

SFCB NEWSFLASH

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WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE BECAUSE...

WE CARE

Making A Difference

We Make A Difference, Because We CARE

Over the past several months, we've taken a closer look at what C.A.R.E. truly means, how each part shows up in the way we collaborate, support one another, and serve our individuals. We explored each pillar individually: **Compassion**, we show understanding, patience, and kindness; **Accountability**, we take ownership of our actions and commitments; **Respect**, communicate, listen, and value the strengths each person brings; and **Empowerment** encourage growth, build confidence, and support independence.

As we close out this series, it's important to remember that CARE isn't just an acronym we highlight once a month, it's the foundation we build every day. It's reflected in how we greet each other, tackle challenges, celebrate progress, and continue moving forward together. Thank you to everyone who has embraced these values and put them into practice. When we choose to CARE, we create a place that is stronger, kinder, and more successful. CARE is not just what we say; it's how we show up, and together we've shown that it truly makes a difference.

End of Year Awards

In December, we gathered to celebrate the holiday season, reflect on the hard work accomplished this year, and share a wonderful meal together. Thank you for your dedication, support, and everything you bring to our team. As we look toward the new year, we're excited for the opportunities ahead. Now, let's take a moment to recognize and congratulate the recipients of this year's awards!

Awards

5 Years: Laura Dowd

10 Years: Brittany Helm, Ashley Ragsdale

15 Years: Sandy Russell, Rick Wiles

20 Years: Becky Forrester, Sherry Woods

35 Years: Karen Kleinberg

Shining Stars: Brooke Bales, Charlie Berry, Barbie Mayberry, Clayton Cox, Breanna Garner, Kasandra Babich

 **Employee of Year:** Brooke Bales

 **The JoAnn Emily Excellence Award:** Breanna Garner

Thank you all for your outstanding work and dedication to both the individuals we serve and to our agency!



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DECEMBER FLASHBACKS



Bowling Tournament

Another Special Olympics Bowling Tournament in books! Thanks to all athletes who participated, staff who worked, and all who supported us!



Christmas Lights

Our Community Integration Program took a group to Steak & Shake for dinner and to see Christmas Lights afterwards. What a great time!



Christmas Party

Giving Crew and Sunshine Ladies celebrated their annual Christmas party, enjoying delicious food, fun games, thoughtful gifts, and wonderful company.



Ugly Sweater Party

We wrapped up Spirit Week with Annual Christmas Luncheon. We all enjoyed a great lunch, secret Santa gift exchange, and an ugly Christmas sweater contest!

Power of Touch

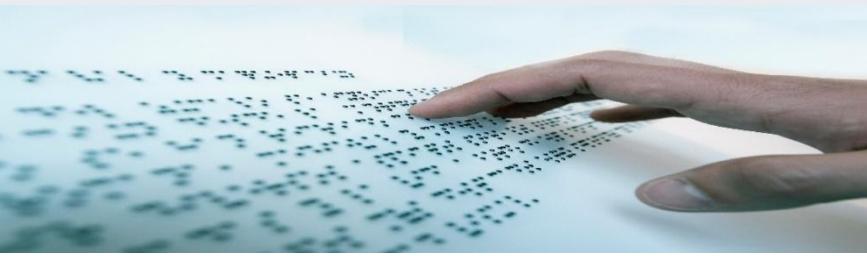
World Braille Day | January 4th

On January 4, we recognize World Braille Day and honor the legacy of Louis Braille, who created the tactile reading and writing system that continues to expand access to information worldwide. Developed when Louis was just 15, Braille uses six raised dots to represent letters, numbers, and symbols across many fields, including music, math, and science.

Braille remains essential for people who are blind or have low vision, supporting independence, learning, and full participation in daily life. It also serves as a powerful reminder that inclusive communication, in all its forms, helps strengthen connection and belonging.

As we observe World Braille Day, we encourage everyone to take a moment to acknowledge the importance of accessible information and the community members who rely on tactile communication. Inclusion grows stronger when we ensure everyone can engage, contribute, and be heard.

If interested to learn more, please visit: [Body and Mind Wellness Club](#) | [World Braille Day 2026](#), [BrailleWorks](#), and [Lighthouse for the Blind](#).



Sensory Santa

Our 3rd Annual Sensory Santa event was another incredible success! This cherished tradition continues to offer individuals the special opportunity to meet Santa Claus in a calm, sensory-friendly environment tailored for comfort and inclusion. Guests enjoyed a welcoming space filled with engaging sensory activities, festive reindeer games, delicious snacks, and hands-on crafting stations that encouraged creativity and joy.

This year marked our first time hosting the event at MCII, and the new setting allowed us to thoughtfully spread activities throughout their workshop. The space provided a warm, inviting atmosphere that helped create a relaxed experience for all who attended.

The smiles, laughter, and meaningful moments of connection made the day truly magical. With each passing year, Sensory Santa continues to grow in impact and community spirit—and we couldn't be more grateful.

Stay Connected!



Christmas Spirit Week

Monday: Red & Green Day



Tuesday: Santa's Workshop



Wednesday: Christmas Character Day



Thursday: Pajama Day



Friday: Ugly Christmas Sweater Day

