

WINTER NEWSLETTER 2022



People First
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LATEST UPDATES AND NEWS

PEOPLE FIRST IS HOLDING ELECTIONS FOR NEW OFFICERS



The Vice President helps the President, covers meetings when the President cannot. This is a 4-year term: Vice President for 2 years, then move to the President position for 2 years.

The Treasurer helps to review finances and signs off on all requisition forms of how People First funds are spent. This is a 2-year term.

The Secretary takes notes, helps send out letters and cover areas. This is a 2-year term.

All Officers attend monthly meetings on the Second Wednesday of each month from 3:00-4:00pm. Officers also attend all large group People First meetings help every other Third Thursday of the month. In addition, Officers are expected to attend most community events that People First participate in. Some examples are Relay for Life, Putnam County Fair, Habitat for Humanity, and People First Picnic.

If you are interested in running for an office you need to be an active member of People First. Please make four (4) posters of which office you are running for. We are looking for Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

Posters are due to Advisors by February 28.

Voting dates will be March 13 and March 15 at RMS, Brookhill, and Kan Du.

Anyone not served by these providers can cast their vote with Christine or Morgan. Officers will be announced on March 16.

MARCH IS DD AWARENESS MONTH



We have Michael Marshall, a self-advocate speaker, coming to our People First group in March to celebrate DD Awareness. He believes everybody deserves the opportunity to fulfill their potential. Obstacles can be overcome, and he hopes to make a difference in people's lives; being a voice for those who do not have a voice.

March 16 from 5:00-6:00pm

Refreshments will be served.



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY'S PURSE AND TOOL BINGO EVENT

People First is helping out with the Habitat for Humanity Purse and Tool Bingo on **March 10 from 6:00-10:00pm**. This event for Habitat is being held at the **VFW in Ottawa**. We need **5 to 9 People First Volunteers** to help serve food that evening. During the event those that work will be able to participate in bingo when not serving.

Please reach out to the Advisors to have your name placed on the list no later than March 1. You will need your own transportation. If you want to come and need supervision, please bring a parent or staff with you.

JOIN PEOPLE FIRST AT THEIR ANNUAL SPRING DANCE EVENT

People First is partnering with Leipsic Community Center to sponsor a Spring Dance **April 14 from 6:00-9:00pm** at the Leipsic Community Center. Refreshments will be served. **DJ Alfie Flores will keep the fun moving!** There will be a **\$3.00 entry fee** at the door that will go to the Leipsic Community Center for using their building.



OTHER NEWS

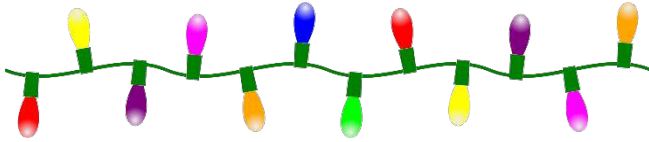
2022 SYNERGY CONFERENCE AT KALAHARI RESORT ABOUT SELF-ADVOCACY

A record number of self-advocates from Putnam County attended and enjoyed the October 2022 Synergy Conference!



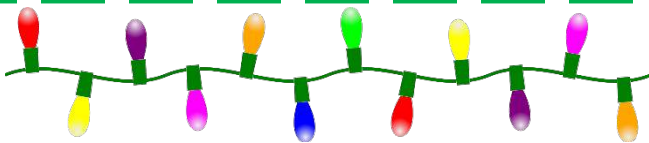
PEOPLE FIRST GIVES BACK DURING THE HOLIDAYS

People First Officers and Advisors donated \$300.00 to an Early Intervention family in need to help support them during the holidays.



PEOPLE FIRST CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS!

Self-advocates of People First enjoyed a Christmas potluck, gift exchange, and games during their last meeting of 2022!



UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 13 & 15

Voting for Officers

MARCH 10

Habitat for Humanity Purse and Tool Bingo

MARCH 16

DD Awareness Meeting with Michael Marshall

APRIL 14

Spring Dance at LCC with DJ Alfie Flores