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SUMMER 2026

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THE LEADER LETTER



Dear PWAC Friends and Supporters,

We hope you're enjoying the summer so far! It's flying by like crazy, but it's been a good season at PWAC.

We kicked off the season in May with another successful Week of Giving through the Armstrong County Community Foundation, which raised a total of **$28,603.64** in donations for our programs for people with disabilities! We cannot thank our donors enough for your kind contributions. Every year, we are amazed by the generosity of our community of supporters and are encouraged to continue bettering the work we do for the benefit of those we serve.

As usual, the biggest highlight of our summer was our annual "Grip It & Rip It" Golf Scramble, which we held on June 27 at The Links at Spring Church golf course in Apollo again this year. We had 112 golfers and 20+ volunteers, and altogether, the event raised a record **$24,502** to benefit our Client/Employee Activity Fund! We use this fund to address needs across all our programs for things like equipment, uniforms, and memberships or tickets for community outings. To see photos from the golf outing or to learn more about it, visit our website at progressiveworkshop.org/golf2026. Thank you to all who supported this event! We're already looking forward to next year's outing on **June 26, 2027**.

Unfortunately, our summer this year has not been without sorrow. On July 2, our dear friend and coworker, Chris Goldinger, suddenly and unexpectedly passed away. He was an incredible man who lived a great life, as evidenced by his funeral service which proved to be a beautiful celebration of life attended by much of his PWAC family. We are shocked and saddened by his loss, but grateful to have known such a great man, and our thoughts and prayers continue to go out to his wife, Cheri, and his family and friends during this difficult time.

The rest of this newsletter includes pictures and details about our annual pool party, other PWAC summer happenings, our Perfect Attendance Award recipients, and so much more. And, as summer continues and transitions to autumn, don't forget to reach out to us if you have needs for landscaping, lawncare, commercial cleaning, document destruction, or production services. Our crews are glad to serve you. As always, THANK YOU for the ways you support PWAC. Please enjoy the rest of this newsletter, and the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,

L. Michelle Reefer
Chief Executive Officer

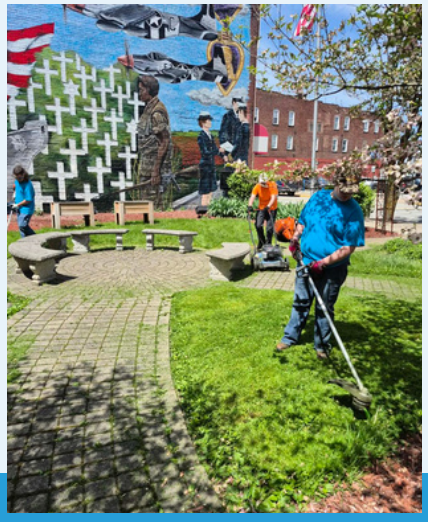
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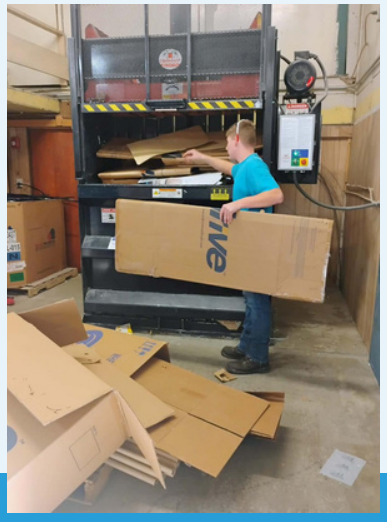
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SUMMER WORK!

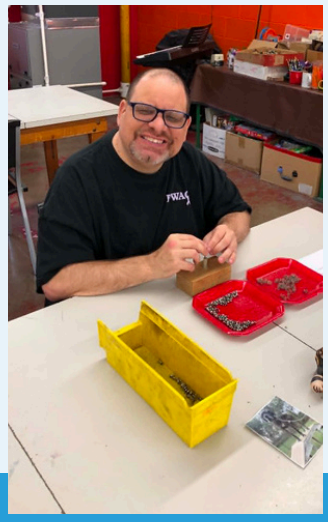


The work continues! Progressive Lawn and Landscaping has been hard at work all summer keeping our customers' lawns and landscapes clean and tidy. Progressive Wood Works continues building and selling garden boxes, Progressive Commercial Cleaning and Progressive Document Destruction are staying busy, and Progressive Production Services continues to work on new jobs for both new and old business partners. It's been a great season of progress and productivity for our folks as they build their skills and abilities!









PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARDS



It has officially been one year of the Perfect Attendance Awards! Starting in July 2025, we began awarding monthly "Perfect Attendance" certificates to our individuals in Small Group Employment who attended their programming every day they were scheduled each month. Everyone who achieved that perfect attendance received a $25 bonus in their next paycheck. These awards became our way of encouraging and incentivizing our folks to learn the value of consistency and reliability, and to display that in their daily work habits. We are so proud of everyone who accomplished Perfect Attendance at any point in the year, but we are especially proud of Robert, who was the only one to have perfect attendance for the entire year! Great work, everyone!







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Thank you!

Thanks to our generous supporters and community members, PWAC received a grand total of $28,203.64 in donations during the Week of Giving!

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.

We can't wait to use these donations to support those we serve in all the best ways.

Thank you for generously supporting us!

THE ARMSTRONG COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION HELD ITS ANNUAL WEEK OF GIVING FROM

MAY 11-15!



View the full list of donors on our website!

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PWAC'S 5TH ANNUAL "GRIP IT & RIP IT" GOLF SCRAMBLE WAS A SUCCESS!



Thank you to all our golfers, sponsors, donors, volunteers, and to The Links golf course for the part you played in making our 5th annual "Grip It & Rip It" Golf Scramble a great success!

It was a great day out on the golf course that raised **$24,502** for our Client/Employee Activity Fund! We are grateful to our amazing supporters for supporting our mission through this event. Thank you for donating your time, funding, and the 70+ prizes that were auctioned off during our basket raffle!

The funds raised will be used to address a variety of needs across all our programs for the benefit of our clients and employees.

We can't wait for next year's outing on June 26, 2027 at The Links at Spring Church golf course in Apollo!

See more photos from the outing on our website.









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ANNUAL PWAC POOL PARTY

We had our annual Pool Party for our clients, employees, staff, and family and friends on July 24 at the Belmont Complex in Kittanning! After having to postpone for two weeks due to bad weather, everyone finally got to enjoy a great evening swimming, going down the water slide, jumping off the diving board, and spending time together. We also want to especially thank Fox's Pizza in Kittanning for making all the pizzas for us to share, and a thank you to the Belmont Complex for hosting!



















SUMMER HAPPENINGS AT PWAC

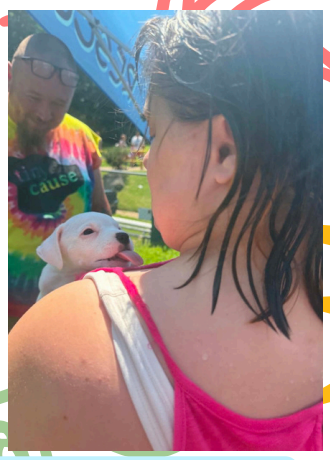






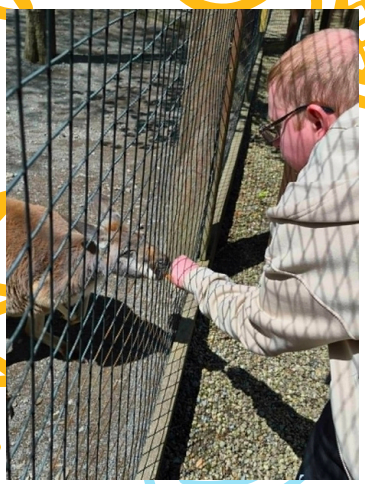
A group from Oak Avenue enjoyed visiting the residents at The Fountains at Indiana to sing to them! Our folks have also been enjoying community activities like blueberry picking and planting tomatoes and herbs.





Puppies and pool time make for the perfect summer outing!





AAC Kittanning visited Living Treasures Animal Park in June and loved meeting and feeding the animals!





AAC Leechburg visited the Phipps Conservatory in June to see the beautiful flowers and creative exhibits! Everyone enjoyed the colors and the beautiful weather.



Some individuals visited the Armstrong County Historical Society and saw "Echoes of Armstrong," our locally painted bell that commemorates Armstrong County's culture and history as part of a state-wide art exhibit celebrating America's 250th anniversary.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF CHRIS GOLDINGER



The Progressive Workshop of Armstrong County remembers and honors our friend and coworker, Chris, who passed away unexpectedly on July 2, 2026.

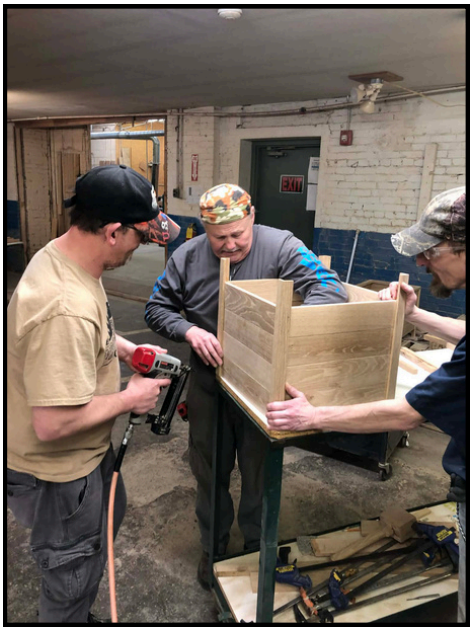
Chris was a valued member of the PWAC family, and his kindness, humor, and presence will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. Our thoughts and heartfelt condolences are with his wife, Cheri, his family, friends, and everyone whose life he touched. Several people who attended his funeral service described it as a beautiful and positive celebration of his life, which is truly a testament to the great life he lived.

We will continue to fondly remember Chris and the way he positively impacted the lives of so many, especially the individuals he worked closely with in our woodshop.

Chris led an admirable life, and he will be deeply missed by so many. Rest in peace, Chris.







HAPPY "WORK-IVERSARY"!

JUNE, JULY, AUGUST

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



JUNE

Wes Higgins	6-4-2018
Mariah McClanahan	6-6-2023
Shannon Savoie	6-11-2018
Molly Rowan	6-20-2022
Brittany Bryan	6-24-2024



JULY

Martha Bowser	7-5-2016
Dean Waugaman	7-8-2019
Kayla Haye	7-8-2019
Maya Hoffman	7-8-2019
Dean Hileman	7-13-2026
Chloe Martin	7-14-2025
Nicholas Coss	7-14-2025
Michelle Reefer	7-20-2015
Nicole Sabatula	7-27-2020
Rachel Blosnick	7-29-2024



AUGUST

Kim Savoie	8-3-2016
Kelly Ballock	8-6-2019
Cearra Strothers	8-9-2019
Christy Moore	8-14-2018
Jack Crawford	8-19-2019
Lisa Kuchta	8-20-2012
Jenn Goughler	8-28-2017
Dan Moyer	8-31-2020

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