

In Step

July 2021



NOVA volunteers prepare for
Christmas/Kwanzaa in July

Christmas and Kwanzaa in July

Last Friday, Jane Bishop, the Lead Caseworker in our Arlington location, hosted a Christmas / Kwanzaa in July event for current and potential participants. It



was a huge success as Jane and her team provided food, toiletries and COVID supplies (i.e. masks, hand sanitizer, etc.) to more than 35 participants and potential participants. We have a lot of pictures from the event and look forward to sharing them with you – see our slideshow [here](#) for more!

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All Systems, GO!

It feels great to welcome back participants. We're still not back to "normal" – whatever that is – but we have participants back indoors with us in a limited capacity, and as you'll see later, they are glad to be back, too! We are also seeing more new people who are interested in learning about the Next Step Program as they begin exploring how they want their lives to be in a post-pandemic community. ...[Read More](#)



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Volunteer Spotlight: Marsha Obusek

Marsha Obusek has been a Front Office Coordinator (FOC) at the Northwest office since 2017. She warmly welcomes participants, visitors and staff and has always been willing to go above and beyond. You can usually find her at the front office desk on Tuesdays, however, she can be seen on other days when



The SMGW Partner Council Returns!

A total of 26 Partner Council members and staff gathered at St. Patrick's Church on June 20 for our first in-person Partner Council meeting since January 2020, with great enthusiasm and delight at being together in person!

We were greeted by Karen Melchar, Partner Council member from St. Patrick's, one of SMGW's longstanding... [Read More](#)

she has answered the call to come in and help as she did during the COVID 19 crisis and continues to do so... [Read more](#)



Save the Date! Our Annual Gala will be on Saturday, November 6, 2021, Location TBD.

