

3-year CARF Accreditation

In February, a 3 member team of surveyors from CARF spent 3 days at the Siffrin offices in Stark and Mahoning Counties as well as visiting selected homes. This is the 8th consecutive 3-year Accreditation that Siffrin has earned. Siffrin demonstrated it meets international standards in Community Employment, Job Development and Community Housing programs. An organization receiving this distinguished honor has shown their services are of the highest quality, measurable and accountable. The Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities or CARF, is an independent, nonprofit accrediting body founded in 1966. The detailed results of the survey are available on our website www.siffrin.org.



On President's Day weekend 2016, Siffrin moved into our new location on Dressler Road NW in Canton. After much planning and discussion the goal of finding a building that would enhance the positive perception of our stakeholders was realized. Our employees now have office space that affords the opportunity to work together, while at the same time finding privacy when they need to work without interruption.

We are pleased to provide a work environment that has natural light, wide hallways and is conducive to motivating and encouraging staff towards accomplishing our mission, all to benefit those we serve.



Project | SEARCH held its 2017 Completion Ceremony in March. This program at Aultman Hospital offers young adults with a disability an opportunity to increase their skills so that employment in the community is more achievable. Siffrin provides the vocational training coaches to assist interns in learning the necessary work skills, creating relationships with co-workers, and building their work portfolio in order to find employment.



Interns are (L-R) Matthew Klonowski, Joe Lascola, Megan Broad (Job Coach), Aaron Toulson, Angela Yoder, Nate Manko, and Sarah Deckman, Supervisor of Project Search.



Interior workstations

During a January fundraiser, The Arc of Ohio, Stark County presented an award to Siffrin for supporting the Arc's services and for Siffrin's 40 years of advocacy for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The mission of The Arc of Ohio is to advocate for human rights, personal dignity, and community participation of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, through legislative and social action, information and education, local chapter support and family involvement.



(L-R) Henry Miles, Chairman of the Arc Grape Possibilities Wine Tasting & Auction, Brad Vincent, Siffrin CEO, Kim Larson-Phillips, Siffrin COO

SIFFRIN SERVICE

35 years

Cheryl Eversole

25 years

Kristi Cole

15 years

Rita Evans

10 years

Cynthia Best

Marguerite Hoover

Sandra Limbeck

Sonja Nance

Dale Richards

Wanda Smith

5 years

Jodi Broll

William Cole

Brenda Holub

Shanita Ruple

Shirley Stout

Krystal Weber

3 years

Norman Baker

Gloria Beal

Deborah Bowen

Deborah Craig

Robert Craig

Rachel Goodwin

Art Harper

Sallie Hendree

Sue Herb

Jane Hice

Taessa Kebbeh

Nicholas Lombardi

Haylie McCaskey

Carolyn Mims-Nelson

Linda Napier

Nicole Olds

Rolicia Sanders

Melanie Thornton

Nikki Wade

Hope Wagner

Kelley Winland



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240 N Portage Path in Akron



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www.siffrin.org/12th-annual-golf-outing

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Mow Time started small maintaining the yards of Siffrin's group homes and has grown into neighborhoods in our community. They added spring and fall clean-ups and recently acquired accounts for commercial properties in the area.



At the breakfast table is the Mow Time Crew celebrating 10 years of excellent service. (front L-R) James, Eli, Mike, and Brian, Job Coach, with (back L-R) Brad Vincent, CEO and Bill Cole, Property Mgr.

Happy 10th Birthday



Big Things are Happening at the Mahoning Office!

Regional Director Ryan Cavanaugh and his Team are busily preparing for expansion of their Community Integration, as well as Transportation, Community Support, and Employment Services. What started as a small operation that served 32 in July of 2014, has increased to serving 302 people as of May 11, 2017.

David Howe, Manager of Community Integration Services at The Bridge, is working with his Team to open a second space that will allow for person centered support to be provided where people who are elderly and/or medically fragile can age in place.

Siffrin Academy is in the beginning stages of development. This program provides post-secondary education for people transitioning into life after high school. This program consists of innovative curriculum and instruction to provide the proficiencies and mechanisms essential for success in their community and workforce.



Recently, OOD of Youngstown named Siffrin's Employment Services the #1 Vendor of Employment First. Sarah Chill, Manager of Employment Services, has completed coursework through Cornell University. With this certification Sarah will serve as a Benefits Analysis Counselor for Siffrin. This information on managing earnings and understanding benefits to achieve their employment goals is invaluable to those we serve and their support team. Congratulations, Sarah!!



The Bridge Living Room

Siffrin Academy Sensory Room

Siffrin Board of Directors News

Meet the newest members of the Board of Directors.

Nicholas Valentine is employed by Timken Steel. He is the Plant Director at the Faircrest Steel Plant.

Larry Marcus brings the knowledge of his finance career to Siffrin.

Daniel Spring is President of NAI Commercial Real Estate in Canton.

Siffrin is appreciative of their commitments to our organization and thanks them for their expertise and guidance.