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JobOne Community News

## Did You Know?

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JobOne participates in the Amazon Smiles program. Simply visit [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) and select **JobOne** as your charity of choice. Then, each time you make a purchase on Amazon, they will donate .5% of the purchase back to JobOne. This wonderful program costs you nothing extra while raising funds for JobOne. We hope you will consider participating!



## Upcoming JobOne Meetings

### **JobOne Finance Committee & Board Meeting**

5:00pm & 5:30pm  
September 21 - Independence

### **Eitas Finance Committee & Board Meetings**

5:30pm & 6:00pm  
September 27 - Kansas City



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### Unique Equine Therapy Program Helps Develop Skills

Terry H. has a love for horses and was not feeling confident about himself and his work skills, so his sister signed him up for equinapy (horse-assisted therapy). Every week, he goes to the Sugar Creek Farm in Harrisonville, MO to participate in the program. It is a not-for-profit organization that serves adults with disabilities. Instructors are certified with NARHA (North American Riding Handicapped Association) and the program is a provider for the Kansas City Regional Office. Instructors develop a personalized lesson plan, which involves grooming and caring for the horse as well as developing bonds and improving self-esteem. Terry enjoys the program and bond with Beasy, his horse. The therapy has been building self-confidence with peer interactions and his work abilities with JobOne. He is now cleaning lunch room tables between breaks and continues to demonstrate progress. When asked about the program, Terry responded that soon he would be riding like John Wayne!



Terry H. is all smiles on his therapy horse, Beasy.

## Shout-Out to Sonci!

On behalf of the JobOne board of directors, staff, and employees, I want to extend our sincere appreciation to outgoing board member, Sonci Bleckinger, for her service.



Sonci Bleckinger (left) receiving the "Founding Board Member" coaster from Kelly Logan (right)

Sonci, who is VP of Commercial Lending at Central Bank of the Midwest, was on the Board of Directors of IBS Industries and on the board during the merger that created JobOne. Her leadership was invaluable and she always sought to connect JobOne with her contacts in the business community and help us successfully fulfill our mission. She is moving on to other engagements, but her



## Support JobOne's Employee Fund

Help JobOne employees - adults with disabilities - with expenses for work clothing, hygiene items, and nutritious meals. You can make a difference! [Donate Today!](#)

dedication and guidance along the way was much appreciated. We wish Sonci the best in her future endeavors!

Aaron Martin  
JobOne President & CEO

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