

# The Hillcroft Way

## EMPLOYMENT SERVICES CONNECTING EXCELLENT EMPLOYEES WITH COMMUNITY JOBS



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## CEO Corner

Debbie Bennett, *President & CEO*



Over the past six months, Hillcroft Services has remained steadfast in our mission to assist individuals with disabilities in achieving greater independence. Our efforts have been focused on helping them recognize and develop their talents and abilities, fostering growth in areas they are excited about.

In this issue, we are happy to highlight our Employment Services Program, which is dedicated to helping individuals find meaningful work, empowering them to build better lives. We take pride in our collaborations with local

businesses, enabling our clients to pursue job opportunities they enjoy, gain valuable experience, and contribute to our community.

Additionally, we are pleased to introduce our new Development Director, Laura Mickler. Be sure to read her introduction and learn more about her before you have the opportunity to meet her face-to-face.

Make sure you read the highlights of recent events and information about upcoming activities. We hope you experienced these events or plan to in the future.

We appreciate your continued support and hope you enjoy hearing about all things Hillcroft.

Warm regards,



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# EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

## CONNECTING EXCELLENT EMPLOYEES WITH COMMUNITY JOBS

One of our primary goals at Hillcroft is to support individuals with disabilities in achieving greater independence through developing and maintaining the skills needed for employment. Through our many strong partnerships with local businesses, we have provided our clients with invaluable volunteer and employment opportunities.

Partnering with Hillcroft is a win for all involved. Employers gain dedicated, kind, hardworking team members, while our clients have the opportunity to be an active participant in their community in a positive way. Together, we are creating endless possibilities and fostering a more inclusive and supportive community for all.



Amanda was very excited to begin working at Wasson Nursery in late Spring 2023. This is her second season working as a gardening specialist, and she enjoys taking care of all the different plants.



Mackenzie began working at Wapahani High School in Spring 2024 as the front desk assistant. She enjoys answering the phone and has even come up with her own friendly greeting! Mackenzie said, "I really love working at Wapahani High School, and I am confident in myself!"



If you drop off donations at Goodwill, you will likely be greeted with a smile and a warm welcome from Willard. He just started working at Goodwill in July 2024 and already loves it. Willard said, "I really enjoy working with my friendly coworkers!"



Lifestream Services is one of our partners that has provided volunteer opportunities for our clients and their job coaches for the last two years. A few of their tasks include organizing files and assembling volunteer packets.

**“Partnering with Hillcroft Services has really worked out well and been a benefit for us. They have not only helped give us the services we need here, but we’ve also formed relationships at the same time! These individuals we’ve hired come in, do their job well, interact with us, and we have a really good time with them!”**

*– Nathan Sloan, Muncie Police Chief*

**“I think every employer should look for whatever need they might have at their business and consider Hillcroft. They have the people who are capable of doing a variety of jobs and doing it really well. They actually will probably exceed your expectations!”**

*– Mark Fahey, Wapahani High School Principal*



Mallory has worked at The Meeks Mortuary and Crematory for five years as a funeral service associate. She enjoys greeting and directing guests who come in for a visitation and making them feel welcomed. Her boss said, “Mallory knows what to do and where to be when she starts each shift and seems to know what’s going on more than some of the people who work here every day!”



Kory has been part of the janitorial staff with the City of Muncie for 10+ years! He enjoys greeting the Muncie police officers each day before their next shift, and all the officers agree that their day is always made better when they see Kory.



Chelsey loves ice cream, so it’s only fitting she volunteers at BerryWinkle! When she’s not opening the door for guests and offering them a sample cup, you can find her in the back washing dishes. Chelsey is very grateful for her job coach, Jama, who is there to guide and answer any questions during each shift.

**If you want to learn more about partnering with Hillcroft to help give our clients more amazing opportunities, go to our website at [Hillcroft.org](https://www.hillcroft.org), call us at 765-284-4166, or email [Hayley Williams at hwilliams@hillcroft.org](mailto:hwilliams@hillcroft.org).**



Our 20th annual Hillcroft Golf Scramble Charity Fundraiser in May was truly one for the record books! Despite a bit of cold and rainy weather, the event was a SOLD OUT success, spanning two days at The Players Club at Woodland Trails with over 250 golfers participating.

We are incredibly grateful for the support of over 150 local businesses and individuals who partnered with us to make a significant impact in the lives of people with disabilities. Your unwavering support has once again ensured the event's remarkable success. We look forward to seeing you on May 8th and May 9th for our 21st annual event!

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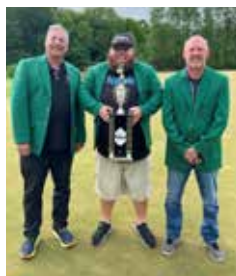
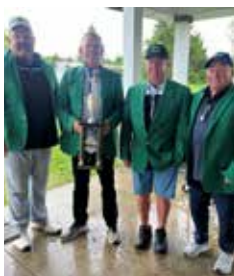
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# CREATIVITY

## Unlimited

Hillcroft's Creativity Unlimited Program supports clients in positive learning of everyday activities. One of the areas of focus gives individuals the opportunity to explore their creative side by working on projects alongside their Direct Support Professionals (DSP). Some of the artwork includes handmade cards, keychains, wall décor, wreaths, earrings, and much more!

Clients are also given the ability to earn money by selling their art to the public at local businesses, markets, etc. Thrive Credit Union is one of the businesses that partners with Hillcroft and sells our client's art at their branches during March Disability Awareness Month and at different times throughout the year. We are always looking for more ways to support our clients and would love to partner with you! Reach out to Hayley Williams at [hwilliams@hillcroft.org](mailto:hwilliams@hillcroft.org) or call 765-284-4166 if you're interested!



# MEET OUR NEW DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR



We are excited to introduce our new Director of Development, Laura Dragoo Mickler! Laura is originally from Parker City, but has lived in Yorktown for the last 20 years. She graduated from Ball State University with her Bachelor's and Master's degrees and has had a winding, but wonderful career path. She has worked for Purdue University, Sigma Kappa Sorority & Foundation and for a long time as a local mortgage lender. Most recently, she worked for 91 Place, a nonprofit in Indianapolis that provides housing, mental health support and workforce development for youth facing homelessness.

Laura is a very busy lady, and you may know her around the Muncie area from other places. She works as a Mindset Coach for people making big life moves and does presentations and workshops on various topics. She's known to challenge people "why not!?" when they say they can't do something. She also owns Sacred Steps Yoga Studio on Jackson Street and teaches several yoga classes each week.

Laura is really excited to be working with our friends at Hillcroft and our community partners. She hopes to create funding opportunities for our clients to live their best lives and continue the great support Hillcroft provides. We are grateful to have her on the Hillcroft team!



*Laura enjoys spending time with her husband, Alex, her two boys, Rowan and Milo, and her puppies, Teddy and Poppy.*

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