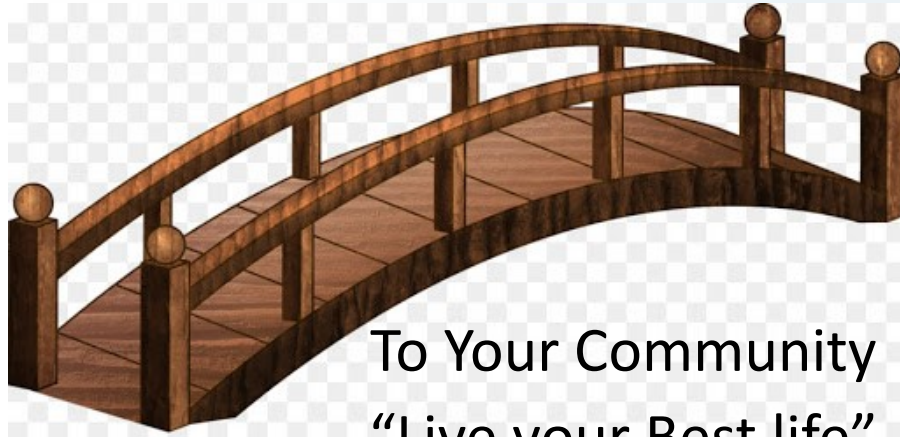


# The Bridge

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To Your Community  
“Live your Best life”

## Welcome Back, Message from our CEO

We are so excited to be looking forward to more and more of our Greene, Inc. family returning to day service, vocational and community activities. Throughout the past 12+ very challenging months all of our lives have been significantly disrupted. During this time our primary focus has been on supporting individuals in very limited numbers and keeping them, as well as our staff, safe. This has meant following very stringent State of Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities guidance which have continually changed as the pandemic has progressed. We are very hopeful that now, with the availability of vaccine we can look forward to getting things back closer to normal. This is our first quarterly newsletter that we plan to publish as a tool to keep our stakeholders up to date on new and exciting activities and employment opportunities for the individuals we serve as well as a resource to let you know about changes in program requirements that may affect the services your loved-one receives.

Dennis Rhodes, CEO

## Community Bridges

Community Bridges is picking back up this month and planning some pretty awesome trips! This month, they will be taking groups to the Raptor Center in Yellow Springs. We look forward to some great trips, opportunities and experiences!



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## Way to Go Morgan and Crew!



The Greene Inc Transportation Department is pleased to announce that we have successfully passed our annual DOT inspection. On 4/6/2021 The Department of Transportation sent three Ohio State Patrolman to inspect our 12 buses. Throughout the inspection the Patrolman thoroughly inspected the interior and exterior of all the buses to ensure that they are road worthy and safe for all who board them. A big thanks to our drivers here at Greene Inc for keeping our buses well maintained and properly sanitizing them daily to keep everyone safe and healthy.

Morgan Tobe, Transportation Manager



## Employment Services

Are you ready to become part of the community at large? Are you interested in what 80% of adults are engaged in for at least 20 hours per week? Then, Greene, Inc's vocational department welcomes you to explore this vital part of American culture.

For many of us, work is what defines a large part of our identity as an adult. It gives our lives purpose, meaning and a sense of accomplishment whether we have productive schedules or can pay our bills or spend money on recreational activities. Whether our work is paid or voluntary, work makes us part of the adult, social community and gives us a commonality that broaches age, race, religion, or politics. Work is part of the civilization that has made us successful as a group on this planet and empowered us to thrive.

Do not deny yourself the opportunity to find out what the rest of us who are already working know, that to work is to engage in a very social and mature way.

Our vocational services include assessments and career profiles, community-based work assessments, transitional services that assess and teach work skills through both classroom and practical experience, resume acquisition, job development plans, coaching and job placement. We also assist you in an individualized way to realize what your strengths, weaknesses and dreams of the perfect job may be but also matching that with what is currently available in the economy to get you on the path to your desired future.

Please follow along with stories of successful job placements in the community that Greene, Inc helped to foster. You might see some of your friends!

Jennelle Davidson, Employment Services Manager





**Creative Expressions**

Covid can't stop creativity and talent! Even under strict guidelines, some of our folks have been working hard and building on their talents. We now have a display case in the front of our lobby with displayed artwork...all of which is for sale! 100% of proceeds go to the artist. If you are interested in purchasing items, please contact Christina Harlow at [charlow@greeneinc.org](mailto:charlow@greeneinc.org)



**BEST Program**

Our BEST program (Basic Employment Skills Training) participants are enjoying their time working on skills that will assist them in gaining community employment, should they choose to pursue it. They have reviewed and practiced skills such as interview skills, appropriate workplace attire, social skills, etc... A great bonus to this program is that our job coaches bring a plethora of knowledge and opportunities



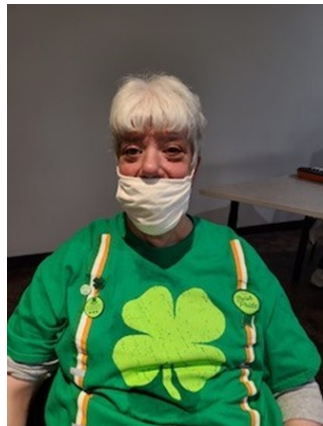
# Adult Day Services

There has been a lot of fun activities and celebrations taking place at the Atrium. With the beautiful weather coming around the corner, we look forward to continuing the fun! Here are just some of the events that have taken place...

Amanda Stratton, Manager Adult Day Services

## St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Even in the present day of rules, policies and guidelines set in place due to Covid, we couldn't help but to feel lucky! Some of our participants and staff members wore their green and did their best to



## Easter

Do you know what makes a Friday even better??? SUNSHINE and an EASTER EGG HUNT!!! Each group was able to go outside and not only enjoy the beautiful sunshine, but also participate in an Easter Egg Hunt. Everyone enjoyed themselves very much and loved being able to see what goodies awaited them in their eggs!



Happy Easter !



**Food Drive**

We teamed up with the Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities as well as other local providers to celebrate Disability Awareness Month. To celebrate, we took part in a food drive and donated our items to the fish pantry right here in Xenia. Thank you, again, to everyone who took part and donated to such a great cause!

“No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.”  
-Aesop





## Sensory Garden

As the weather starts heating up and we all crave the time to be outdoors, the sensory garden is the perfect place to go! Many participants rolled up their sleeves and helped to keep the garden in great shape by picking up sticks and branches. We look forward to the coming weeks and months of planting flowers, vegetables and fruits, maintaining them, and just sitting outside and enjoying the beautiful scenery!



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