

## **Peoria SUPPORT Spotlight**

Peoria SUPPORT is the City's liaison between citizens in need, non-profit organizations, and government programs. Their mission is to collaborate with agencies by hosting awareness seminars, workshops, fair housing information, and issue resolution.

Because there are so many groups doing meaningful work within our City, I want to take an opportunity each month and highlight a different organization through our Peoria SUPPORT Spotlight.



This month, I would like to highlight an organization that is near and dear to my heart, One Step Beyond, Inc. One Step Beyond Comprehensive Programs for People was inspired by one family's need for a program for their post High School age child who has intellectual disabilities. In 2003, One Step Beyond began with just 16 participants. Celebrating their 15-year anniversary this week, they now serve more than 450 individuals in four locations.

At One Step Beyond, you will find programs such as Life Skills, Vocation and Pre-Vocation, Performing Arts, Fitness and Health, Parent/Guardian Support, and so much more.

One program that is uniquely designed is the Life-Skills Culinary Program. This program goes hand-in-hand with One Step Beyond's fully accredited catering company. Participants in the Culinary Program participate in the planning and preparation of several internal catering events to get the necessary training and support for food-service employment external to One Step Beyond.



One Step Beyond offers life-changing resources and services that might not otherwise be available to our residents, and I am grateful for the partnership that we have created. To learn more about One Step Beyond, visit <a href="https://osbi.org/">https://osbi.org/</a>.

For additional information about Peoria SUPPORT resources and programming, click here.