## WOODLAND CENTERS "CONNECT"

## MESSAGE FROM DR. ASHLEY KJOS, CEO



As we move into 2023, it is important to reflect on everything Woodland Centers has achieved in the past year:

- CCBHC certification and implementation of CCBHC standards (utilization of ASAM dimensions, comprehensive evaluations, integrated treatment plans, MDTs, and integration of care).
- New models of service delivery including Jail Mental Health Services, Medication Assisted Treatment, Adolescent SUD program, Peer Support Services, Targeted Case Management Services, and Urgent Care.
- Implementation of care coordination activities.
- · Increased use of data in making client centered and data informed decisions.
- A successful community art project in Willmar (more to come in our other communities in 2023).
- Implementation of inclusion and equity initiates across the agency.
- Became a community Naloxone access site ensuring life saving medication is more readily available when an opioid overdose occurs in our community.
- Addition of new staff and new positions across the center we now have over 210 staff!
- Being named NAMI MN Provider of the Year.

None of this would be possible without the hard work and dedication of our staff! Woodland Centers employees have worked through and managed change at all levels of the organization and continue to provide high quality, client centered care across our communities through all these changes.

#### **BECOME A WC "IMPACT" PARTNER!**

The "WC IMPACT Partner" Program raises dollars to help WC continue to grow and create a center of excellence in Mental Health and Mental Illness programming, therapy, and residential opportunities for kids, adults, seniors, and families in West Central Minnesota.

#### The tax-deductible donation levels are:

Support {Up to \$199} Bridge Builder {\$200-\$499} Providing Hope {\$500-\$999} Inspiring Change {\$1,000+}

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## **Community Impact**



- WC is committed to learning and brining training to our staff. We have been bringing some diversity training to the staff in Willmar and the Montevideo location. We are also looking at taking our trainings and bringing them to our community partners outside these walls.
- Woodland Centers, Southwest Initiative Foundation and Willmar Area Community Foundation
  partnered together for an Inclusive Mental Health Community Dialogue. Identifying the
  resources, people, organizations, and models for adapting mental health and substance use
  services for members of our Somali, Latino, and LGBTQIA+ communities. We discussed gaps
  in our current service model and envisioned possibilities for delivering more inclusive,
  culturally adaptive care.
- Our Skylark office is up and running!! The Willmar ACT, BHH, TCM and Certified Peer Support teams moved over there. Stop in and check it out. Be sure to keep an eye out for Open House information!
- Woodland Centers is now an Naloxone Access Point. Someone in need of a naloxone kit can
  come in and ask for one with no questions asked and can remain anonymous. We will also
  start having kits available in our other locations they do not have a close access point
  available.

### Meet Some Woodland Centers Team Members



#### Aleea Thooft

Hey! My name is Aleea. I was born and raised in Montevideo where I met my husband about 13 years ago. We live on a little farm site outside of Clarkfield where we run our Machine Shop and raise 3 beautiful ladies. I enjoy camping, ice fishing, rolle bolle, and being a personal chauffeur for school sporting events. I joined the Woodland Centers team during this last summer as a Data Analyst Specialist and so far have loved every minute of it. I look forward to what the future has to offer and continuing to meet everyone.



#### Megan Williams

Hi, my name is Megan Williams. I'm 30 years old and moved from California 1 year ago for a new start with my 2 kids. Starting in a new state with new environment has been a challenge but a great one. Its been 1 year here at woodlands and its been a great experience being in this great company. I cant wait to grow and learn more from this company.





## Woodland Centers is Recruiting for the following positions:

- Jail Skills Worker/Care Coordinator Part-time
- Licensed Clinical Masters/Clinical Unit Administrative Supervisor
- Qualified Mental Health Professional- Assertive Community Treatment
- Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor-Assertive Community Treatment
- Mental Health Rehabilitation Worker Crisis
- Systems Navigator / Mental Health Practitioner BHH
- Qualified Mental Health Professional/Trainee School Linked
- Mental Health Practitioner Home Based
- Mental Health Practitioner School Linked
- Qualified Mental Health Professional/Trainee Outpatient
- On Call Mobile Crisis Responder
- Mental Health Practitioner On Call Crisis
   Woodland Centers offers 37 paid days off the first year; 7% in a 401K and excellent health insurance!

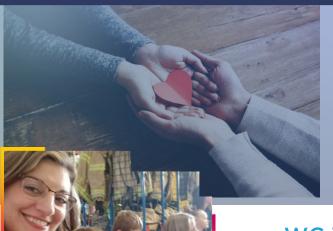
Please visit our website under the employment tab to apply
Our Mission

We support people of all ages in finding hope and recovery.

#### **Our Values**

Willingness: We do what it takes
Knowledge: We seek to understand, learn and grow
Leadership: We inspire change





# Only a life lived for others is worth living. -Albert Einstein

WC is committed to community involvement and encourage staff to use volunteer time!

Pam J. volunteered for her son's kindergarten class and the Montevideo Fire Dept. and Sam's Pumpkin Patch.

Personal Development

Keep Your Mind Active

Sense of Purpose

Skills

8 TOP
REASONS
WHY YOU
SHOULD
VOLUNTEER

Give Something Back

> Feel Valued

People

Gain Confidence

The Slumberland "Home for the Holidays" event was held this morning. A total of 107 beds were given to Woodland Centers and other agencies in our community. Thank you Slumberland!



The Act team at their holiday party complete with a nice meal and gifts for their clients. This brings so much joy to the staff here a WC!



Sonia G. spent her volunteer

hours chaperoning at the

Nelson Farm.

