

APTIV:

Energizing Ability

You may be familiar with Aptiv, formerly known as Riverfront. You may know that Aptiv is committed to empowering youth and adults with disabilities through a range of services to meet each individual's needs. However, you may not know that Aptiv has volunteer opportunities.



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"In 2018, Aptiv was fortunate enough to benefit from over 9,000 hours of our volunteers' time, which is the most precious gift anyone can give," shares Denise Lorenz, volunteer coordinator at Aptiv.

While volunteering with Aptiv may not be for everyone, it may be for someone who shares in Aptiv's beliefs that "all individuals have beauty and have gifts to offer, have a right to self-determination and accountability, deserve respect, and deserve to have a positive view of their future."

If you are like Aptiv and can see the person, not the disability, and have a desire to support individuals as they reach their personal goals, a volunteer position with Aptiv may be a good fit for you. From help with daily living skills and summer programs for youth to employment training and day services programs for adults, there are endless volunteer

opportunities with the organization.

"Anyone who has a skill or interest will not be turned away," shares Outcomes Specialist Caitlin Chambers.

Many of Aptiv's day services offer programming to prepare individuals for independent participation in life events. If you enjoy the independence of cooking a meal from the comfort of your home, maybe you'd like to visit Aptiv's kitchen to show participants how to prepare their favorite meal. If you'd like to assist individuals in reaching their health and wellness goals, you may want to assist with the range of motion program. This program helps individuals improve their strength, endurance, and range of motion through exercises outlined by each individual's occupational or physical therapist. "One of our participants has the goal of walking his child down the aisle," shares Caitlin. Aptiv meets each individual at his/her current level of ability in each type of activity. That's important for both physical and cognitive health.

In addition to physical wellness, Aptiv offers activities that support cognitive health. Some people express their gifts through their hobbies, while others use them to de-stress. Aptiv offers opportunities for individuals to build their leisure activity skills. For example, for some individuals, art is an outlet to guide emotions. If you are interested in helping others pursue their talents, you may consider leading a group craft project or working with a participant on a skill he/

she would like to master. "Other ways to build leisure activity skills include facilitating a spa day or assisting Aptiv with event planning," adds Caitlin.

Many people would consider travel as a leisure activity they enjoy. A disability should not prevent an individual from experiencing the world. Aptiv's participants are people who likely share the same interests as you. Have you ever gone to the National Eagle Center or spent some time at Oktoberfest? How about a pontoon ride? Shopping? "Volunteers primarily assist with navigating the group on their day trips," shares Marketing and Communications Director Nathan Hundt. These travel opportunities enhance the emotional, personal, and social development of each participant.

Are you or do you know a handler with a certified therapy animal? Aptiv welcomes handlers to consider sharing

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April is recognized as National Volunteer Month. This doesn't mean you should limit your service to one month. There are many volunteer opportunities in Jackson County year-round. Every month we highlight an organization that has volunteer opportunities available.





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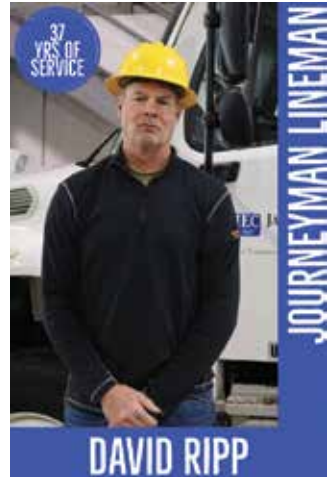
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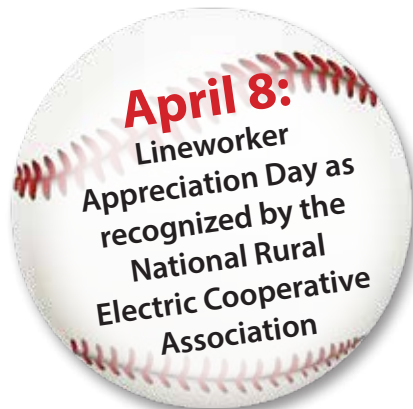
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Why are we changing the payment due date?

- Aligns Jackson Electric’s receivables more closely with the wholesale power bill’s due date. Payment of the wholesale power bill is due the last Wednesday of every month.
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their animals and therapeutic skills. Animal therapy is often viewed as a stress reliever. “Individuals benefit from animal therapy because it provides them with leisure skill building and an opportunity to form a new community connection,” adds Nathan. This opportunity offers flexibility in how often you schedule your visit.

Most of Aptiv’s volunteer opportunities are available from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., during the scheduled day services. If you find yourself with more time during the summer months, you may be interested in the summer youth program. “This summer program is focused on structure,” shares Caitlin, “with daily activities and lessons planned.” If you like planning and/or education, this may be your opportunity to make a difference in a child’s life.

If you’re ready to volunteer with Aptiv and discover the ability in others, you’ll need to complete the online application at <https://www.aptiv.org/supportus/volunteer>. A background check will also be conducted. Still unsure? “We are always willing to give a tour to anyone interested,” adds Denise. If you are not available to donate your time, your donations and support also count. Donations to Aptiv can be specified to your chosen program/location.

“Every day is different here. If you want to leave with a smile on your face, Aptiv is a great place to volunteer,” concludes Caitlin Chambers. “There’s a sense of accomplishment in seeing the participants meet their personal goals.”—*Brandi Shramek, Executive Coordinator*



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