

The Many Hands of our Mission

The Many Hands of our Mission provides information on Diakon staff members celebrating anniversaries in April, May and June. 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!



JOYCE RICHE

Diakon Adoption & Foster Care - Topton

Director of Permanency Services

Years celebrated: 20

FAVORITE ASPECT OF YOUR ROLE... AND WHY...

Working with our staff. We have such talented, dedicated staff who give everything they have to making the lives of our youth more stable and healthier. Our clients are lucky to have our staff, and I am in awe of their passion and commitment.

FUN FACT... I am just getting into jewelry-making.

ADVICE FOR NEW COWORKERS...

Learn from your "books," learn from your supervisor, learn from ongoing trainings, but most of all, learn from your colleagues. You are all so talented and are such rich resources for one another. Also, lean on your colleagues. This is tough work, and team support is the greatest.

FAVORITE QUOTE... Everybody is a genius, but if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it's stupid.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT WORKING AT DIAKON...

The ability to touch the lives of so many children in need.

FAVORITE SUMMER

VACATION... The Jersey Shore!



RYAN ORBAN

Diakon Adoption & Foster Care - SWAN

Business Analyst

Years celebrated: 5

FAVORITE ASPECT OF YOUR ROLE... AND WHY... I'm given the freedom to plan and create projects that will help others.

FUN FACT... I was a good tennis player in high school.

ADVICE FOR NEW

COWORKERS... Don't be afraid to ask questions.

FAVORITE QUOTE...Success is not the absence of failure, it's persistence through failure. — Aisha Tyler

FAVORITE THING ABOUT WORKING AT DIAKON...

My job is rewarding, and my co-workers are all friendly and accommodating.

FAVORITE SUMMER VACATION...Going to the beach with my kids.

JUSTIN CARROLL

Diakon Adoption & Foster Care - Family Finding & Family Engagement
Program Manager
Years celebrated: 20

FAVORITE ASPECT OF YOUR ROLE... AND WHY...

I've enjoyed helping youth and families reconnect with one another. Often times, youth and families feel isolated, but through our program we often help families to see that they have more support than expected.

FUN FACT...I enjoy learning Italian.

ADVICE FOR NEW COWORKERS...Be authentic and sincere with others.

Rely on your supervisor and take your work/life balance seriously.

FAVORITE QUOTE...Truth will set you free. But not until it is finished with you.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT WORKING AT DIAKON..

Diakon has a strong culture of commitment to our clients. It is motivating to see others continually striving to help others.

FAVORITE SUMMER VACATION...Visiting family in Portland and Bend, Oregon.



TANISHA NEGRON-BAILEY

Diakon Youth Services - York Prep
Prep Program Manager
Years celebrated: 15

FAVORITE ASPECT OF YOUR ROLE... AND WHY...

Building relationships with the youth we serve and developing and implementing programming.

FUN FACT...I love outdoor activities, love ziplining, rock climbing and fishing.

ADVICE FOR NEW COWORKERS...Don't be scared to ask questions.

FAVORITE QUOTE...Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter” - Martin Luther King Jr.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT WORKING AT DIAKON...

TWorking with our youth.

FAVORITE SUMMER VACATION...Any family vacation time spent with those I love rejuvenates me.

MARLENY HERNANDEZ

The Lutheran Home at Topton
LPN
Years celebrated: 16

FAVORITE ASPECT OF YOUR ROLE... AND WHY...

Supporting people who are at a vulnerable point in their lives with kindness, care and respect.

ADVICE FOR NEW COWORKERS... Work with love and passion for helping others.

FAVORITE QUOTE...God doesn't give you the people you want; He gives you the people you need.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT WORKING AT DIAKON...We're a big family here.

APRIL 2024 SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

Name	YOS	Program/Community Office	Department	Position
Joyce Riche	20	Permanency Services	Adoptions	Dir Perm. Svcs PS Adoptions Lehigh
Marleny Hernandez	15	The Lutheran Home at Topton	Skilled Nursing	LPN NCC LHT NCC Skilled Nursing PD
Tanisha Negron	15	YouthServices	York PREP	Program Mgr (DYS) YS York PREP
Lee Nedrow Wilson	5	Cumberland Crossings	Social Services	Dir Social Svcs 1 CC NCC Social Svcs
Natalie Hoffman	5	Cumberland Crossings	Nursing Administration	RNAC CC NCC Nursing Admin
Patricia Blose	5	Luther Crest	Activities	Activities Asst LC NCC Activities
Pamela Love	5	Luther Crest	Residential / IL Care	LPN PC/AL/IL LC PC Res IL/Care
Lori Leibensperger	5	The Lutheran Home at Topton	Skilled Nursing	Nurse Asst LHT NCC Skilled Nursing

MAY 2024 SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

Name	YOS	Program/Community Office	Department	Position
Debra Howerter	30	The Lutheran Home at Topton	Skilled Nursing	Nurse Asst LHT NCC Skilled Nursing
Stacy Drum	5	Buffalo Valley	Activities	Activities Dir BV NCC Activities PD
Margaret Brinton	5	Cumberland Crossings	Residential / IL Care	Medication Tech Prec CC PC Res IL Care
Jacqueline Spohn	5	The Lutheran Home at Topton	Nursing Administration	Unit Mgr (NCC) LHT NCC Nursing Admin
Ryan Orban	5	SWAN	SWAN	Business Analyst SW SWAN

JUNE 2024 SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

Name	YOS	Program/Community Office	Department	Position
Denise Hermany	20	The Lutheran Home at Topton	Skilled Nursing	LPN NCC LHT NCC Skilled Nursing
Justin Carroll	20	Permanency Services	Family Finding & Engagement	Program Mgr (FP) PS Fm Ps Yrk Fam Fd Eng
Stacy Unangst	5	Buffalo Valley	Skilled Nursing	Nurse Asst BV NCC Skilled Nursing
Alicia Swartzlander	5	Buffalo Valley	Skilled Nursing	Nursing Sup BV NCC Skilled Nursing
Kevin Kulesa	5	Lutherwood	HUD Operating	Maintenance Sup HUD Lutherwood
Chanel Thomas	5	Permanency Services	Intensive Permanency	Case Mgr 2 (FP) PS Fam Pres Dela Intens
Marjorie Dizon	5	Permanency Services	Foster Care	Case Mgr 2 (Perm) PS Foster Care Lehigh