



"The eye through which I see God is the same eye through which God sees me; my eye and God's eye are one eye, one seeing, one knowing, one love."

- Meister Eckhart

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# Thru the eyes of a Board Member

A Letter from the Chairperson of the Board

The theme Thru My Eyes has meant many things over the years to me. In the 37 years I have lived in the Sheldon area my relationship with VNU has evolved. Let me take you on a trip of words that embody my relationships with VNU.

**BARRY W. WHITSELL** President & CEO

# Thru the eyes of the **President & CEO**

A Letter from the President & CEO

As you peruse the pages of this year's annual report we are excited to share with you stories of how the Village is delivering on its mission of providing Purpose, Privacy and Dignity to all people. This collection of stories centers on the theme "Thru My Eyes." In the stories, you will have the unique opportunity to view the Village thru the eyes of a resident, a family, a 40-year employee and an

Barry Whitsell President & CEO

**Rvan Haack Director of Development** 

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CABINET

**MEMBERS** 

Jerry Postma **Director of Admissions** 

Brian Robyn Director of Human Resources

Vern Kinderknecht Chief Financial Officer Exposure – The first contact I had with the Handicap Village, as it was then referred to, was with my evening women's Bible study group through my church in Archer. It was about 1980 and in the early days of the Village. We adopted two women and did special things with them. One of them still resides here and I see her often. She still remembers me!

Community – Life happens and during this next time of motherhood and working, I saw VNU as people in my community. I was SO glad to see them at their jobs, enjoying going out on the town, or watching their enthusiasm at sporting events and concerts. What great community inclusion and examples for my family. I also enjoyed, and still do, watching the Panther sporting events when they play different local teams. We should all be so enthused.

Involvement – I was asked to run for the board 9 years ago and was quick to accept. This was a passion for me and to be able to understand more about VNU was something I dearly wanted to do.

Overwhelmed – This is the next word that described me on the board for at least a year or more. I was overwhelmed. Wow! What a lot to learn. I'm happy to say that this feeling passed quickly. What a joy to serve on a board for an organization that runs so smoothly.

Understanding- I now have a much better picture of how things run and am even more impressed at the level of commitment from all of the staff. It is a great joy to often be able to award staff for their years of service. It is not uncommon to have staff attend the board meetings for recognition of 20-40 years of service. In this day in age, that is unheard of! Even more amazing is the level of commitment for all involved with VNU. We all are truly one big family here.

Support – This relationship with VNU will remain with me for the rest of my life. I will remain committed to VNU physically by helping at events, giving of my time where needed, and giving financially. I hope you will continue to do the same and maybe even challenge yourself to do more for this fine organization. We are so very lucky to have them in our community.

Thanks for the ride so far! I'm looking forward to the next phase in my life with VNU.

Gratefully, **Pam Thornton** *Chairperson of the Board* 

employer. It is interesting to hear how each views the Village and how they see us bringing to life the mission we strive for each day with the 180 people we serve.

The Village is a unique place where we have the privilege of assisting individuals in defining their visions as we see thru their eyes what it is they want to achieve. Our staff does an amazing job of bringing to life the story of each person. This does not just happen by chance. This takes a commitment to get to know a person on a deep and personal level. This commitment is vital to allowing our residents to experience the Purpose and Dignity they want in their lives. This is a process of discovery with each individual as we learn everything we can about their likes in food, entertainment, employment and everything in between, from the time they get up to the time they go to bed. Each step along the way allows us the chance to see thru their eyes how they view themselves and how they want their life to be lived. What an honor it is for us to be this involved in helping our residents to be all that they see themselves being.

This coming year we are going to be making some major changes to our day programs. This process started with the renaming of Northwest Enterprises to the Summit, and Futures to the Autism Community Transition Center (ACT Center). The programs offered out of these buildings will transition from work activities to day habilitation programs. Our new and improved day habilitation programs will provide a totally new curriculum that will maximize choices and options for community interactions.

Our staff is excited for this new adventure that will truly allow individuals to discover themselves in new and different ways. It will be exciting to hear our residents' stories about this new and invigorating program and hear about it thru their eyes. At the same time, we will be enhancing vocational opportunities for people to be gainfully employed outside of the work center environment. The dream of obtaining community employment will become a reality for many more individuals. The story in this annual report about Sudenga Industries brings this dream to life. It's just one story of many, where businesses see our residents and the Village's community employment staff thru new eyes. Truly exciting times for everyone involved!

As you read these stories, feel free to drop me a note or share an e-mail about how you see the Village thru your eyes. You can e-mail me at barry@villagenorthwest.org. We would love to hear your stories and have your share with us how you view the Village and our quest to provide Purpose, Privacy and Dignity to our residents.

#### **Barry W. Whitsell**

President and Chief Executive Officer



#### VNU Awarded Three-Year CARF Accreditation

In October 2015, Village Northwest Unlimited announced that it has been accredited for another period of three years by CARF International (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities) for its Community Employment Services - Employment Supports, Community Employment Services - Job Development, Community Housing, Community Integration, Employee Development Services, Organizational Employment Services, and Supported Living programs. CARF International is the accrediting body that establishes consumer-focused standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services.

This accreditation decision represents the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization and shows the organization's substantial conformance to the CARF standards. There are over 1,000 standards that Village Northwest Unlimited must meet or exceed to maintain CARF accreditation. An organization receiving a Three-Year Accreditation has put itself through a rigorous peer review process. It has demonstrated to a team of surveyors during an on-site visit, its commitment to offering programs and services that are measurable, accountable, and of the highest quality.

The CARF Survey Report included a list of 22 strengths as identified by the CARF survey team. The report stated, "Staff members embody the mission of the organization, demonstrating the desire to provide purpose, privacy, and dignity for persons served in each interaction. Coaches and others working directly with persons served receiving vocational services are patient, encouraging, and respectful as they provide training and job supports."

# VNU in the Headines VNU BUILDINGS CHANGE NAMES

Village Northwest Unlimited is pleased to announce the name changes of two buildings associated with two of their programs. The first involves Northwest Enterprises transitioning to The Summit. Barry Whitsell, CEO of Village Northwest Unlimited, noted, "This is part of an evolution in the provision of services provided to people with disabilities." Whitsell stated, "New rules from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid are coming into place in the coming months which emphasize community based services and limit the ability to continue work on a contract basis for people with disabilities. As a result, Northwest Enterprises is moving away from a work center and dedicating itself to allowing people to experience more activities in and around the Sheldon community." The name, The Summit, signifies what the Village will be accomplishing in the lives of the people it serves by allowing each person to reach The Summit of their personal potential through the accomplishment of the Village's mission of Purpose, Privacy and Dignity in its day program.

The second building that has been renamed is Futures Unlimited. This building has become the Autism Community Transition Center or ACT Center. Since starting an Autism program in 2015, this building has been the home for the Village's Autism program. Whitsell commented, "This new building name aligns with the goals of our Autism program to provide a program which prepares people with Autism to transition to a life in the community." The Autism program at the Village seeks to develop the skill set of people to live independently in their own apartments and gain the necessary employment skills to be gainfully employed. "By renaming the building as the Autism Community Transition Center (ACT Center), it will closely align and allow people to immediately associate the purpose and intent of this building," Whitsell stated.

The name changes have been effective immediately, but Village officials note signage for the name changes will be occurring over the course of the coming months.

The names chosen were the result of an internal naming contest held. Karma Funk submitted the name for the Autism Community Transition Center (ACT Center) and Brian Robyn submitted the name for The Summit. Village staff submitted 172 possible names in the naming competition. The Village board formally approved the name change at their May 2017 board meeting.





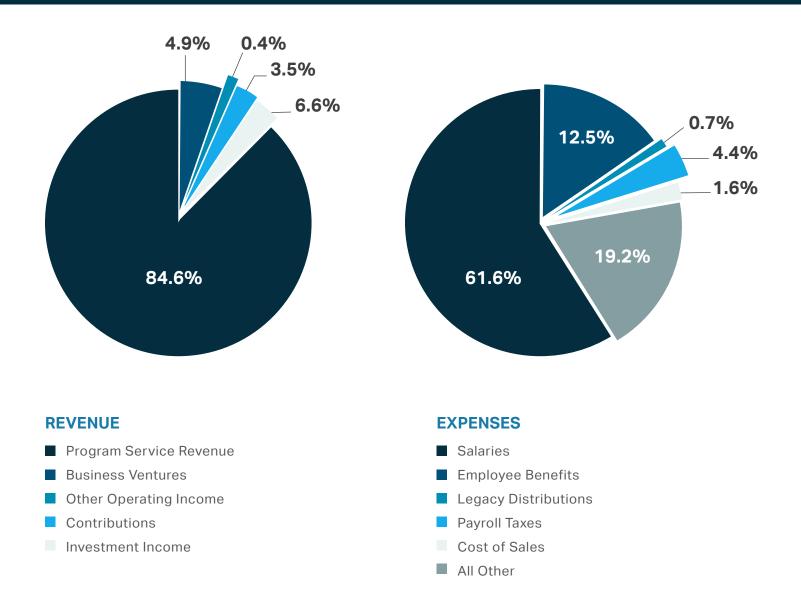
# Village Northwest Unlimited FINANCIAL RE

Statement of activities of Village Northwest Unlimited and VNU Foundation for the period ending June 30, 2017.

REVENUE

| Program Service Revenue<br>Business Ventures<br>Other Operating Income<br>Total Operating Revenue  | \$<br>13,833,567<br>795,860<br>68,981<br>14,474,387  | 84.6%<br>4.9%<br>0.4%                           |
|--|--|---|
| EXPENSES   |  |   |
| Salaries<br>Employee Benefits<br>Legacy Distributions<br>Payroll Taxes<br>Cost of Sales<br>All other<br>Total Operating Expenses<br>Operating Income | \$<br>8,771,020<br>1,780,604<br>99,221<br>632,021<br>230,950<br>2,733,949<br>14,247,765<br>450,644 | 61.5%<br>12.5%<br>0.7%<br>4.4%<br>1.6%<br>19.2% |
| OTHER INCOME   |  |   |
| Contributions<br>Investment Income   | \$<br>578,786<br>1,073,029   | 3.5%<br>6.6%                                    |
| Total Operating Income   | \$<br>1,651,797  |   |
| REVENUES IN EXCESS<br>OF EXPENSES  | \$<br>2,102,441  |   |





The information presented above is a summary of our Audited Financial Statements. A copy of the actual Audited Financial Statements are available upon request.

# Thru the Eyes of John & Gloria Swoyer

#### A FAMILY OF THE VILLAGE

John and Gloria Swoyer were kind enough to share what life has been like through their eyes for their family and their children at VNU. Gloria couldn't help but smile and say, "If you want to make your day, take a visit and stop by the Village."



John and Gloria Swoyer's first exposure to VNU happened years before their children Mary and Chris would arrive. John and Gloria met Bob Hoogeveen, Founder of the Village, in church and Gloria was able to take a tour with a group from the church's lady circle. The Swoyer's were also connected to Ken Ver Steeg. Ken was a seminary classmate of John's and a future Spiritual Service Coordinator that would further serve as a conduit to VNU. Gloria recalls that back then, the Village was just getting started, and the kids were young. "It looked like an interesting idea," said Gloria, "but we had no idea how important something like that would become."

John and Gloria had spent time in South Dakota volunteering for the Special Olympics and when they began considering a place to provide services to their children, visited 4 other facilities before ultimately choosing VNU. So what made VNU unique? Gloria recalled when they visited with Phil Grove, Director of Admissions, he paid special attention to the residents. In fact, during their visit, he excused himself to go attend to a resident who needed assistance and guided them to their destination. The way Phil and the staff interact with each other showed them the staff genuinely cared for and supported each other and the residents. "They were, and continue to be, a living example of how they were providing dignity for those they served" noted John. At the top of their list of must haves, was a place that provided spiritual development and "a place where God was both honored and spoken" said John. "We found that in the Village." Further, they appreciated seeing community support from businesses and churches. They recognized the community was willing to provide residents with opportunities for vocational training and employment. So in 2013, they made the decision to move to Sheldon as a family. Was it tough? "No, I loved making the move," shared John. While any move can bring a family some anxiety, believing it was the right move made the decision easy. Both John and Gloria agree, there are no personal relationships like what they've seen at the Village through the growth of their children.

John and Gloria shared the remarkable changes they have seen in Chris' self-confidence and how Mary seems to be very content and happy. Chris and Mary have become more responsible with their various jobs around campus, pushing other residents to programs in their wheelchairs, or home at the end of the day and even cleaning up the snack bar after lunch and breaks. They have also become more responsible to stay at home on their own. Gloria shared, "The staff doesn't push Chris and Mary, but challenges them and this experience has allowed us to grow as a family."

John and Gloria directly contribute the arowth of their children to the incredible staff at the Village. "We know she loves Chris," Gloria said of waiver home staff Julie Jinkinson. "She has made a wonderful impact on him. Chris cares so much for his family and friends and Julie is someone who helps him show his thoughtfulness by sending cards, gifts and flowers for birthdays and holidays," added John. And "Cheryl Hansen wants Mary to be successful in everything she does. She looks at Mary as an individual," comments Gloria. The staff allows everyone to be themselves. The staff allows clients to achieve the best of their ability, which challenges us to be better."



John and Gloria mentioned as they age, things can be uncertain. However, "We are confident our kids are here and have each other." Through their eyes, the Village environment is able to embrace their whole family and that's something they love. "Everyone at the Village has the same goal. They are all involved no matter what the area they work in, to fulfill the mission of providing purpose, privacy, and dignity for each person served. This allows relationships to form and build which helps to lead successful lives," says John. "We really appreciate the access to all of the administration and staff. We can stop in, call and talk to any person we want to. They allow us to be involved, and feel like we matter."

When we asked why they might recommend the Village to another family, Gloria replied, "Everything. The supportive staff, opportunities, spiritual environment, the list goes on and on."

# Thru the Eyes of **Natt Petersen**

### Life as a Village Resident

When our friend Matt Petersen was asked what he enjoyed most about living at the Village, he responded simply with, "All kinds of stuff." As it turns out, that might be a pretty good description.

Through Matt's eyes, being a resident at the Village means having the opportunity to take advantage of a variety of activities offered. Matt participates in Special Olympics with the softball, volleyball, bowling and basketball teams and has been a Village Panther for 11 years. He goes to dances, takes day trips, creates award winning artwork and so much more. He shared how he enjoys traveling with his teammates and was proud to say their Softball team took 2nd place in the State Tournament this past August. Not only did they work hard for that 2nd place victory, but were able to have a great time bowling and dining out.

When speaking with Matt, there wasn't a moment of hesitation when asked what his favorite activity was. Matt loves art. In fact, some of Matt's paintings and drawings are displayed in the Image Art Room, the commons of the Wansink Center and of course, around his house. Matt's creativity and interests are evident as his paintings include themes of shapes, tractors of certain variety, farm life and wildlife.

Matt also enjoys attending the many events that are planned at the Village throughout the year. From dances, to Christmas parties and trips to the Vikings Training Camp; any place where friends are gathered is a good place to be. Matt shared one of his favorite memories was from VNU's annual Independence Day Celebration when he got to be in the dunk tank. He shared confidently, "My line was the longest."

When Matt isn't picking up shifts at HyVee, a job he loves and has had since 2006, he likes getting out to the local theater to see movies, "especially action movies." Matt also enjoys bike rides, late night bowling, fishing for bullheads with live bait and of course music. You can find Matt jamming around campus with his iPad listening to everything and anything. His music interests are as eclectic as his activities, most people would be jealous of his collection.

If all that wasn't enough, Matt loves hanging out with his family at their farm in Hartley where he helps mow, cut stalks and feed cattle.



When Matt has free time, he'll be hanging out at his apartment with his friends Scott, Matt and Mike. "We like to just hang out, eat hamburgers and talk, you know, guy stuff."

Outside of the guys, Matt also values his friendship with the supportive staff of Abby, Libby and Pam. "They're really nice and help me with my iPad when I need it."

Here at the Village we are thankful for friends like Matt and are proud of everything he does and is involved in. We appreciate Matt sharing his insights on what life at the Village looks like through his eyes.

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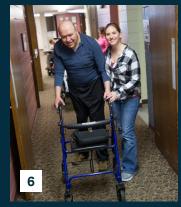




### A Year in Pictures...

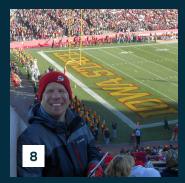
- Zack participating in VNU's annual marigold planting.
- Barry Whitsell and Brian Robyn congratulate staff celebrating 2. their 25th year anniversary at VNU.
- З. Nicole smiles big after a Special Olympic victory!
- Back Porch creates patriotic signs for the Fourth of July. Back 4. Porch is one of the leisure programs offered at VNU.
- Steve working hard at his job at Mc Donald's. 5.
- 6. Laura Abels assists Jasper to his program area after break.
- Molly and Kelli assemble worms for Apex Tackle.







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- 8. Shawn cheering on his Iowa State Cyclones!
- Jan Henrichs and Bonnie are star struck with Vikings Safety Harrison Smith.
- 10. Friends enjoying a fall wagon ride.
- Linda De Boer and Britney working on making a scarf with a board loom in LEAP. Leap stands for leisure, entertainment and activities with a purpose.
- 12. State Track and Field at Iowa State Hilton Colosseum for the opening ceremonies.



- 13. Touchdown! Lee and friends attending Vikings Training Camp.
- 14. Coach Deb giving high fives for a job well done!
- 15. Bob Riemersma and Keith working hard at The Summit.
- 16. Jerry feeding the cows during a fall farm trip.
- 17. Molly and Leah participating in the 12th annual Run, Walk & Roll.
- Breann Getting and Roger show their support for VNU's Independence Day Celebration.
- 19. Marla loves to share her smile!
- 20. Harvey visits the Capitol Rotunda with a group advocating for

# Thru the Eyes of a Village Athlete

### 2017 Special Olympics

### 2016-2017 Participants

Nicole Arens // Volleyball, bowling, basketball skills, athletics, soccer skills, softball Zach Arrick // Athletics Aaron Armer // Bowling Meagan Bonestroo // Athletics Randy Brounko // Bowling Austin Buurman // Volleyball, basketball skills, athletics, soccer skils, softball skills Kevin Carpenter // Bowling, athletics John Carter // Bowling Dan DeBoer // Softball

Jerry Delier // Bowling, basketball skills, athletics, softball skills

Leah Dykshorn // Bowling Jeff Engelkes // Volleyball, basketball, athletics, softball

Todd Ellis // Athletics

Jennifer Freed // Bowling, athletics

**Brad Friedland //** Basketball skills, bowling, athletics, soccer skills, softball skills

Justin Groen // Volleyball, bowling, basketball skills, athletics, soccer skills, softball

Janet Grooters // Bowling, basketball skills, athletics, softball skills

LaDel Heiman // Bowling, basketball skills

Karen Kennedy // Athletics

**Mike Kramer //** Volleyball, basketball, athletics, bocce ball, softball

Keith Krumm // Volleyball, bowling, basketball, athletics, softball

Marla Lindley // Bowling, basketball skills, athletics John List // Volleyball, bowling, basktball, athletics, softball

Jordan Magaril // Bowling, athletics

Maleah Orthmann // Basketball skills

Diana Perry // Softball

Matt Petersen // Volleyball, bowling, basketball, softball Tim Steffens // Volleyball, bowling, basketball skills, athletics

Bob Stewart // Volleyball, bowling, basketball

Matt Stoll // Bowling, basketball skills, athletics, soccer skills, softball skills

Peggy Sweeney // Bowling

**Chris Swoyer //** Bowling, basketball skills, athletics, soccer skills, softball skills

Mary Swoyer // Bowling, basketball skills, athletics, softball skills

Shawn Todd // Volleyball, basketball, athletics, soccer skills

Andy Topf // Basketball sills, athletics

Teri Vander Hamm // Bowling

Les Van Engen // Volleyball, bowling, basketball skills

**Chad Wassenaar //** Volleyball, bowling, basketball skills, athletics, soccer skills

Jessica Webb // Volleyball, basktball skills, athletics, soccer skills, softball skills

**Scott Wheeler //** Volleyball, bowling, basketball, athletics, bocce ball, softball

**Charles White //** Volleyball, bowling, basketball, athletics, bocce ball, softball













## Special Olympics Summary

The Village Panthers Special Olympics team had an active year with scrimmages and competitions during each season. There were 42 athletes participating throughout the year and the teams are coached by Deb Middle and Sara Wolthuizen.

#### **Basketball Scrimmage Events:**

- Sheldon High School half time of girls' varsity game
- Sheldon High School half time of boys' varsity game
- Dordt College half time scrimmage
- Northwestern College half time scrimmage
- Morningside College half time scrimmage vs Sioux City Knights

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#### **District Competitions:**

- Basketball Skills Sioux Center, IA
- Athletics Sioux Center, IA
- Softball Skills Manning, IA
- Softball Team Tournament Des Moines, IA
- Bowling Sanborn, IA

#### **State Competitions:**

- Track & Field, Bocce Ball and Soccer Skills Ames, IA
- Softball Skills & Softball Team Tournament Ankeny, IA
- Volleyball Ames, IA
- Bowling Sioux City, IA

#### Other:

- Special Olympic Recognition Program Sheldon
- Panthers in the Park Sheldon High School
- NAIA Basketball Clinic Sioux City, IA
- NAIA Volleyball Clinic Sioux City, IA



# Thru the Eyes of JUCY Dykstra

#### AN EMPLOYEE OF THE VILLAGE FOR 40 YEARS

As I reflect on what Village Northwest means to me, a multitude of descriptors cascade through my mind: supportive, welcoming, knowledgeable, loving, friendly and caring. Village Northwest Unlimited is truly a place to show love and experience daily purpose and blessing.

When I began my search for employment, I knew I wanted to stay close to home and I had grown up about 40 minutes from Sheldon, so Village Northwest fit the bill for that. My college education included an internship at the Village, so I was well acquainted with what the Village had to offer. I applied, interviewed with Founder and Executive Director Bob Hoogeveen, and transitioned into VNU employment immediately following graduation. As I think back on these past four decades, my first thought is, "Oh my goodness, where did the time go? Has it really been THAT long?" Then I start thinking of the memorable experiences I've had during these years. This includes some truly treasured times with the Village Singers. (This group of VNU singers/staff shared their musical gifts throughout NW lowa for over 35 years.) During our travels, we enjoyed delightful times of sharing the Village story and experienced some crazy lowa weather, all the while seeking to "Let Our Little Light Shine". Each of the singers became very special to me, but one individual in particular had an indelible impact on me with his positive attitude and perpetual smile. Another consumer, Nancy, continues to be an inspiration to me. She is an awesome example of how looking forward to the most routine tasks can bring joy. Her smile also adds delight to my life and the lives of many others.



During 40 years, one can expect to experience many changes and this certainly holds true for me at the Village. When I started at VNU, the Wansink Center was not yet a reality. I spent my days alongside the Director of Resident Services and the Food Purchasing staff in the lounge of what was most recently known as House 370. The program areas that existed at that time were also located in the lounge areas of the residents' homes. I recall a tour during the construction phase, viewing the various future sites within the Wansink Center. Following completion, we were fascinated with all the room we now had for offices, program areas, and that HUGE gym! It was very impressive!

(As a little side note, Village Northwest was known as Handicap Village of Northwest Iowa until January 1, 1986. In addition to removing the label "Handicap" from the name, the Village merged with the Northwest Iowa Work Activity Center, which then became known as Northwest Enterprises. Also at that time, "cottages" became known as "houses" on the Village campus.)

For those who live here and have loved ones here, the Village continues to be a place for the individuals served to develop their God-given skills, have opportunities for social involvement, and to give and receive love. The Village has been (and continues to be) a great fit for me. It is an extension of my family and I am so blessed by my interaction with those we serve. For anyone considering employment at VNU, I would offer these thoughts: "The Village is a place to experience an awesome sense of family - a great ever-expanding family - who can extend love to you and bring joy to you each day. It's a place to reciprocate that love and acceptance to others, resulting in mutual blessings."



# Thru the Eyes of **Diversified Technologies**

### Partnering with the Village - Sudenga/Dur-a-Lift

The mission of Village Northwest Unlimited (VNU) has always been to provide Purpose, Privacy and Dignity to the people it serves. Providing individuals with the necessary skills and support to obtain community employment is central to delivering on our mission. Whether we have a disability or not, many of us are defined by our careers or our occupations.

In August of 2016, Anchor Employment Services through VNU partnered with Diversified Technologies, the parent company to Sudenga Industries and Dur-A-Lift IncorporatedlocatedoutsideGeorge, Iowa. VNU currently has six residents employed through Sudenga and Dur-A-Lift earning a paycheck at competitive wages.

The Vice President of Diversified Technologies, Chuck Sjogren, shared how having Village residents work for Sudenga and Dur-A-Lift improves their overall function: "Our VNU resident employees get things done that others may push off. Each of them have a great can-do attitude." Quality Engineer, Paul Funk, also shared how gratifying it has been. "You know they will be there, they are reliable and you can always count on them." Both Chuck and Paul agreed the six individuals have been exceptional employees. Sudenga and Dur-A-Lift also recognized the consistent measurable output their company has accomplished through employing VNU residents. When asked to comment on the quality of the VNU residents, Paul did not hesitate to share these words on their positive attitudes, "We all have good days and bad days, but spreading joy can really make a difference."

For other companies looking to hire an individual with a disability, Sudenga and Dur-A-Lift share how this partnership is a win for both sides. Providing employment to VNU residents builds relationships inside the Northwest lowa Community that might not regularly occur. Chuck and Paul both encourage other companies to, "Have a conversation, build these relationships and don't be afraid to reach out to the Village before any opportunities are missed."

The Village wants their residents to be successful in all avenues of life by cultivating a relationship with our community employers; in return, this allows for individuals and communities to thrive. Chuck and Paul both explained their gratitude for the support provided by the Village (e.g. onsite job coaches & the community employment specialist) that allows for stronger communication in reaching goals. In one short year, Chuck and Paul have been proud with the maturation process of both company and Village employees. Paul concluded, "It's important to take care of our community and acknowledge common goals. We're in this together to work as a team."

Thank you Diversified Technologies, Chuck Sjogren and Paul Funk for your continued support for the Village and those we serve!







# Village Consumers hard at work at DIVERSIFIED JUNE DIVERSITA DIVERSIFIED JUNE DIVERSIFIED JUNE DIVERSIFIED JUNE DIVERSIFIED J







# Our Businesses

#### Support Village Northwest Unlimited



Fantasia's Gift Shop and Coffee Bar is an experience worth remembering. We carry home & seasonal décor, candles, flowers, baby products, jewelry, kitchen gadgets, whole coffee beans, Nordic Ware Baking and Grilling Pans, Caren Lotion, and a variety of gourmet foods. We also offer a bridal registry. While shopping, enjoy a gourmet cup of coffee or an espresso drink. We have ice cream sundaes, real fruit smoothies and fresh muffins daily.

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The Village Treasure Chest offers a variety of quality, clean and gently used clothing for the whole family. We also offer shoes, books, greeting cards, jewelry, home décor, small appliances, furniture, one of a kind items, vintage and so much more.

#### HOURS

Monday – Thursday 9:00 Friday – Saturday 9:00

9:00 am - 6:00 pm 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Northwest Produce operates a 15,200 square foot greenhouse growing 2,800 tomato plants. Vine-ripened chemical free tomatoes are sold and marketed through area grocery stores and restaurants during the months of April through November. Look for the Northwest Produce sticker in the produce aisle of your grocery store.

#### HOURS

Monday – Friday 9:30 am - 5:00 pm Saturday 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

Mondays in November & December: 9:30 am - 7:00 pm







## July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017 Volunteers

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Memorial gifts received from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 were sent by friends and family members of the following people:

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# Ways to Give

#### **Outright Gifts**

Monetary donations given to Village Northwest Unlimited are used for purchase of equipment, remodeling, renovations, and program development. Your donation will directly benefit those we serve, providing purpose, privacy and dignity for all people.

#### **Memorial Gifts**

The memory of the person you honor with a memorial gift to the Village will continue to live on through the lives of those who benefit from your gift. Gifts in memory are applied toward the Resident Needs Fund, and are made available to residents for the purchase of specific personal needs that they are not able to purchase on their own because of limited financial resources. We will, however, honor special requests, should you wish your memorial gift to be used for a specific need.

### Get Involved

#### Volunteer

Village Northwest Unlimited has a wide variety of volunteer opportunities. Options include working in the Treasure Chest, volunteering with the Soles4Souls shoe collection, assisting maintenance or helping in one of the many program areas. Donation of your time and talents directly impacts the lives of the individuals we serve.

#### **Give Shoes**

Shoes donated to Soles4Soles provides a work opportunity for residents of Village Northwest Unlimited. They sort footwear into specific categories and prepare shoes for shipment to Soles4Souls' global outreach distribution center. This partnership allows the individuals that we serve to give back to society by being able to provide shoes to those less fortunate around the world, and to be a part of improving another human being's life. You can deliver shoes to our processing center at: 105 N 18th Avenue Sheldon, IA 51201

#### Donate Items to the Treasure Chest

The Village Treasure Chest is thrift store that relies on donations of clothes, furniture, home décor and more from the general public. Items are sold in the store, which is run primarily by volunteers, and proceeds are used to help fund the services we provide. Donations can be dropped off at 1979 Park Street in Sheldon, IA.

Donors may transfer cash, securities, and/or real estate to Village Northwest Unlimited with the understanding that they, or their designated beneficiaries, will receive income for life or a term of years with Village

Donors may transfer life insurance policies to Village Northwest Unlimited as owner and beneficiary, or name the Village as the primary

Gifts of cash, stocks, bonds, and/or land may be made outright or in

In large part, Village Northwest's present endowment has been built from

or secondary beneficiary under qualified retirement plans.

#### **Shop Village Businesses**

Life Income Gifts

Northwest Unlimited retaining the remainder.

**Cash Securities & Real Estate** 

installments over a period of years.

· Charitable gift annuity

Life insurance policy

· Retirement plan

· Charitable remainder trust

generous gifts from the estates of its benefactors.

· Bequest by will, irrevocable trust, or revocable trust

· Gift of residence or farm with retained life use

Planned Gifts

Life Insurance & Retirement Plan Assets

The Village has three for-profit businesses: Northwest Produce, Fantasia and Village Treasure Chest. Proceeds from these businesses are used to fund the services VNU provides. You can enjoy coffee and shop for home décor, kitchen supplies and accessories at Fantasia; explore the endless variety of merchandise available at the Treasure Chest and purchase delicious, locally grown Norwest Produce tomatoes at area grocery stores all while supporting the Village mission.

## Gifts that won't Cost You a Dime

#### **Good Search/Good Shop**

Good Search is an online search engine with a mission to share a percentage of their advertising revenue, about a penny per search, with nonprofit organizations selected by its users. Visit www.goodsearch. com and enter Village Northwest Unlimited as the charity you wish to support.

Hundreds of stores including Target, Gap, Best Buy and others have teamed with Good Shop and each time you order, you'll be supporting Village Northwest Unlimited. Visit www.goodshop.com and enter Village Northwest Unlimited as the charity you wish to support.

#### **Amazon Smile**

Amazon Smile offers the same diverse and convenient shopping experience as Amazon with a bonus of giving back while you shop. Simply go to smile.amazon.com and select Village Northwest Unlimited as the organization you would like to support. You can sign in using your existing Amazon account. Then, any time you make a purchase on Amazon Smile, Amazon will donate to Village Northwest Unlimited.





