Welcome to the Attendant Care Employee News on the Go!

Thank you for being an instrumental part of the GSIL Team! For you to do your job more effectively, GSIL must be continuously informing you beyond a new-hire initiation. Company policies and directions often change. It’s essential for Employees to be kept up to date on these changes as you are often our consumer’s everyday contact. We hope you find this e-letter informative, helpful and a good source to help keep you in the know with what’s happening for our care attendants at GSIL!

GSIL’s 1st ever Attendant Care Employee Appreciation Thanksgiving Luncheon!

We are thankful for YOU, for all you do to keep our consumers as independent as they can be, at home and in their community.

We want to celebrate YOU- our attendant care employees. We have a jam-packed luncheon planned. Come join us for some fun team building, food and making new friends.

Friday November 15th, 2019 11:00am – 1:00pm

Status Change Update

At Granite State Independent Living (GSIL) our goal is to provide the best support possible to our consumers and Attendant Care Workers (ACWs). As we strive to meet this goal, we are continuously reviewing our processes to make them as efficient and comprehensive as possible.

As a result, effective October 1, 2019, we will be utilizing electronic Status Change forms. Blank electronic versions can be found on the GSIL Attendant Care Worker (ACW) Hub and the When to Works scheduling link for Agency Directed services.

Once you complete the Status Change form online, it will automatically be sent to the appropriate Long-Term Support Coordinator (LTSC) for documentation and follow up as needed.

Do not hesitate to contact your supervisor with any questions.
Message from Deb Ritcey, CEO Granite State Independent Living

It is with great pleasure I send this message to all of you.

As you may know, while my tenure as CEO is short, my time working with GSIL has been almost 3 years, starting as a board member. The reason I joined the board was because my son Matthew, born in 1988. Like all new parents, I was excited to meet Matthew, until the day I was told he would be disabled and likely spend his life in a wheelchair. It was the scariest day of my life; 31 years later I look back it all, seems so normal to me now. The reason for this, Matthew was able to live life to the fullest regardless of his abilities. While Matthew is now an angel, his zest for life was possible because of folks like you!

Let’s talk about why Matt was able to live life to the fullest, it was because of compassionate folks, the ones reading this newsletter. Matthew relied on strangers to:

• Show up every day, regardless of what was going on in their life;
• Help with his day to day needs;
• Help with his bowel and bladder programs;
• Make sure he was ready and onetime for school or work;
• Make sure the shower was not too hot, as not to burn his lower body because he couldn’t feel anything;
• Make sure he had his medication;
• Put us with his mood swings when he was tired of relaying on people, and the list goes on.

What no one realized at the beginning of this journey, these strangers would be his best friends, his most reliable resource and above all, his family. When these strangers would go out with Matt, Matt would say, “hey nana and grampy, this is my friend, Joe.”

I hope everyone reading this knows, while it may not always feel like it, YOU are part of the GSIL family and the family of our consumers, and for this I THANK YOU. Without all of you, GSIL’s “Matts” would not be living life to...

Fondly,
Deb Ritcey

Recruitment – We are here for YOU!

If you are currently looking for more hours, please reach out Ashley Truong, Recruitment and Retention Coordinator at 603-568-4930 or atruong@gsil.org.