



# Thank You!

Margarett Greenwald of Ida Grove generously donated 36 hand-knitted hats to WESCO. Thank You Margaret for your generosity and thoughtfulness!



## Carol Erickson says goodbye to WESCO after **31** years of employment..



Carolann Erickson began her career at WESCO in 1983 as a Homemaker at the Queen Belle Ladies' residence. Upon the closing of Queen Belle, Carolann held several other positions at WESCO with her last position working as a supervisor in WESCO's Day Hab department. Carolann showed her dedication to WESCO and the individuals she served. We wish her the best of luck with her retirement.

WESCO has a fresh, fun new look with more photos and activity information. Stay up to date with easy to use resources and newsletters.

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Michael Scherff was chosen as WESCO's spotlight individual. Mike is a 58 year old individual who has been with WESCO for almost two years. Mike is an avid bowler and delivers papers in Denison. Mike has participated in Special Olympic Bowling and has met many new friends through bowling. Mike's favorite holiday is his Birthday. Mike loves watching College Football, especially the Iowa Hawkeyes. Mike has enjoyed going to a few games to watch his nephew play. Mike enjoys bowling and collecting stamps and coins. Mike's favorite food is Mexican.

Congratulations Mike!

District Competition for Special Olympics Basketball will be held January 24th in Sioux Center. The following individuals will be participating:

- Amanda Block**
- Billy Steffen**
- Brooke Meeves**
- Glenn Halbur**
- Josh Jovel**
- Lana Wanninger**
- Mike Lingle**
- Nick Johnson**
- Renee Bowen**
- Ryan Boeck**
- Steven Birney**
- Teresa Wishman**
- Toni Wishman**
- Tony Ricketts**

## Meet your **WESCO** Board!

- Steve Ulmer—President
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- Mike Dahm
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- Sue Barnes
- Michelle Ertz
- Cory Schmadeke

Greetings! I hope that the New Year finds you happy and healthy. As we bring 2014 to a close here at WESCO Industries we are looking forward to a great 2015. Looking back on our last year we have experienced many great opportunities and successes. As WESCO continues to grow we have added over 15 new positions to our workforce, placing WESCO Industries as one of the top 4 employers of Crawford County. Our dedicated workforce are a hidden talent that most in our community do not know about, caring and guiding our individuals throughout their day and night.

As the State of Iowa, and also Federal entities, are beginning to require community providers such as WESCO to embrace the idea of community integration and also an individual's choice of employment and provided services, we will rely more and more on our workforce's unique insight and knowledge to help facilitate this. Many of our staff have been employed here for over 10-20 years and during that time have developed skills and abilities that will undoubtedly be needed to help WESCO adapt to this changing environment and shift from providing service in a centralized location to a mobile and more integrated setting.

The individuals at WESCO are another hidden talent and the workforce that is waiting for this opportunity is ready and willing for the chance to show our community what they are fully capable of. Many have dreams of working and contributing to their community, some even running their own business one day. This will be an exciting time for all here and we look forward to the challenge that faces us, but we will do so knowing that all of those associated with WESCO, guided by our equally dedicated voluntary board of directors, are some of the most caring and dedicated members of our community. So we welcome 2015 as a year of creativity and exploration, and we hope to see you out there!

**Clay Adams**  
Executive Director  
WESCO Industries Inc.

## Happy Holidays! WESCO will be closed January 1, 2015 for the New Year

### Employee of the Month (November) - Carrie Heimen (Team Lead Site #4)



Carrie has done a great job with her girls at Site #4 and she was very busy in October with medical appointments as well as getting ready for CARF. Carrie's 'buddy house' is House #3 and has been without a Team Lead for quite some time. Carrie has put in a lot of extra time and effort to make sure Site #3 is being taken care of and has had a lot of responsibility on her shoulder's. Kudo's to Carrie for stepping up and putting in major hours to take care of business!

### Employee of the Month (December) - Jennifer Arellano (SE)



JJ has transferred to the Supported Employment department and has done an awesome job jumping in and learning the department. She has a great attitude and has made a great addition to the department. Good Job JJ!

### Employee of the YEAR—Traci Wright (Day Habilitation Team Lead)



Traci helped with a fundraiser for a co-worker. She helped plan and prepare for this benefit and the garage sale. Traci is great in the Day Hab area and she is always willing to help someone out. She has developed the Day Hab program to be a great place for the individuals to attend. Congratulations Traci!

**WESCO Industries provides vocational, residential, and day services to adults and respite services to children who have a diagnosed disability. This disability must hinder them from living and working independently.**

**People or referring agencies should contact WESCO Industries *Deidra Brown*, Assistant Director, at 712-263-6141 if they or someone they represent are interested in becoming an individual served by WESCO. WESCO's programs will be explained to all who inquire and a tour of the facilities will be arranged.**

WESCO Industries relies on contributions to assist us in our mission of enhancing opportunities and activities for individuals served by WESCO Industries. Please consider making your donation in person or online.



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