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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

BY: Wendy Forkas

July truly fluttered by in the best way! 💥 We were excited to unveil our Butterfly Club—Adjoin's very own team member donation program—new incentive items! We officially introduced two amazing brand-new incentive items — a customized Butterfly Club trunk organizer and BFC patch. If you haven't gotten yours yet, don't worry—there's still time to join in and grab these fun items!

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the official BFC Trunk Organizer & Iron-On Patch!



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This month also took me on the road to the Central Valley, where I had the opportunity to connect with our incredible team members. In Visalia, I enjoyed spending time with managers, chatting with staff, and even visiting with one of our clients. From there, I stopped by the Fresno office to say hello to the managers—and meet Amanda's friendly office buddy (a fish with plenty of personality (x) and spent drive time with Director, Kenda! I also snuck in a visit to our new Arte site in Chula Vista! 🤲

As we look ahead, the excitement continues - With fall just around the corner, I can't wait to see all the wonderful things the next few months will bring!

Thank you for the amazing work you all do every single day to support the people of Adjoin. Your dedication, kindness, and creativity make a lasting impact—and we are so grateful for all that you bring to our mission.

(miss Wendy Forkas, CEO



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Our Corporate Safety Officer, Keegan, sporting his Adjoin hard hat during his corporate safety presentation

Path-Now got to attend the Day of Play Resource
Fair and connected with a lot of families!

The Corporate Fun Committee planned multiple surprises for Wendy's birthday! During our Corporate Safety Meeting the week, we celebrated with Crumbl Cookies for Olivia and Wendy's birthday, we decorated her office, we threw a fun birthday party with cake, and surprised her with a company-wide video shared on WWN! Happy Birthday Wonder Wendy!



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Adjoin Veterans had an amazing time at their annual Day at the Bay team member recognition event! The whole afternoon was filled with games, laughs, and food!





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position as Case Manager!



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Clients enjoyed the Grizzlies baseball game!!

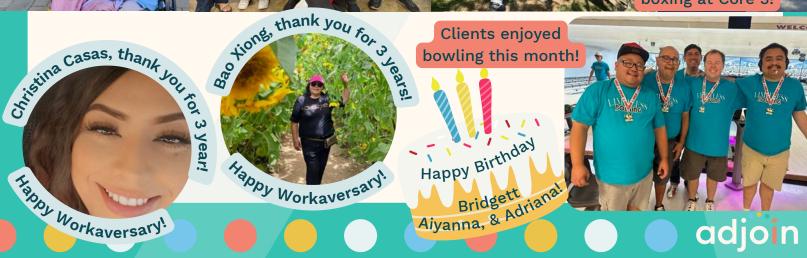
Clients Tommy and Kenny enjoy the shade and walking the dogs

Chaffee Zoo

Club helped a client in Fresno pay for a laptop!
Kenny enjoy the shade



Client Daphne boxing at Core 3!



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Ron & Cheryl!

For Father's Day, a group of our clients spent the day at the Senior Center for lunch. Clients Ron and Mark both walked away winning gift cards and goodie bags.

ARTE is going strong, and the clients are LOVING IT. We started our first mural in the studio with the theme of "Inalienable Rights". Each client chose something that they felt met the definition and created a drawing to incorporate into the full wall. It is a work in progress and will be done soon. We can't wait to see what is next. The ARTE clients also took a break from ART and went bowling on a recent Friday.

Adjoin Team Member Marti recently started helping at another local nonprofit "One Safe Place". The focus of "One Safe Place" is to help anyone who has experienced family violence. At "One Safe Place", they provide free services to help people who are experiencing family violence find resources to move forward in their lives. Marti is using her cultural background as a Kumeyaay tribe member to help her native elders understand that help is available. Marti has taken on the role of "Expert Consultant" for natives 55+ experiencing Domestic Violence or stalking. She has presented at both "One Safe Place" and for her tribe elders. By sharing resources, she is helping to break the cycle of domestic violence.



For this month's employee spotlight we are honoring Vanessa from our San Diego Catalyst team! Vanessa is a case manager in San Diego and has been with Adjoin for 13.5 years!

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This month's client spotlight: PJ!

PJ has been a client of Adjoin for three years in our Independent Living Services program. She is an inspiring client who has demonstrated tremendous growth and resilience. Over the past three years, PJ has blossomed across all areas of her program, gaining employment, becoming an active community member, and emerging as a confident public speaker! PJ has spoken at various conferences and events, representing her journey with pride.



The Butterfly Club helped a client in Stockton pay for a home furnishings!

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- Elfida Acosta **Christina Casas Bao Xiong**
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- 1 Marian Little Keegan Wolf

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- Stockton
- Visalia Fresno Fresno
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- Veterans Corporate

ANNIVERSARIES CLIENTS

- Nick A. San Diego
- Eduardo B. El Centro Mary M. El Centro
- Mollie W. El Centro
- Joe L. San Diego
- 20 Miguel S. El Centro
- 19 Jose A. San Diego
- 18 Chris V. San Diego
- Joshua B. El Centro
- 12 Mayra Z. San Diego
- 10 Esteban C. El Centro Filiberto V. El Centro Ramon V. El Centro
- Frances S. El Centro Vicki D. Merced
- Visalia Cory J. Joshua S. El Centro

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POLICY OF THE MONTH

TYPES OF HEAT ILLNESS



Heat rash

Skin irritation from excessive sweating



Heat cramps

Muscle pain caused by electrolyte loss

Workplace Emergency Procedure

High temperatures, humidity, and physical exertion all increase risk.

Hydration - Provide cool, fresh water if person is conscious. Workers should drink at least 4 cups (32 oz) per hour when working in hot conditions.

Encourage regular water breaks.

Cool Quickly - Use a water-soaked towel, or ice packs wrapped in a towel, and apply to head or armpits to quickly cool the person's body temperature.



Heat exhaustion

Fatigue, dizziness, nausea



Heat stroke

Rapid breathing, hot, dry skin Life-threatening emergency

REMEMBER

New workers need up to 2 weeks to acclimatize properly.

Shade & Rest - Get the victim to a cool environment, and fan or mist the person with water. Ensure shaded rest areas are available when temperatures exceed 80°F.

Follow-Up - Any employee evaluated for heat illness in the ER must follow-up with their doctor and be medically cleared before returning to work.



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UNDERSTANDING WILDFIRE RISKS

Rapid fire spread due to wind, terrain, and fuel conditions

Smoke inhalation causing respiratory distress

Potential entrapment in fast-moving fire situations

WILDFIRE STAFETY

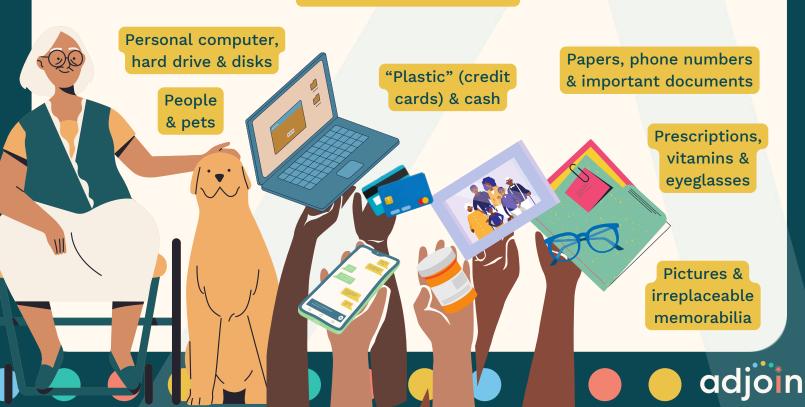
BEING PREPARED

Have an evacuation plan ready

Prepare your home with a fire-resistant zone at least 30 feet around.

Find a room that can be closed off from outside air, close all doors and windows, setup an air purifier if possible

THE 6 P'S OF EVACUATION



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As the sun's rays intensify, so does our reliance on air conditioning. Let's explore ways to keep your home cool while trimming energy bills, plus other energy-saving tips.

Skip the heated dry on your dishwasher: Use the air-dry setting or open the door after the final rinse to let dishes dry naturally.

Fire up the grill: Take the heat out of your kitchen by cooking outside. It's also a good excuse to enjoy the outdoors with your family.

Give your natural gas clothes dryer time off: Consider outdoor line-drying on sunny, breezy days

to save on natural gas costs.

Delay chores: Shift some chores like laundry and running the dishwasher outside of the on-peak hours from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Save even more if you do laundry on the weekends before 2 p.m.

Cool down with a fan: Use ceiling and

tabletop fans to cool off and leave the

thermostat at a higher temperature.

Turn fans off when you leave a room; fans cool people, not rooms.

Use less hot water: Water heating accounts for 18% of your home's total energy use, per Energy.gov. The longer you run hot water, the higher your energy use and bills. To save, turn the temperature on your water heater down a little and insulate your water heater and pipes.

Block the sun: During the heat of the day, cover windows to block the sun's heat. If you can, open windows at night and in the early morning to let in cool air.

Clean behind your refrigerator. Dusty coils make your fridge work harder.
Cleaning them every 6 months can help improve efficiency.

Charge devices while you sleep: Before going to bed, plug your devices in so they can recharge during super off-peak hours when energy is less expensive.

Use cold water for laundry. Most detergents work just as well in cold water. Heating water accounts for a big chunk of energy use when you do laundry.

For more ideas on how to save energy, visit <u>sdge.com/SimpleSteps</u>.

Actual savings obtained in each instance may vary and will depend on various factors, including geographic location, weather conditions, equipment installed, usage rates, and similar factors. Completing multiple energy-saving measures will not necessarily result in cumulative savings.

