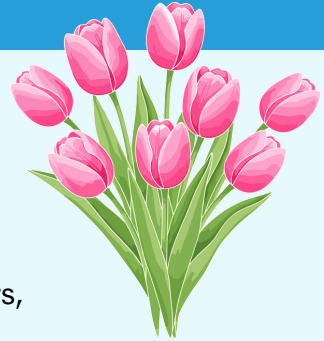


MOVE PEOPLE TOWARD JOBS!

PROGRESSIVE CONNECTIONS

THE PWAC NEWSLETTER



From Our CEO

Dear PWAC Friends and Supporters,



The year is picking up as the weather warms, which means there is more and more happening at PWAC across our programs all the time! Our Progressive Lawn and Landscaping Crews are back to working at full throttle, Progressive Production Services has been completing some large projects, and Progressive Commercial Cleaning and Progressive Document Destruction are offering some of the best cleaning and decluttering services to help our customers start fresh for the new season. And don't forget Progressive

Wood Works; they're in full production making garden beds and planter boxes, so get yours ordered soon for spring planting! Thank you to everyone who utilizes our businesses; not only do we hope you're receiving a quality service, but every time you hire a PWAC crew or purchase a wood product, you're contributing to our mission of guiding people with disabilities toward their goals for community employment and inclusion!

Spring also brings with it an important community event: the **Armstrong County Community Foundation's annual Week of Giving!** This year, the Week of Giving will run NEXT WEEK from **May 11-15**. During this time, if you make a donation to PWAC in the amount of \$25 or more, your donation will be used to calculate the amount of bonus funding we receive from the Community Foundation's Bonus Fund! This is a great time to show your support for PWAC and make your donation truly count. Although, you can always be assured that any time you donate to us, your contributions will always be carefully stewarded to best meet the needs of our programs for the ultimate benefit of the people we serve. Our donors truly make a difference for us every year, so we thank you for the part you play in that!

Our fifth annual **"Grip It & Rip It" Golf Scramble** is also coming up on June 27, and we are seeking sponsors and donations for that event! This is always an incredible fundraiser benefiting our Client/Employee Activity Fund. We look forward to it every year! Learn more in the following pages of this newsletter, or on our website at www.progressiveworkshop.org!

As always, THANK YOU for everything YOU do to support PWAC. We couldn't do what we do without our supporters who make our mission possible. Happy Spring!

Sincerely,

Chief Executive Officer
PWAC

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The Week of Giving is here!

**CONSIDER DONATING
TO PWAC DURING THE
ANNUAL ARMSTRONG
COUNTY COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION'S
WEEK OF GIVING FROM
MAY 11-15!**



All donations of \$25 or more will be used to calculate the amount of bonus funding PWAC will be eligible to receive from the Armstrong County Community Foundation's Bonus Fund!

Your donation matters!

All donated funding is used to benefit the quality experiences we provide to our clients and employees.

Donations are used to purchase equipment, uniforms, memberships for community outings, or to meet other needs across our programs.

READ THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM OUR CEO TO LEARN HOW YOU CAN DONATE!



301 Oak Avenue
Kittanning, PA 16201

Phone: 724-548-5664

Fax: 724-545-2088

www.progressiveworkshop.org

April 24, 2026

Dear PWAC Friends and Supporters,

The Progressive Workshop of Armstrong County is excited to announce that we are once again participating in the **Armstrong County Week of Giving**, an annual event sponsored by the Armstrong County Community Foundation!

During the week of **May 11 - May 15**, all donations (over \$25) donated to the Progressive Workshop of Armstrong County will be collected and used to calculate the amount of bonus funding that PWAC will receive from the Community Foundation's Bonus Fund!

Donations designated for the Week of Giving are used to directly benefit the clients and employees with disabilities who receive job training and instruction across all PWAC's programs. **Now through May 15th, donations made payable to the Progressive Workshop of Armstrong County can be received in the following ways:**

1. Write a check payable to the Progressive Workshop of Armstrong County, then:

a. Mail it to PWAC, 301 Oak Avenue, Kittanning, PA 16201

OR

b. Mail it to Week of Giving, P.O. Box 895, Kittanning, PA 16201

Please note on your check that it is for the "Week of Giving." Checks must be received by 4:00 p.m. on May 15.

2. Make an online donation in one of two ways:

a. Visit www.progressiveworkshop.org/give

OR

b. Use the Community Foundation's online option on their website at www.servingtheheart.org

***Online giving: Donations must be made between May 11th and May 15th at midnight.**

Please share this letter with others who you think may be interested in supporting our organization. If you have questions, please call our office at 724-548-5664, or email us at info@progressiveworkshop.org. Thank you for your support!

Kind Regards,

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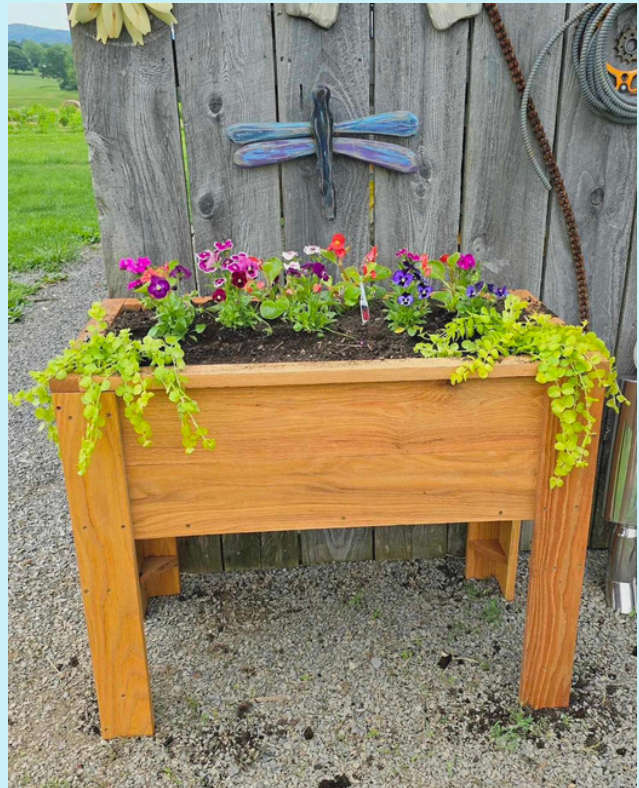
L. Michelle Reefer
Chief Executive Officer



IT'S PLANTING SEASON!

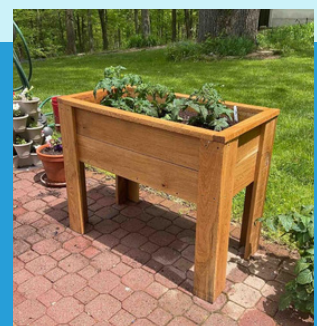


Now Available for Pre-Order: Planter Boxes & Garden Beds!



Our handcrafted Garden Beds and Planter Boxes from Progressive Wood Works are just what you need for spring planting! All boxes are made from untreated oak wood and sealed.

Visit Progressive Wood Works at pwacprogressivewoodworks.com for details! Order online or call 724-548-5664 to get yours!



SPONSOR US!

PWAC'S 5TH ANNUAL "GRIP IT & RIP IT" GOLF SCRAMBLE FUNDRAISER IS ON JUNE 27!

We only have TWO golf team spots available - hurry up and register yours!

We're also seeking sponsorships - will you join us?

Visit our website to register online.

MORE INFO IN THE FOLLOWING PAGES





Join us for our fifth annual
**"GRIP IT AND RIP IT"
GOLF SCRAMBLE!**

Dear PWAC Friends and Supporters,

On behalf of the Progressive Workshop of Armstrong County, Inc., I would like to invite you to support or participate in the fifth annual PWAC **"Grip It and Rip It" Golf Scramble** to be held on Saturday, **June 27, 2026**, at The Links at Spring Church Golf Course in Apollo, PA! This event will benefit PWAC's Client/Employee Activity Fund, so all proceeds raised will go toward program activities, equipment upgrades, and special events across all PWAC's programs.

The Progressive Workshop of Armstrong County is a non-profit organization based in Kittanning, Pennsylvania that provides vocational rehabilitation and community participation services to adults with intellectual, developmental, and/or emotional disabilities. Founded in 1968, PWAC has reliably provided valuable, high-quality, and customizable services to its clients and employees for decades while establishing trusted relationships with families and local businesses in the communities of Armstrong, Indiana, and Butler counties. Needless to say, we've grown and changed significantly since 1968, and today, we operate five program locations, employ 70 staff members, and serve 135+ individuals with disabilities. We've partnered with many local businesses who've provided work and training opportunities to our individuals. We've also connected with a variety of donors, foundations, and community members who care about our mission and the people we serve. By supporting our golf outing this year, you'll be joining our list of generous supporters who've chosen to share in our mission of guiding people with disabilities toward community employment and inclusion!

If you or your business would like to support PWAC by sponsoring the Golf Scramble or donating a gift or a gift card valued at \$25 or more for our basket auction and giveaways, please complete the enclosed form to indicate your level of support and return it to **PWAC Golf Scramble, 301 Oak Avenue, Kittanning, PA 16201**. You may also register online at **www.progressiveworkshop.org/golf2026**.

We are looking forward to another successful event this June and hope you will join us! If you have any questions about PWAC or the details of the Golf Scramble, please contact us by phone at **724-548-5664** or by email at **golf@progressiveworkshop.org**. Thank you again for your support!

Kind Regards,

L. Michelle Reefer
PWAC Chief Executive Officer



"GRIP IT AND RIP IT" GOLF SCRAMBLE

Benefiting the PWAC Client/Employee Activity Fund

SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 2025

The Links at Spring Church
3257 Balsiger Rd, Apollo, PA 15613

**Deadline to register
is May 31, 2025**

**Prizes, Contests,
Raffles!**

We will accept cash and
credit cards at the event!

Registration begins at 8 a.m. - Shotgun start at 9 a.m.

Sponsorships— all levels include recognition on our website, digital media, and day-of Scramble signage

☐ **\$3,500 "Hole in One" Sponsor** – includes one foursome and
premier signage w/ company logo

☐ **\$250 Beverage Cart & Swag
Bag Sponsor**

☐ **\$1,500 "Eagle" Sponsor** – dedicated signage w/ company logo

☐ **\$100 Hole Sponsor**

☐ **\$1,000 "Birdie" Sponsor** – signage w/ company logo

☐ **\$500 "Par" Sponsor** – signage w/ company name

*All sponsors: please email a digital version of your
logo to **golf@progressiveworkshop.org** to be
included on our website and signage.

Registration

Company Name: _____

Individual Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Day Phone: _____

Team Captain's Email Address: _____

Payment and Donation Options

☐ **Check** – please make payable to PWAC and mail to **301 Oak Avenue, Kittanning, PA 16201**

☐ **Invoice via Square** – please provide email address above and submit form to
golf@progressiveworkshop.org

- If you would like to donate items or gift cards (minimum \$25 value) that will be auctioned off during our raffle or used as prizes, please contact us at 724-548-5664 or drop items off at 301 Oak Avenue, Kittanning
- For more information, please email us at **golf@progressiveworkshop.org**.
- Thank you for your interest and support!



OTHER PWAC HAPPENINGS



Visits to the library are always a must!

AAC Kittanning planted flowers outside their building!



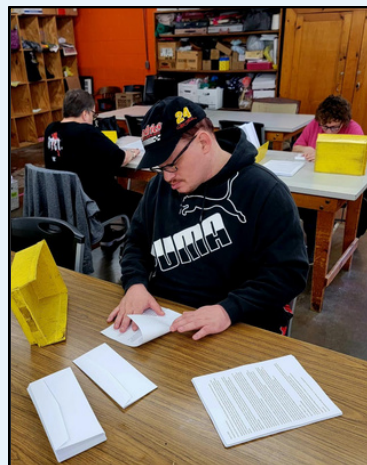
Our AAC Leechburg clients and staff volunteered for or supported several local food donation events this spring, and they also donated purses to **Lost Dreams Awakening**, a New Kensington organization that supports people in recovery from addiction.



We were honored to give tours of our facilities to several partners (both new and old) this spring, including **BelleFlex Technologies**!



Local park outings and bike riding have been favorite activities lately as the weather gets better!



Progressive Production Services has been hard at work completing jobs for our local partners. For one of their most recent jobs, they packaged and sealed 28,000 letters for Snyder Brothers, Inc.!

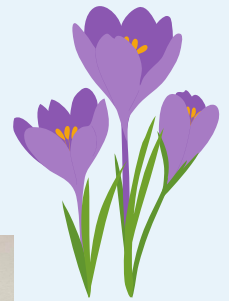
STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

MARCH, APRIL, MAY



Happy "Workiversary"!

Congratulations to our staff members who are celebrating a work anniversary this spring, as well as our new staff who just started this season! We appreciate all you do!



MARCH

Bob Reese	3-7-2011
Eli Ankney	3-12-2019
Sara Elkin	3-10-2025
Doug McLaughlin	3-20-2018
Kim Smith	3-23-2015
Shane Stouffer (not pictured)	3-23-2026
Candy Mangioni	3-19-1999



APRIL

Bob Cook	4-4-2022
Robert Lorigan	4-7-2026
Sharon Otto	4-13-2026
Kayla Lamison	4-13-2026
Maria Emili	4-17-2024
Sarah Blotzer (not pictured)	4-20-2026
Ralph Taylor	4-25-2022
Natalie Cotton	4-27-2026

MAY

Cheri Goldinger	5-9-2022
Kristen Snow	5-12-2025
Ian Schrekengost (not pictured)	5-13-2024
Tim Luketic (not pictured)	5-15-2015
Duke Zellefrow	5-17-2021
Chad Akins	5-20-2024



SPRING WORD SEARCH

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planting
giving
bikes

gardening
flowers
mower

donations
spring
grass

frog
lawn

THE PWAC TEAM

OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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OUR LOCATIONS

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Fax: 724-545-2088

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368 Butler Road
Kittanning, PA 16201
Phone: 724-548-5664

PWAC Shelocta
9561 Route 422 W
Shelocta, PA 15774
Phone: 724-548-5664

Leonard M. Meneely Industrial Center
1340 North Water Street
Kittanning, PA 16201
Phone: 724-548-5664
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128 Market Street
Leechburg, PA 15656
Phone: 724-548-5664



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**Thank you for supporting us as we
“Move People Toward Jobs”!**