

THE **adjoiner** MONTHLY

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THE LATEST ADJOIN NEWS

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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

BY: Wendy Forkas

Can you believe we're already halfway through the year? Time flies when you're making an impact!

June had me out and about, including a visit to Stockton, where I was able to check out our newest Arte program - super cool! And then, Pat, our CFO, and I were chauffeured by our S. California Director, Carlos to see our Orange County office in the city of Orange (yes, Orange in Orange 🍊).



It was such a treat to learn more about the incredible services happening there and spend time with our amazing team member, Shannon — Pat and I appreciated you taking the time out of your busy schedule to talk with us!

Back in San Diego, I had a blast putting together raffle baskets featuring WWN, Path-Now, and InFlight goodies for our



second Adjoin Mixer. It was full of games, hot dogs, laughter, and connection—and best of all, we exceeded our fundraising goal! HUGE thanks to everyone who participated and helped make it a fun and very successful event. Teamwork at it's best!

As we journey into the second half of the year, I just want to say **THANK YOU**. Your passion and dedication continue to drive our mission forward, and I am truly very grateful for the people of Adjoin.

Keep shining and here's to more milestones, more fun, and more impact in the months ahead!

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CORPORATE SAN DIEGO

Angie sported her Adjoin shirt at the San Diego Fair!



The Fun Committee at the Corporate office planned a cute activity that matched each pet with their owner!



Adjoin had an extremely successful FUNdraising mixer! A huge shoutout to all divisions, Catalyst, Veterans, Corporate and Path-Now for sharing the amazing services they provide to our stakeholders!



veterans SAN DIEGO & IMPERIAL COUNTY

Welcome



The Adjoin Veterans team brought the Adjoin spirit at our Fundraising Mixer! Thank you so much to Marian Little, Juan Carpena, Carmen Mamane, Rachel Janis, Amy Noda, and Elena Pizana for attending!

Welcome to Elena and Kerome to our Adjoin Veterans Team! We are so excited to have you on board!



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catalysts VISALIA



This month we are kicking off our new monthly client spotlight with Mark from Visalia! Mark has been in our SLS program since June 2023. He was chosen to be spotlighted because of the progress he has made decluttering inside and outside of his home, and he is keeping up with the organization and not bringing new items to his yard or home. Everyone is very proud of him! A fun fact about Mark is that he likes to play pranks on staff and enjoys watching Paw Patrol and Pokémon cartoons.



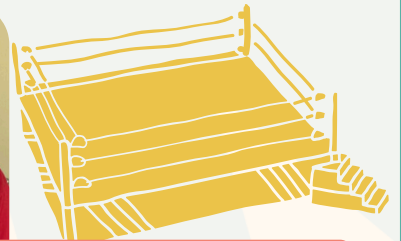
Tina and Sidney waiting to hit the dance floor.



Tanya beating this heat with a delicious vanilla ice cream.

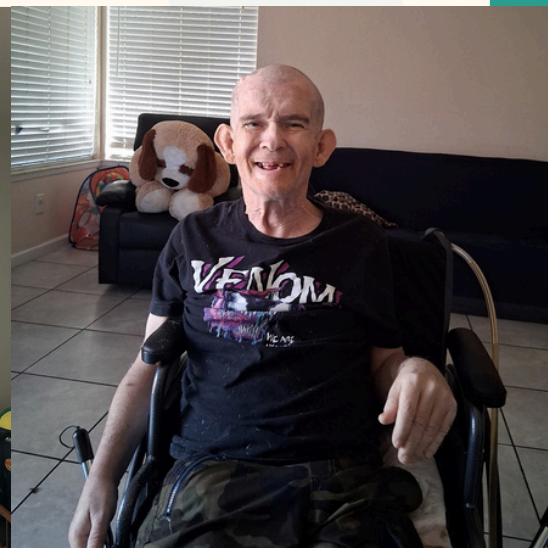


Mr. Sal is enjoying his day watching wrestling and wearing his favorite gear.



Welcome Home!

Glad to have Charles back home and was received by welcome balloons and new buddy he named "baby". Thank you to the team for advocating and demonstrating our Adjoin Values!



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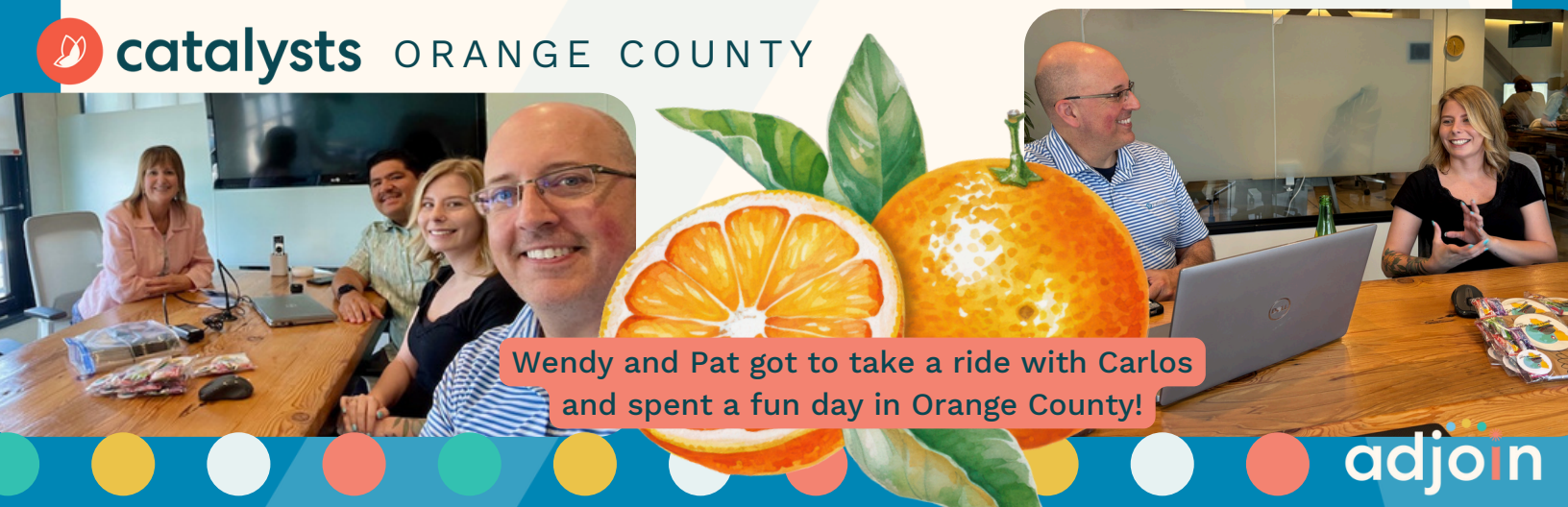
 **catalysts** STOCKTON



ARTE in Stockton is starting off strong! Our ARTE participants are creating art to be sold in our upcoming ARTE store! Wendy was so excited to see the new space!



 **catalysts** ORANGE COUNTY



Wendy and Pat got to take a ride with Carlos and spent a fun day in Orange County!



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catalysts SAN DIEGO

San Diego CSC went to the yearly Wheelchair Regatta.



This was our 20th year participating. We had a relaxing day on private yachts cruising the San Diego harbor and lunch after.



catalysts IMPERIAL VALLEY

The Adjoin Catalyst IV office facilitated a self-advocacy series! This series was made possible from a grant awarded by the Foundation for Developmental Disabilities (FDD). Great event in IV held in both English and Spanish.



catalysts MERCED

A few of our Merced clients had a manicure day at the office! They look so proud of their nails and look great!

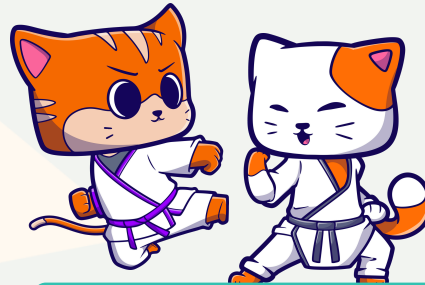


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 **catalysts** FRESNO

Client Stefan and others all got together to make tie dye t-shirts together. They came out great!



Client Jaison learning and enjoying his new kung fu classes!



Our car wash fundraiser was a huge success! Client Jordan manned the snack booth and was a great pleasure to speak with customers while their car was washed. We were able to raise more than \$500 for the Disneyland Trip. Way to go Adjoin!! ❤️



This month we are spotlighting Amanda from our Northern California Catalyst Region! Amanda has been with Adjoin for 1.5 years at our Fresno Office and began her journey as a DSP. She was quickly promoted to Office Manager then advancing into her current role as Case Manager. When seeing Amanda work with clients it sincerely shines through her, demonstrating that the individuals we serve are the heart of everything we do at Adjoin. Amanda has expressed that the client's strength, humor, and resilience inspires her every day. The relationships she has built with clients and coworkers have made this work deeply fulfilling. Thank you Amanda for all your work, dedication, and contributions to Adjoin and our clients!



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GET REWARDED WITH THE POWER SAVER REWARDS PROGRAM



This summer, you have the power to make a difference! Join the Power Saver Rewards program and earn a bill credit while helping California's energy grid. It's a win-win.

Here's how it works – on scorching hot summer days, the demand for electricity increases, putting pressure on the grid. But you can help! If you can reduce your energy use during a Power Saver Rewards event between 4 p.m. and 9 p.m., you can receive a bill credit as a reward. The more energy you save, the more you can earn!



By participating, you'll have the chance to earn a bill credit, support your community and help the environment – all while using energy when it's most available.



There's no pressure and only rewards. Participation is completely voluntary and there's no penalty if you don't reduce energy use. Plus, you can opt-out at any time. It's a flexible way to make an impact when you can.



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ANNIVERSARIES TEAM MEMBERS

21	Christina Rosales	Stockton	3	Monalisa Chavez Danasy Mercado Samantha Mora Jessica Tennantalbarran	Imperial Valley Imperial Valley Imperial Valley Visalia
12	Osargue Ojo	Stockton	2	Colleen Beasley Tina Howe Elaina Gonzalez	Veterans Visalia Stockton
9	Irma Coronado Cuevas	Imperial Valley	1	Stephanie Ruiz Leticia Lopez Alejandro Valladares Vinicio Cruz Aiyanna Cain Lauren Will Angelica Fish Carie Frankfort Christinea Davis	Stockton Imperial Valley Imperial Valley Veterans Fresno Fresno Visalia Fresno Veterans
8	Tula Walton	Fresno			
7	Dante Goodwin	Fresno			
6	Ramon Carrillo	Fresno			
5	Kathryn Sanchez	Veterans			
4	Jasmin Velarde	Imperial Valley			



ANNIVERSARIES CLIENTS

29	Steven H. Collin J.	San Diego San Diego	10	George X.	Fresno	2	Jennifer D. Bruce D. April G. Tylee H. Mark N. Cadence M. David R. Kaylie B. Thedford W. Brian M. Julie B. Andrew M. Michael M.	Merced San Diego San Diego San Diego Visalia San Diego Merced Stockton Stockton OC San Diego San Diego San Diego
27	Debra H. Donald D.	Fresno Merced	9	Mark M. John G. Emil M.	Fresno San Diego San Diego			
24	Hilda C.	Merced	8	Nicolas T.	El Centro			
23	Cesar R.	El Centro	7	Amel A.	Stockton			
20	Vang Y.	Fresno	6	Tania H.	El Centro			
18	Manuel R.	San Diego	5	Amie M.	San Diego			
17	Kristopher C.	El Centro	4	Jimmy D.	Fresno			
16	Michelle M. Daniel C.	Stockton San Diego	3	Felipe L. Taylor M. Nathaniel O. Brittany P. Anne H.	El Centro Stockton Visalia El Centro El Centro	1	Tawnya J. Alexis G. Pamela G.	Stockton San Diego San Diego
15	Kathleen T.	El Centro						
12	Michael T.	San Diego						

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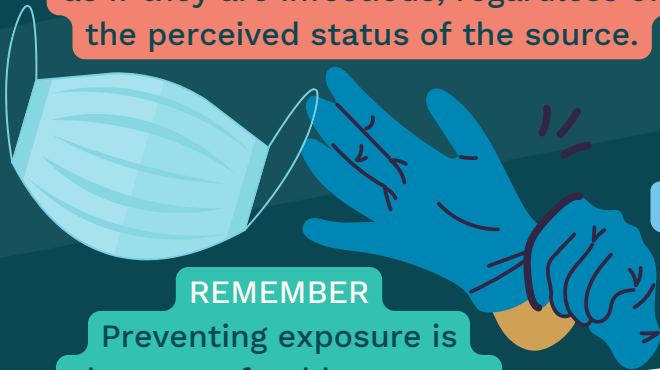
POLICY OF THE MONTH BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS

Preventing Exposure to
Bloodborne Pathogens at



UNIVERSAL PRECAUTIONS

Treat all blood and certain body fluids as if they are infectious, regardless of the perceived status of the source.



REMEMBER

Preventing exposure is always preferable to post-exposure treatment. Always follow established protocols when dealing with potential bloodborne pathogen hazards.



ANNUAL TRAINING

Training on the topics of personal protective equipment (PPE), use of safety devices, and how to obtain the Hep B vaccine are provided annually.



IMMEDIATE RESPONSE

Upon exposure, team members should notify their supervisor immediately. The Supervisor sends the team member to worker's comp physician within 24 hours of occurrence for vaccination series. Follow-up evaluations will be made available to the affected team member.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT!

- Masks and eye protection are not typically needed, and therefore, are not provided.
- Safety officers ensure gloves are available at all Adjoin offices.
- Gloves should be treated as disposable and should not be cleaned or reused.
- For any staff dealing with clients directly, a CPR certification is required.
- When giving CPR, a backflow device is required to prevent fluids from the victim's mouth from entering yours.
- All PPE will be disposed of by Adjoin and replaced at no cost to the team member.

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SAFETY SPOTLIGHT

FOURTH OF JULY SAFETY

FIREWORK SAFETY

Attend professional fireworks shows, or if handling fireworks personally, follow the instructions on the packaging and ensure a source of water is nearby.

ALCOHOL SAFETY

Plan safe transportation in advance, designate sober drivers, or use rideshare services. Remember that alcohol and swimming, boating, or fireworks are dangerous combinations.

GRILLING SAFETY

Keep grills at least 10 feet from structures in a well-ventilated area, check for gas leaks before lighting, never leave a grill unattended, and always have a fire extinguisher within reach.

