

# IR2 News 4 You



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## Happy New Year! We are pleased to unveil our updated Mission, Vision, and Values.....

The Mission, Values, and Vision of I-Reach 2 Inc. are the glue that holds the organization together. We believe that by making decisions that align with our mission, vision, and values that we strengthen the integrity of our agency.

Our mission is **to provide high quality, innovative, individualized, therapeutic services to adults with developmental disabilities or brain injuries.**

Our vision is to be, **the premier provider of services that enhance quality of life, promote independence, and celebrate ability.**

At I-Reach our core values are about **PRIDE.**

- **Passion:** Leaders who do all that we do from the heart.
- **Respect:** Through our actions, we respect ourselves, our participants, and our company.
- **Integrity:** Being honest and truthful, following through on personal commitments matching actions to your word.
- **Dignity:** The unwavering commitment to uphold self-worth and respect.
- **Education:** Providing the highest quality instruction through dynamic curriculum and real life examples to develop competency and independence.

## Upcoming Events

- Felgoodies at Meals on Wheels Fundraiser 01/20/12
- Parent Advisory and Advocacy Group Meeting 1/31/12
- Case Manager Open House Lunch 2/10/12
- Jackalope Jump 2/18/12

## Supported Employment News

Andrea Kestie, Supported Employment Manager



As the Supported Employment Manager, I have the opportunity to work with several employers in the Casper Community. Each business that employs one of I-REACH's participants really makes a difference in our community. They are examples for all employers to create a diversified workforce. They make a difference in the lives of our participants by offering the opportunity for independence and growth. In 2012 I will be highlighting a business e that employs an I-REACH

participant.

Pizza Hut has been a steadfast employer of an I-REACH participant for NINE years. Michael works at the Poplar Street store. He folds the pizza boxes, portions chicken wings, and makes carryout bags with plates and napkins. The Pizza Hut employees are excellent natural supports for Michael, and they often rely on him to make enough boxes and ready bags in a pinch. Pizza Hut treats Michael with equality, dignity and respect, and they create

an environment where Michael flourishes. Pizza Hut Manager, Brad Wiles, also donated ten large pizzas to our Reverse Job Fair in September. Talk about a supportive employer! THANK YOU Pizza Hut for being a loyal employer and for setting the bar for employers in this community!

*"Nobody can go back and make a new beginning but, anyone can start today and make a new ending."*

*-Maria Robinson*

### PSD News by Jaime Bordeaux, Service Coordinator

In my last four years of service at I-REACH 2 Lifestyles I have witnessed the arrival and departure of four Executive Directors. As in any employment or educational setting, I am positive many of us would agree that stability is vital to progress. Without the guidance of a committed leader, an organization's mission can often be overlooked while employees manage through the daily operational tasks. With the conclusion of 2011, I am excited for what lies ahead.

The I-REACH 2 Lifestyles Board of Directors took their time in searching and selecting Executive Director, Tina Conley, to lead our organization into its thirteenth year of existence. I am thankful they found someone so willing to commit themselves to the individuals I proudly call my friends and their families. I look forward to the changes and opportunities 2012 will bring as we start fresh with a leader who does all that she does from the heart.

We have already made changes to our classroom curriculum, training calendar and performance appraisals. In addition, we are performing a series of audits which should open up more funding opportunities.

We are very excited for our state survey in February and CARF Accreditation in June. I look forward to the positive steps we are taking in the name of change.

## Felgoodies

Donna Madsen, Site Manager Gerri Luers, Site Staff

The Felgoodies crew is busy as usual. We have also been a little busier than normal during the last quarter providing delivery services to business such as True Oil, catering a Strategic Planning Workshop and supplying the refreshments for the Stage III benefit production.

Felgoodies currently has

eight Individuals working from 4-10 hours per week learning all facets of the food service industry.

We are profoundly grateful for our ongoing partnership with the GSA who grants us the space in the Dick Cheney Federal Building to operate this program.

You can view our monthly menu on the I-Reach 2

Inc. Facebook page as well as on our web site. As an added convenience we also offer delivery service and are available to cater your next luncheon or event.

If you plan to attend the upcoming Meals on Wheels Bubbles, Baubles, and Beans fundraiser on January 20<sup>th</sup>, stop by our booth for a sample of some delicious green chili or white bean chicken chili!

## Parent/Guardian Advisory and Advocacy Group.

During our recent strategic planning workshop, the administrative team and board of directors discussed the formation of a parent advisory and advocacy group. We firmly believe that you are the expert on your participant and we want to hear from you on an ongoing, face-face basis. We hope to discuss matters that are important to you and your son/daughter/program participant. In addition, we want to do a better job of engaging our stakeholders in order to improve the quality of services and outcomes.

Please join us in for our first meeting on Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:15. The meeting will be held at I-Reach and light refreshments will be served.

Please call or email Tina to confirm your attendance or to receive further information.

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## Felgoodies Free Lunch

### ATTENTION CASE MANAGERS

We cordially invite you to join us for an open house and informational luncheon at Felgoodies.

February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 11:30-1:30

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## Case Manager Open House and Informational Luncheon

**Do you know where you can get an amazing lunch in the downtown area? We do...**

Felgoodies, which is located in the Dick Cheney Federal building, serves a variety of menu items from simple breakfasts, lunches, snacks, and delicious baked goods. Felgoodies is a division of I-Reach2 and serves as our career training site for 8 participants who currently work from 4-10 per week learning all the components of the Food Service industry.

We would like to cordially invite all case managers in Natrona and Converse counties to enjoy a free lunch, network with program staff and learn of the variety of individualized services we can provide for individuals with developmental disabilities and brain injury.

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