU DEFINE SUCCESS?...

Achieving all my goals at work including 100% occupancy, high physical inspection scores and high scores in my management review.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT WORKING AT DIAKON?...

The staff that I work with.

JULY 2025 SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

Name	YOS	Position
Lisa Stum	25	SWAN Contracts Administrator
Stephanie Reed	20	Assist. Dir., Permanency Services
Lynn Markowski	10	HUD Property Manager
Michelle Breindel	5	Recruitment Family Dev Spec III

AUGUST 2025 SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

Name	YOS	Position
Chanda Porter	25	Data Analyst II Fiscal SWAN
Patricia Menow	20	Exec. Dir., Foster Care and Permanency
Susan Schmale	20	HUD Service Coordinator
Gerard Sealey	20	Driver Lutherwood

SEPTEMBER 2025 SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

Name	YOS	Position
Laurel Spencer	15	Vice President Operations

OCTOBER 2025 SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

Name	YOS	Position
Kelly Truscott	5	Center Manager