
Executive Director, Ryan Dowd, Reflects on Highlights and Accomplishments from the past six months

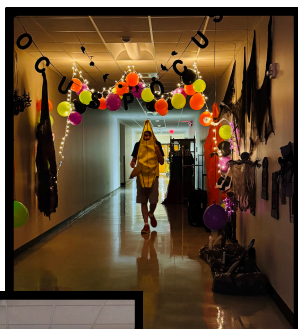
- We began the process of becoming accredited through the Council on Quality and Leadership (CQL) with an informative meeting with Gretchen Block from CQL on October 2nd. The accreditation process will take between one to one and a half years to complete, but it will be a great accomplishment for Pathway to achieve accreditation.
- Pathway took part in the I/DD System Redesign Coalition Introductory Meeting on October 14th. The Coalition has been created to assist people with I/DD and their families to seek the greatest possible outcomes while also working to help redesign the current system of service for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- Pathway partnered with the Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) in November 2025 to implement a Supported Employment Program (SEP) for its Community Day Services (CDS) Program. We employed up to five people supported at one time through the SEP program and are currently working to identify more people supported in CDS who would do well with community integrated employment through the SEP Program.
- We held a pop-in with Mrs. Rellinger Zettler from Illinois College on November 13th. We discussed with Mrs. Rellinger Zettler ways in which Pathway and IC could partner in the future.
- We held Festival of Trees once again on November 22nd, with a reception to honor all donors on November 21st. We reduced the event to one day in 2025 and had a very good showing as a result, for both the viewing of the trees and for the auction itself later that night. We held a service club contest for the first time this year and The Pilot Club was the winner of the People's Choice Award. Sue Thomas represented Pilot Club to receive the award.



- We partnered with Newschannel 20 during the holidays to run an advertisement for Pathway and The Attic Resale Shop, highlighting the people supported who perform a variety of job duties while working in The Attic.
- Pathway collected a check from AMBUCS on December 10th, honoring the partnership between the two organizations throughout the years.
- We did some bell ringing for a couple of local organizations as a volunteer effort with some of the people we support. We rang bells for Salvation Army on December 4th at Farm and Home Supply and again on December 13th at Buchheits in Jacksonville.
- We partnered with Cindy Thornton and Tupperware on January 9th and 10th to help raise money for Tupperware and for Pathway. Cindy was in Pathway's Dr. Jason McDowell Community Room both days selling Tupperware with a certain amount of the proceeds benefiting Pathway.
- We welcomed the local Transitional Adult Program (TAP) to tour Pathway with two different groups joining us for the tour. One group of young folks came through on February 5th and another group came through on February 19th. We discussed with each group a variety of work opportunities that Pathway provides, as well as residential housing that some of them might be interested in as they age out of high school and the TAP Program.
- We held our annual Valentine's Day Gala on February 13th, as several of the folks we support in both our residential and CDS programs attended. It was a fun-filled evening of pictures, dinner, dessert and dancing.
- We met with teachers and staff from Four Rivers Special Education District on March 23rd, discussing ways in which we might be able to partner together to improve opportunities for the young people they support in their program. There are a variety of options to help them transition to Pathway as they age out of services.



It's Been a Busy 6 Months!





In Memoriam

We extend our sympathies to Pathway's family and friends.



Those who have moved on from Pathway.



Steven V.



Amanda M.



News Faces at Pathway!



Eamonn H.



Kate M.



Dakota R.



Elijah W.



Lauren S.



Caleb B.

Pathway Employee Spotlight

Pathway's New Employees, Promotions & New Positions

Financial Assistant



Pictured: Rebecca R.

Medical Services Clerk



Pictured: Mackenzie C.

House Supervisor



Pictured: Kaitlyn T.

House Supervisor



Pictured: Amber C.

Pathway People Powered Products (PPPP) Clothing Line



T-Shirt Prices:

S-XL - \$20 + tax

2XL and up - \$23 + tax

Hat Price:

\$15 + tax



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Date: _____

Name: Mr. _____

Mrs. _____

Miss _____

Mr. & Mrs. _____

Street: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Phone Number () _____

Email: _____

Cell Number () _____

☐ Regular - \$50

☐ Additional contribution of \$ _____

\$ _____ Amount Enclosed

☐ Check

☐ Cash

(Make checks payable to: Pathway Services)

Gift Membership Application

For: Name _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

☐ Enclosed is my check to enroll this member

The membership information sent to this member should indicate this is a gift
from: _____

Membership Referral

Do you know someone who should be contacted about Pathway membership? Please provide us with the information requested below and we will invite them to join our efforts on behalf of citizens with developmental disabilities.

Name _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Submitted by: Name _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: () _____

The Pathway Pride

Pathway Services Unlimited, Inc. has initiated a new giving platform known as The Pathway Pride. As Pathway continues to promote the Agency to Jacksonville and the surrounding communities, we are offering a platform for those interested in supporting our Mission to contribute to the Agency. The Pride offers four different giving levels.

- **Contributor Level: \$50 to \$999**
 - **Contributor Level Donors receive public recognition on all Pathway platforms* and a Partner Perk** voucher.**
- **Champion Level: \$1,000 - \$4, 999**
 - **Champion Level Donors receive public recognition on all Pathway platforms*, a Partner Perk** voucher, Pathway Plus*** and invitation to the Champions Cocktail Hour.**
- **Advocate Level: \$5,000 - \$14,999**
 - **Advocate Level Donors receive public recognition on all Pathway platforms*, a Partner Perk** voucher, Pathway Plus***, honorary designation on a space at Pathway Plaza and invitation to the Advocates Luncheon.**
- **Founder Level: \$15,000 or more (accepting up to 10 donors)**
 - **Founder Level Donors receive public recognition on all Pathway platforms*, a Partner Perk** voucher, Pathway Plus***, invitation and entry to all Pathway events, honorary designation for a large Pathway structure and invitation to the Founders Dinner.**

*Pathway platforms: Website and Facebook Page

**Partner Perk: 15% off voucher for all Pathway products and Attic merchandise

***Pathway Plus: Newsletter, Annual Report, Annual Meeting

Pathway has been incredibly fortunate to have loyal donors year after year, as well as those who helped get The Pathway Plaza up and running. These donors will be recognized on what will become Pathway's Legacy Wall in the months to come.

Anyone interested in contributing to The Pathway Pride may contact Ryan Dowd, Executive Director, at 217-479-2300 or at rdowd@pathwayservices.org





* SAVE THE DATE!

FESTIVAL OF TREES 2026



Saturday, November 21, 2026

Interested in designing a Tree, Wreath and/or Centerpiece? – Call Jessica Brogdon at 217-479-2320 to register.

Interested in becoming a Sponsor? – Call Tammy Holaway at 217-479-2300



Yes, I want to contribute to The Pathway Pride!

Name

Address

Email

Phone

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Founder Level
\$15,000+

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Advocate Level
\$5,000-\$14,999

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Champion Level
\$1,000-\$4,499

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Contributor Level
\$50-\$999

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I do not wish to have my donation made public

Please clip and return this form, along with your contribution, to:

Pathway Services 1905 W. Morton Jacksonville, IL 62650

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and click on Help Support Us**



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