



2026

Jasper County Cares Coalition
2nd Wednesday @ 10:30-noon

January 14: No Meeting

February 11

March 11

April 8

May 13

June 10

July 8

August 12

September 9

October 14

November 11

December 9

**WE
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Networking
& Resource Table

Contact: jaspercocares@jasperia.org

Jasper Co. Office Building, Large Conference Room
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Capstone, a nonprofit, is in need of waiting room chairs to complete the expansion of mental health and substance treatment services at Capstone's Connections building. If you have chairs, please contact Julie Smith.



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Contact: Julie Smith, Executive Director

Email: julies@capstonebh.com

Tel: (641)792-4012

Address: 1123 1st Ave E., Newton, IA 50208

CELEBRATE RECOVERY 12 STEPS AND THEIR BIBLICAL COMPARISONS

1. We admitted we were powerless over our addictions and compulsive behaviors, that our lives had become unmanageable.

"I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out." Romans 7:18 NIV

2. We came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

"For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose."

Philippians 2:13 NIV

3. We made a decision to turn our lives and our wills over to the care of God.

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God - this is your spiritual act of worship." Romans 12:1 NIV

4. We made a searching and fearless honest inventory of ourselves.

"Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the Lord." Lamentations 3:40 NIV

5. We admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our hurts, hang-ups and habits.

"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed." James 5:16a NIV

6. We were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

"Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up." James 4:10 NIV

7. We humbly asked Him to remove all our shortcomings.

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

1 John 1:9 NIV

8. We made a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all.

"Do to others as you would have them do to you." Luke 6:31 NIV

9. We made direct amends to such people whenever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift." Matthew 5:23-24 NIV

10. We continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong, promptly admitted it.

"So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!" 1 Corinthians 10:12 NIV

11. We sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, praying only for knowledge of His will for us, and power to carry that out.

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly." Colossians 3:16a NIV

12. Having had a spiritual experience as the result of these steps, we try to carry this message to others and practice these principles in all our affairs.

"Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore them gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted." Galatians 6:1



Newton Church of The Way

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Newton, IA 50208

(641) 792-7300

newtonway.org/celebraterecovery

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

NEWTON CHURCH OF THE WAY

A HEALING PROGRAM AND
FELLOWSHIP FOR ADULTS
OVERCOMING HURTS,
HANG-UPS, AND HABITS.



Celebrate Recovery



CELEBRATE RECOVERY VISION

The vision for Celebrate Recovery here at Newton Church of the Way is to serve God and His Kingdom by helping others to strip off their old sinful nature and anchor their faith in Jesus Christ. With the Spirit's renewing power, we will cease to deny our hurts, habits and hang-ups. By embracing the steps and principles of Celebrate Recovery, together we will confront the destruction that our old lives have caused, and step into the light of Christ by accepting His abundant grace.

Come as you are!

Jesus will meet you right where you are at, and so will we. Join us for food, fellowship, worship, small group discussion, testimonials, and proven curriculum. We believe that no matter where you come from or what you have done, the solution is the same.

MONDAY NIGHTS AT NEWTON CHURCH OF THE WAY

5:30-6:15 pm Dinner
6:15-7:15pm Large group
7:15-8:15 pm Small Groups

For more information, or to get involved in serving others through Celebrate Recovery, please email Cody@theway146.com

PRAYER OF SERENITY

God, grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change,
the courage to change the things I can,
and the wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time,
enjoying one moment at a time;
accepting hardship as a pathway to peace;
taking, as Jesus did,
this sinful world as it is,
not as I would have it;
trusting that You will make all things right
if I surrender to Your will;
so that I may be reasonable happy in this life
and supremely happy with You forever in the next.
Amen.
Reinhold Niebuhr

EIGHT RECOVERY PRINCIPLES

1. Realize I'm not God. I admit that I am powerless to control my tendency to do the wrong thing and that my life is unmanageable. (Step 1)

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:3 NIV

2. Earnestly believe that God exists, that I matter to Him and that He has the power to help me recover. (Step 2)

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." Matthew 5:4 NIV

3. Consciously choose to commit all my life and will to Christ's care and control. (Step 3)

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth." Matthew 5:5 NIV

4. Openly examine and confess my hurts, hang-ups and habits to myself, to God, and to someone I trust. (Steps 4 and 5)

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God." Matthew 5:8 NIV

5. Voluntarily submit to any and all changes God wants to make in my life and humbly ask Him to remove my character defects. (Steps 6 and 7)

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled." Matthew 5:6 NIV

6. Evaluate all my relationships. Offer forgiveness to those who have hurt me and make amends for harm I've done to others when possible, except when to do so would harm them or others. (Steps 8 and 9)

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy." Matthew 5:7 NIV

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." Matthew 5:9 NIV

7. Reserve a daily time with God for self-examination, Bible reading, and prayer in order to know God and His will for my life and to gain the power to follow His will. (Steps 10 and 11)

8. Yield myself to God to be used to bring this Good News to others, both by my example and my words. (Step 12)

"Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:10 NIV



SMALL GROUP GUIDELINES

1. Keep your sharing focused on your own thoughts and feelings, using "I" and "me" statements. Limit your sharing to three to five minutes.

2. There is no cross-talk. Cross-talk is when two individuals engage in conversations excluding all others. Each person is free to express his or her feelings without interruptions.

3. We are here to support one another, not "fix" one another. This keeps us focused on our own issues.

4. Anonymity and confidentiality are basic requirements. What is shared in the group stays in the group. The only exception is when someone threatens to injure themselves or others.

5. Offensive language has no place in a Christ-centered recovery group.

Now Hiring: Prevention Specialists (multiple positions available)

Employee & Family Resources (EFR) is seeking dedicated Prevention Specialists to deliver substance abuse prevention programming throughout Polk, Jasper, Marion, and Warren counties. This role is ideal for professionals with a background in education, human services, or public health who want to make a meaningful difference at the community level.

👉 Click the link to learn more about this position and apply:

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IOWA INNOVATION IN HOMELESSNESS INCUBATOR



The Iowa Innovation in Homelessness Incubator Pitch Competition calls for forward-thinking proposals aimed at addressing homelessness prevention and/or response.

We seek innovative ideas that aspire to create a state where homelessness is rare, brief and nonrecurring and support is readily available to those in need. The goal is to redefine the landscape of homelessness prevention and response systems and rethink how assistance for persons experiencing homelessness in Iowa is delivered.

This initiative challenges Iowa housing and community leaders to think innovatively about how we can implement new approaches to alleviate homelessness. Whether it involves developing essential resources, introducing innovative tools, enhancing services, fostering essential partnerships, or streamlining processes, we're in search of solutions that transcend traditional funding mechanisms and programs.

IFA has allocated up to \$200,000 in total funding for winning pitches, with each individual award limited to a maximum of \$100,000 per applicant. This funding will support the transformation of concepts into pilot initiatives, laying the groundwork for long-term impact, potential expansion, and measurable, life-saving outcomes.

The source of funding for the award will be from state funds not subject to traditional federal program requirements, providing greater flexibility to innovate around homelessness prevention and response.

2026 APPLICATION TIMELINE

- **February 4:** Application webinar
- **July 6:** Application deadline at 5:00 p.m. CT
- **July 24:** Finalists notified
- **September 9:** Finalists make their pitches at the HousingIowa Conference in Des Moines



GUIDELINES

- Proposals must be led and submitted by a State of Iowa nonprofit service provider, Continuum of Care, certified Local Housing Trust Fund, City, or County or by a statewide association, federally recognized Tribe, or Tribally Designated Housing Entity. One or more Iowa nonprofit agencies that provides services related to emergency shelter, street outreach, homelessness prevention, rapid rehousing, and/or permanent supportive housing to persons experiencing homelessness in Iowa must be a key partner in the proposal if not the lead applicant. Past winners are ineligible.
- The maximum funding request is \$100,000 per proposal.
- Proposals must be strategically aimed at preventing or alleviating homelessness and have the potential to be replicated or expanded across the state (funding requests specific to financing the existing general operations of individual agencies are ineligible).
- Special consideration will be given to proposals that include any of the following aspects:
 - Partnerships between health systems and homelessness response systems or other cross-system collaborations
 - Efforts to address unsheltered homelessness, including but not limited to Homeless Court Programs
 - Proposals aimed at addressing:
 - Rising acuity levels of persons experiencing homelessness with higher acuity indicated by more complex, co-occurring issues that are likely to impact overall housing stability
 - Homelessness among Iowans age 65 and older or targeted subset populations among older Iowans
 - Housing instability among families with children, including but not limited to families with child welfare system involvement

- Supported employment or other initiatives focused on increasing the self-sufficiency of persons experiencing homelessness through employment, especially collaborations with local employers
- Initiatives to address workforce recruitment and retention within front-line homelessness response systems
- Partnerships with local landlords and/or public housing authorities, including incentive programs aimed at expanding housing opportunities for persons experiencing homelessness
- Data-driven initiatives to alleviate homelessness

- Proposals must be submitted using the application form(s) provided by IFA and should be centered on innovation and supported by evidence-based practices.
- Partnerships are highly encouraged but not required.
- Finalists will be determined by IFA and will be invited to make their pitch to a panel of judges at the HousingIowa Conference in Des Moines on Wednesday, September 9.
- Entrants are not guaranteed an opportunity to pitch for funding and must sign an acknowledgement form prior to submission of proposal.
- IFA reserves the right to award funding to one, multiple, or no winners at its sole discretion.

Application and more information
will be available at
iowafinance.com/homeless

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A LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP FOR BOARDS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Join local board and council members for an engaging, hands-on day focused on action, collaboration, and impact. Learn new tools, gain inspiration, and take home strategies you can put to work immediately!

TOGETHER WE'LL:

- Re-energize your board or council members
- Clarify your purpose and community impact
- Develop effective strategies for partner and donor relations
- Tackle challenges and create actionable solutions
- Network with other passionate community leaders

Workshop Details:

Date: April 18th, 2026

Time: 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Where: DMACC College,
600 N 2nd W St., Newton, IA 50208

Breakfast charcuterie boards • Catered lunch • Interactive sessions • Networking

Registration required! Register by April 13th.

Questions can be directed to

Sarah Patterson at patter@iastate.edu or
Alathia Andera at aalathia@iastate.edu

\$40 PER PERSON



Eric Heininger, Speaker
16 Actions Every Board Can Take



Beth Shelton, Speaker
Solving Problems & Overcoming
Challenges

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Meet the Keynote Speakers:



Eric Heininger, CFRE
President, EDEN+ Fundraising Consulting

Session: "16 Actions Every Board Member Can do Today to be More Effective"

Eric Heininger helps rural communities unite to tackle their biggest challenges. As President of EDEN+ Fundraising Consulting and a Certified Fundraising Executive, he brings extensive experience in leadership, collaboration, and community impact.

As a nationally recognized AFP Master Trainer, Eric leads sessions across the country on donor engagement and nonprofit ethics. With a passion for rural vitality, he's committed to equipping leaders to guide their communities with purpose and confidence.



Beth Shelton,
CEO, Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa

Session: "Solving Problems and Overcoming Challenges"

Beth Shelton leads the Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa, serving 13,000 members across Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota. Named the 2024 National Remarkable Woman by Nexstar Media, she has been featured on Good Morning America, USA Today, and the Today Show. Beth uses solution-focused leadership to inspire radical innovation. Holding degrees from Simpson College, Drake University, and MIT, her session will focus on solving problems and overcoming challenges with courage and creativity.

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DATE OF WORKSHOP
SATURDAY
APRIL 18, 2026

STRONGER BOARDS

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LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP FOR BOARDS AND COUNCILS

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

registration deadline: APRIL 13, 2026

Contact Person: _____ email: _____

Organization/Company Represented: _____

Full Address:

How did you hear about this workshop? email flyer personal contact social media other

How many people are you registering? _____

List those attending/include yourself: (please note any dietary restrictions next to name)

What is the main reason for attending/bringing your board/council?

Total Cost at \$40.00 a person: $\$40 \times \underline{\hspace{2cm}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

Return registration forms and payment to: (*checks payable to Poweshiek County Extension Office)

Poweshiek County Extension Office
1017 Ogan Avenue
Grinnell, IA 50112

**REGISTRATION MAY ALSO BE DROPPED OFF OR MAILED TO
THE JASPER (NEWTON) EXTENSION OFFICE:**

- How would you like your receipt: mailed pick up the day of the workshop

Questions? Contact:

Sarah Patterson: Jasper
patter@iastate.edu
641-792-6433

OR

Alathia Andera: Poweshiek
aalathia@iastate.edu
563-422-8638

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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

● Leadership Champion: \$1,000+

- Top-tier recognition in all marketing and press materials
- Verbal acknowledgement during keynote sessions
- Complimentary registration for 5 attendees
- Opportunity to have a company informational table at the event

● Community Builder: \$500-\$900

- Logo on printed program, signage, and social media
- Verbal recognition during event
- Complimentary registration for 3 attendees
- Option to include handout or giveaway in participant welcome packets

● Partner in Leadership: \$200-\$400

- Name listed on signage and closing slide
- Verbal recognition during event
- Mention in thank-you materials

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Meet Our Team!

Carla Moon
IR&A Specialist
Options Counselor

Carla Moon joined the dedicated team at Aging Resources four years and seven months ago, on May 11, 2021. As an Information, Referral, and Assistance Specialist and Options Counselor, she embodies a

spirit of compassion and commitment to helping those in need. With her big heart, Carla consistently goes the extra mile to ensure that her clients receive not only accurate information but also the support they deserve.

Walk-Ins Welcome!

Aging Resource Staff will be present at meal sites and libraries to assist individuals without appointments. They will provide information, educational resources, and support with application processes. Please refer to the schedule below for specific dates and times.

Jan. 14th, 1-3 pm, Jasper County Meal Site

Jan. 16th, 1-3 pm, Polk County Central Library

Jan. 28th, 11-1 pm, Story County @ 60 Forward

Jan. 28th, 1-3 pm. Madison County Elderly Services

THANK YOU to our December Partners:
Sunlight Senior Care and Seniorly

If you are interested in presenting or speaking with the LifeLong Links Team, please contact Jane or Crystal at:
jane.moore@agingresources.com or
crystal.doig@agingresources.com

January 2026

Happy New Year

"The bad news is time flies. The good news is, you're the pilot."

—Michael Altshuler



Agency Rent Rebate Update

After February 16th, the Aging Resource Staff will offer in-person appointments at our office. Call the agency's main line at 515-255-1310 to schedule an appointment.

Agency Activities and Presentations

Jan. 6th, 1-2 pm: AR Overview @ Hope Ministries, Des Moines

Jan. 8th: 11:30 am: Ankeny Community Education Sessions at the Albaugh Community Center in Ankeny

Jan. 14th, 11-1 pm: AR Overview and Scams, Polk City Library

Jan. 15th: 9:30-11 am: Resource Table at Straight Talk Event in West Des Moines

Jan. 21st: 10 am: Seniors and Law Enforcement Together in Des Moines at Northwest Senior Center

Nutrition and Wellness Activities

Jan. 13th, 9 am – Tai Chi at Penelope 38 Apts in Ankeny

Jan. 28th, 2 pm – Nutrition Education at Hearthstone Community Living in Pella

If you're interested in learning more about the Health & Wellness classes or nutritional consultations, please email Stephanie at stephanie.labenz@agingresources.com

Polk County's S.A.L.T. Council to be hosted at NW Senior Center for 2026 Education Sessions

Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (SALT) is a group composed of community members, professionals, law enforcement and other first responders who share the same mission of reducing crime and safety concerns of older adult communities via educational presentations and collaborative meetings held once a month. If you are interested in joining, email Louise at louise.alitz@agingresources.com to





Set a reminder to March 29th for the Des Moines Fight For Air Climb, locally presented by [The Iowa Clinic!](#)

If you haven't registered yet, go to FightForAirClimb.org/DesMoines and use code STEP10 for a discount.

THEN, start your team and let your supporters know why you're climbing!

#DesMoinesClimb #LungHealth



JR. LEADERS PROGRAM

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KIDS LEAD. COMMUNITY GROWS

The Newton YMCA Jr. Leaders Program is a volunteer-based leadership and mentorship initiative for youth ages 9–13. The program provides participants with structured opportunities to serve as Jr. Helpers within Newton YMCA youth spaces while receiving consistent mentorship and guidance from YMCA leadership.

GOALS:

- Provide meaningful mentorship opportunities for youth
- Develop leadership, communication, and responsibility skills
- Encourage civic engagement and community involvement
- Build positive connections between youth, staff, and younger members
- Create an early leadership pipeline within the Newton YMCA



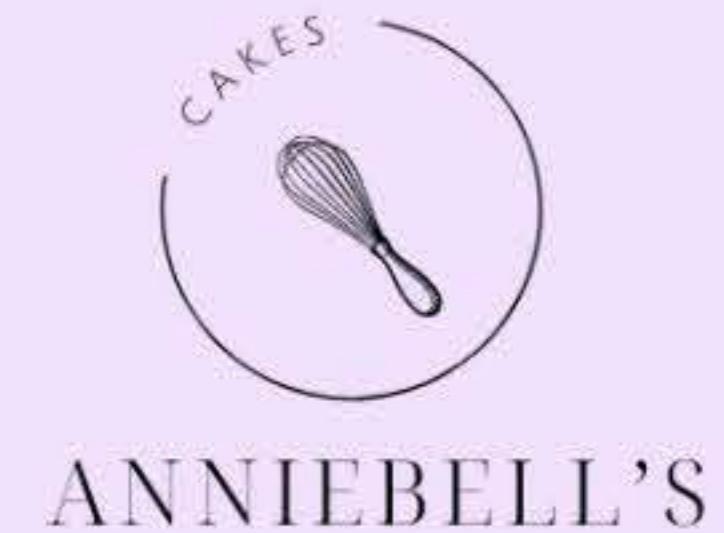
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REACH OUT TO COOKIE TO SIGN UP AND GET MORE INFORMATION.

COOKIE.FUZELL@NEWTONYMCA.ORG 641-792-4006

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Ages 5-12

Member \$20
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FEB 6 | 5:30-8:00PM

QUESTIONS? COOKIE.FUZELL@NEWTONYMCA.ORG

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Reducing the barriers and burdens people in poverty experience by increasing access to essential needs.

NEED ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR WINTER HEATING BILLS?

The 2025-26 Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) can help eligible households stay safe and warm in the winter by providing financial assistance with home heating bills and protection from disconnection until April 1st, 2026.

IMPACT serves Boone, Jasper, Marion, Polk & Warren Counties in Iowa.



ELIGIBILITY

Your household may be able to receive a one-time payment to your utility provider if you meet income guidelines and provide the required documentation for your household.

Household Size	Annual Gross Income
1	\$31,300
2	\$42,300
3	\$53,300
4	\$64,300
5	\$75,300
Add \$11,000 for each additional household member	

DOCUMENTS

1. Social Security Cards for all household members.

- a. We can also accept: Birth Certificates, Unexpired Iowa Driver's License/Real ID, Passports, Tax Returns, or I-94 plus a verbal of your social number.

2. Income Documentation for all household members 18+ from either...

- a. The most recent 30 days **OR**
- b. Previous years' Annual Income via W-2s or Tax Returns

3. Most Recent Utility Bills for Heat AND Electric Vendors

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For Jasper & Marion Counties:
Call 515-518-4770 to schedule over the phone.



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UPCOMING EVENTS IN JASPER COUNTY

Throughout the 2025-26 Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) season, the IMPACT team will be available in person at a variety of partner locations in Jasper County to accept applications for households that would like to apply in person*.

Call 515-518-4770 or email info@impactcap.org to schedule your appointment.



SALVATION ARMY

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6TH, 2026

301 N 2nd Ave E, Newton, IA 50208

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Appointments Available 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Open to walk-in applications starting at 1:00 PM

DISCOVER HOPE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13TH, 2026

733 1st Ave E, Newton, IA 50208

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Appointments Available 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Open to walk-in applications starting at 1:00 PM

- **Home visits are also available for those that qualify. Call us to schedule an appointment!**
- **In need of transportation to one of these events? Call HIRTA: 877-686-0029**

COLFAX PUBLIC LIBRARY

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20TH, 2026

25 W Division Street, Colfax, IA 50054

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Appointments Available 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Open to walk-in applications starting at 1:00 PM

NEWTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27TH, 2026

1620 N 11th Ave E, Newton, IA 50208

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Appointments Available 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Open to walk-in applications starting at 1:00 PM



Jodi Morgan-Peters <morganpetersj@newton.k12.ia.us>
To Jodi Morgan-Peters

Reply Reply All Forward

Fri 1/9/2026 11:29 AM

Follow up. Start by Wednesday, January 14, 2026. Due by Sunday, January 18, 2026.
If there are problems with how this message is displayed, click here to view it in a web browser.

[NOTICE: This message originated outside of Jasper County -- DO NOT CLICK on links or open attachments unless you are sure the content is safe.]

Hello, all!

We just wrapped up 41 job shadows - thanks to those of you who hosted them! And now, it's once again that time of year when we are enthusiastically starting our Human Body System's class. Many of you have already been a part of our Biomedical Science Program this year as guest speakers, job shadow hosts or sources of information. The real-life examples, experiences and advice that you all give to this program is so important to our success and the experience students gain from taking these courses. Some of you are non-healthcare workers, but have participated in our program by hosting job shadows for students not pursuing healthcare careers. Still others are former students and are now pursuing or working in healthcare careers, and hopefully remember fondly your experiences in Biomed at NHS.

Once again, I'd like to provide lab coats to our Human Body Systems students (2nd level course). We will need 21 lab coats this year. The students are so excited about this aspect of class. As always, we will ask those of you who wish to participate to join us for a White Coat ceremony where you can present the lab coats to our Human Body Systems students after we treat you to a delicious breakfast. If you are interested and able to provide one or more lab coats this year, I am looking for \$40 donations/coat, shipping, and embroidery. Please let me know if this is something you'd like to contribute to.

As always, your willingness to allow a student to shadow you, or come to my class to speak to everyone about opportunities and pathways in your field are valuable and appreciated as well. There are two additional ways you or your practice might be interested in getting involved in our Biomedical Science Program: Internships and Industry Credentials.

- **Internships:** If you would like to work with me on providing an internship opportunity for our Human Body Systems students, we are looking for more hands-on types of career education for students entering the medical field. Of course, we know they will not be turned loose with patients, but there may be things they could do, and skills they could learn. If you think this is something you'd like to consider and talk with me about, I'd be happy to chat. Internships will vary based on the career paths. For instance, we have had students in the past earning while learning to become a Certified Dental Assistant with Dr. Rabedeax. Others interested in PT/Sports Medicine have participated in unpaid internships with Kinetic Edge.
- **Industry Credentials:** We know that most of these are going to have to wait until our students are employed in the industry. However, we have had students earn their CPR/First Aid/AED credential this year. If you have other things you train employees on that our students could participate in (for instance HIPAA certification), that would also be a fantastic opportunity for us.

We never know where our students will land, but I hope that, thanks to your influence and the experiences you provide, some of our students will find themselves in the healthcare field, and with any luck, back in Newton serving our community and raising their families. Thank you for your continued support of our Biomedical Science program in whatever capacity you serve. I appreciate you!

Jodi



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