



The Continuum Connects NEWSLETTER



GIVE THIS SOME THOUGHT

The Continuum is part of a “rare” employer species. We strive to do our best to support and care for our staff.

This is not a “blow your own horn” message, it truly isn’t but here are a few things we do for you as we strive to do things better for our employees.

- National Skilled Nursing Facility Week Special Fun Days & Food Truck
- National Assisted Living Week Special Fun Days & Food Truck
- Recognition Months, Week and Days and Special Fun Days
- Clint Maun Recruitment and Employee Support Program
- Strides Across Campus Employee Support Program — Monthly GEMs
- Continuum Clothing Stores and Scrub Trucks — Payroll Deduction Plans
- National Pancake Day just for the Night Shifters
- Cuddle Corral Petting Zoo, Musicians, Special Music and Entertainers
- Christmas Lunches and Christmas Gifts
- Daily Dining Services Discounted Lunch and Dinner for Staff
- And more (see the added list below, so much fun!)

IS THERE SOMETHING YOU WOULD LIKE US TO DO? ANY SUGGESTIONS? TELL US!

Recognition & Awareness Days

October, November and December are very busy months, full of National Recognition and Awareness Days and Weeks, plus a few “Fun Days”...

- **October 14th** — National Dessert Day. Bring Your Own Dessert Pot Luck Contest for DCCCI staff. Winner gets Bragging Rights! Good Luck Everyone....YUM!
- **October 21st** — National Apple Day featuring Apple Dessert & Ice Cream for DCCCI Residents
- **November 6th** — National Nacho Day featuring a Nacho Bar for Staff
- **December 8th** — National Brownie Day featuring a Brownie Bar for all staff and brownie dessert for the residents.
- **December 20th** — National Ugly Sweater Day for Residents and Staff. Staff Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners (at both buildings.) Residents get to vote too!



Monthly Education Forums

OCTOBER 11th at 1:30 pm - Men’s and Women’s Health; **NOVEMBER** 8th Medicine Safety; **DECEMBER** 13th C.O.P.D. Please join us! Questions? Call April 814.375.5483.

It’s FREE to the community.

6th Annual Snack Bags of Joy Collection Program

This year, our goal is to fill 300 Snack Bags of Joy. It’s a big undertaking so we really need YOUR help. We are collecting MONETARY DONATIONS ONLY, since we know exactly what products are needed for these kids. Please help us put a smile on the faces of 300 students. Checks payable to DuBois Continuum of Care Community. THANK YOU!

NEW THIS YEAR, Warm Hugs, Warm Hearts Winter Gloves & Hats Program to go with the Snack Bags of Joy!

It was brought to our attention that not only do we have local students who don’t have food to eat at home during Christmas break but they also don’t have winter hats and gloves to keep them warm during the cold months. *Please help us collect enough to add to the 300 Snack Bags of Joy for this year.*

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OUR GEMS:

Our 3rd quarter 2024 GEMS so far: July, Nikki Tyger; August, Koreen Garcia; September, Deb Cox; October, Bobbi Jo Anthony; November, to be picked 11/6. **Keep Nominating: Go to our Website, Join Our Team, eGEM Nomination, fill out, click send.**



EVENTS:

OCTOBER 14th: National Dessert Day. (BYOD) Bring Your Own Dessert for a fun Pot Luck Contest.
OCTOBER 17th: Meet & Greet Reception with local and state elected officials. At DuBois Village at 6:00 pm. There will be a special “Keys to Our Community” presentation. *RSVPs from guests are required due to limited seating.*

DONATIONS:

DuBois Continuum of Care Community is a Non-Profit Community. Hosting regular fundraisers is a necessity to help raise additional funds for added programs, exterior and interior facility enhancements, holiday gifts for residents and more. *You can make a well appreciated donation by going to our website at www.duboisccci.com or call 814.375.9100.*

Protect Your Home

7 Ways Residents Can Reduce the Risk that their Homes & Property Will Become Fuel for a Wildfire

October is Fire Safety Month

#1 Clear

Clear off pine needles, dead leaves & anything that can burn from your rooflines, gutters, decks, porches, patios & along fence lines. Falling embers will have nothing to burn.

#2 Store Away

Store away furniture cushions, rattan mats, potted plants & other decorations from decks, porches & patios. These items catch embers and help ignite your home if you leave them outside.

#3 Screen & Seal

Wind-borne embers can get into homes easily through vents & other openings and burn the home from the inside out. Walk around your house to see what openings you can screen or temporarily seal up.

#4 Rake

Embers landing in mulch that touches your house, deck or fence is a big fire hazard. Rake out any landscaping mulch to at least five feet away.

#5 Trim

Trim back any shrubs or tree branches that come closer than 5 feet to the house and attachments, and any overhanging branches.

#6 Remove

Walk around your house and remove anything within 30 feet that could burn, such as woodpiles, spare lumber, vehicles and boats - anything that can act as a large fuel source.

#7 Close

If ordered to evacuate, make sure all windows & doors are closed tightly, and seal up any pet doors. Many homes are destroyed by embers entering these openings and burning the house from the inside out.



NFPA has many more tips and safety recommendations on its websites, including www.firewise.org.



Give Warm Hugs this Winter!

This year, the Continuum is adding another collection program to coincide with the 6th Annual Snack Bags of Joy... Warm Hugs, Warm Hearts! We are collecting winter hats and gloves to be packed with the Snack Bags of Joy for DuBois School District students who are in need of these warm items for the winter months.

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING TO THE CONTINUUM'S 1ST ANNUAL WARM HUGS, WARM HEARTS COLLECTION PROGRAM

All of the collected winter hats and gloves will be placed in the Snack Bags of Joy so the DuBois School District students receiving the snack bags will also receive these warm winter items.



Call Darla at 814.375.5483, for more information.

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Snack Bags of Joy!

Share Joy.

Help Us Fill 300 Bags

Imagine what it would be like to be hungry, to have a pain inside yet knowing that the pain won't be going away anytime soon. Imagine a child unable to run to the kitchen and grab a snack, a bowl of soup, or a cookie.

What seems unimaginable is reality right here in our local communities, in our neighborhoods, in our backyards.

PLEASE CONSIDER *GIVING TO THE CONTINUUM'S 6TH ANNUAL SNACK BAGS OF JOY COLLECTION PROGRAM

All of the Snack Bags of Joy are given to the DuBois School District who then distribute to the students, elementary to senior high, before going on their Christmas break.

Call Darla at 814.375.5483, for more information.

** We are asking for your generous consideration of making monetary donations, not product donations, to this year's collection campaign.*

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Snack Bags of Joy



Our Goal is 300 Bags

Going into our sixth year of hosting the Snack Bags of Joy Collection Program, you learn a few things. We put together a collective items NEED LIST, with specific products and the quantity needs of each, needed to fill 300 bags.

ITEM	QUANTITIES NEEDED	# PER BAG	#NEEDED/COST
<input type="checkbox"/> Chef Boy Ar Dee	600	2	50 Boxes/12=\$599.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Dry Soup Packets	900	3	19 Boxes/48=\$410.97
<input type="checkbox"/> Ramen Noodles	900	3	38 Boxes/24=\$265.24
<input type="checkbox"/> Oatmeal Packets	1,200	4	23 Boxes/52=\$253.38
<input type="checkbox"/> Bagged Snacks	1,200	4	24 Boxes/50=\$389.52
<input type="checkbox"/> Sweet Treats (Cookies)	600	2	10 Boxes/60=\$116.80
<input type="checkbox"/> Pudding Packs	300	1	9 Boxes/36=\$71.82
<input type="checkbox"/> Fruit Cups	600	2	38 Boxes/16=\$341.24
<input type="checkbox"/> Fruit Snacks	900	3	10 Boxes/90=\$114.40
<input type="checkbox"/> Bottled Water	900	3	12 Cases/80=\$107.76
<input type="checkbox"/> Juice Packs	600	2	17 Boxes/36=\$195.16
<input type="checkbox"/> Mac & Cheese Cups	600	2	34 Boxes of 18=\$237.32
<input type="checkbox"/> Cheez-Its Crackers	600	2	14 Boxes/45=\$209.72
<input type="checkbox"/> Snack Pack Gelatin Cups	300	1	25 Boxes/12=\$81.75
<input type="checkbox"/> Chocolate Candy Bar	300	1	10 Boxes/30=\$279.80

A really BIG number that's reachable with YOUR help!



TOTAL \$ NEEDED: \$3673.80
As of 8/12/24