

Ignite

the newsletter **sparked** by you

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LETTER

from the

CEO: WENDY FORKAS

Welcome to the first issue of the Ignite Community Newsletter by Adjoin; the newsletter sparked by you! We are launching this new newsletter by recapping 2025: The Year of Integrity.

By embodying integrity, we uphold the highest standards in quality, foster trust with our stakeholders, and build a foundation of respect and ethical leadership that drives meaningful impact and sustainable growth.

At Adjoin, integrity is the cornerstone of quality throughout our work. As we look back on 2025, this value guided our commitment to excellence, transparency, and accountability across all facets of our organization. Whether achieving CARF accreditation, increasing retention throughout our operations team, or growing our services and community support, integrity ensures that we remain steadfast in delivering on our promises to the individuals and communities we serve.



“ Integrity is the foundation of our longevity and success at Adjoin. It empowers us to uphold excellence, foster trust, and create limitless pathways for people to belong. Together, we ignite possibilities and build a future grounded in honesty, transparency, and growth. ”

At Adjoin, integrity isn't just a value — it's a guiding principle. Together, let's create opportunities that empower individuals and build a future grounded in trust, transparency, and excellence.

Through integrity, we are empowered to uphold the highest standards of excellence, foster meaningful relationships, and drive sustainable growth. Guided by our mission of creating limitless pathways for people to belong and our tagline, Together, we ignite possibilities, we have made 2025 a year of purpose.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read 'Wendy Forkas'.

Wendy Forkas
CEO, Adjoin

ORG REPORT

as of December 31, 2025

358 team members

650 Veteran clients

851 Catalyst clients

496 Path-Now users





RECAPPING 2025

The Year of Integrity

MEDIA PROJECT

We are dedicated to bringing the stories of the people we serve to the forefront. We had the opportunity to highlight 4 Veteran clients and 4 Catalyst clients to share their journey with the world.

WEBSITE REVAMP

We want to ensure that our services are easily found through our website for people seeking these services. We began the process of redeveloping how and what information flows through our website.

NEW VET LEADERSHIP

We are so excited to have welcomed our new Adjoin Veterans Division Director to the team, Elena Pizana! With her experiences serving diverse communities and leadership, we are excited to serve more clients and grow the services we provide!

MANAGERS RETREAT

Adjoin managers convened for a 3-day retreat that focused on professional development, communication and team building. Our managers left feeling motivated and inspired to bring these tools back to their teams to better serve our clients.



SHINING ARTISTIC TALENTS OVER TIME



When Mia steps up to an easel, something extraordinary happens. Colors find their meaning, ideas take shape, and her imagination becomes a gift she chooses to share. This year, that gift shines brighter than ever: Mia is now a two-time winner of Adjoin's Holiday Art Contest. Her artwork will once again grace Adjoin's holiday card that is shared with team members, families, and community partners across California.

Mia's art is more than what meets the eye. It's part of her journey through Adjoin's ARTE program in Imperial Valley, a creative arts and entrepreneurship initiative designed for individuals with autism, intellectual, or developmental disabilities. Since joining ARTE, Mia has found a space where she can express herself fully whether she's illustrating, painting her dog Lula, or connecting with friends about her interests in make-up, music, and more. What she has discovered here at Adjoin goes far beyond technique or talent. In ARTE, she's found friendship, belonging, and the joy of creating along side her peers who encourage and inspire one another every day. The studio has become a place where artists lift each other up, celebrate each other's talents, and build confidence with every creation.

The success of the Imperial Valley ARTE program has been undeniable. In just two short years, it has grown into a thriving community of artists whose work and voices are reshaping how we think about inclusion in Imperial Valley. Because of this success, Adjoin has expanded the ARTE program to San Diego and Stockton, bringing more opportunities for creative expression to even more individuals with disabilities.

The growth of ARTE reflects a simple truth: art is essential to the human experience. It helps us connect, communicate, and imagine new possibilities. At Adjoin, we are proud to lead the way in expanding what essential services can look like for individuals with autism, intellectual, and developmental disabilities. By fostering creative and inclusive communities, we are helping participants like Mia shine, not just in their artwork, but in every part of their lives.



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SUPPORTING VETS TOGETHER WITH



This year, SeaWorld launched its monthly Military Appreciation Weekends, a heartfelt initiative designed to bring families together, honor the courage and sacrifice of our nation’s heroes, and foster a spirit of gratitude that resonates throughout the park.

As a chosen nonprofit partner, Adjoin has been onsite each month since August, connecting with many park guests to share how our programs empower veterans to become self sufficient. The final event of the year culminated in a meaningful Veterans Day celebration that is hosted every year by Navy Federal, allowing us to honor those who have served while raising awareness of the support systems available to them.

SeaWorld generously donated a VIP package which included parking, admission, and all-day dining for four guests. This in-kind donation supported Adjoin’s Veteran Fundraising Mixer in September as a highly desired opportunity drawing prize. This contribution helped elevate our opportunity drawing and directly supported vital services for veterans in need.

Looking ahead to 2026, Adjoin and SeaWorld are eager to expand this growing partnership through cross-collaboration events. Together, we are creating new pathways for connection, advocacy, and impact because when community partners unite, we ignite possibility for every veteran we serve. **Thank you SeaWorld San Diego!**

INGENUITY & INNOVATION IN THE PALM OF YOUR HAND

Adjoin's newest service division, Path-Now, launched in 2023 and has continued to gather momentum every year since, showing the need for this service in the community. Path-Now is a trusted, safe, and reliable resource developed by a dedicated team with a strong history of commitment to individuals with autism, intellectual, and developmental disabilities (IDD).

This accessible mobile app connects individuals with IDD and autism to service providers electronically across California. With tools for service navigation and a dedicated careers section, it's a trusted hub for building a more connected, inclusive, and efficient disability community.

Check out
path-now.com



216% growth in account users on the platform



As one of the fastest-growing resources in the IDD community, it offers the largest and most comprehensive list of service providers across California. Designed for ease of use and accessibility, Path-Now is the go-to platform for individuals seeking services.

75 new businesses and nonprofits using Path-Now

With over 9600 disability care providers and businesses offering personalized services tailored to individual's unique needs, people with disabilities across California can find the right match for them. Adjoin is dedicated to bring digital equity to those who need it most!

**"POWERED BY
POSSIBILITY,
DRIVEN BY
YOU."** – WENDY FORKAS, CEO

THANK YOU!



Pathway Partners is a monthly giving program where committed supporters give consistently to help expand services, strengthen programs, and create lasting impact.

When you become a Pathway Partner, you join a community of dedicated supporters who understand that transformation doesn't happen once, it happens day by day, month by month, and year by year.

Thank you to all who have joined us on this path!

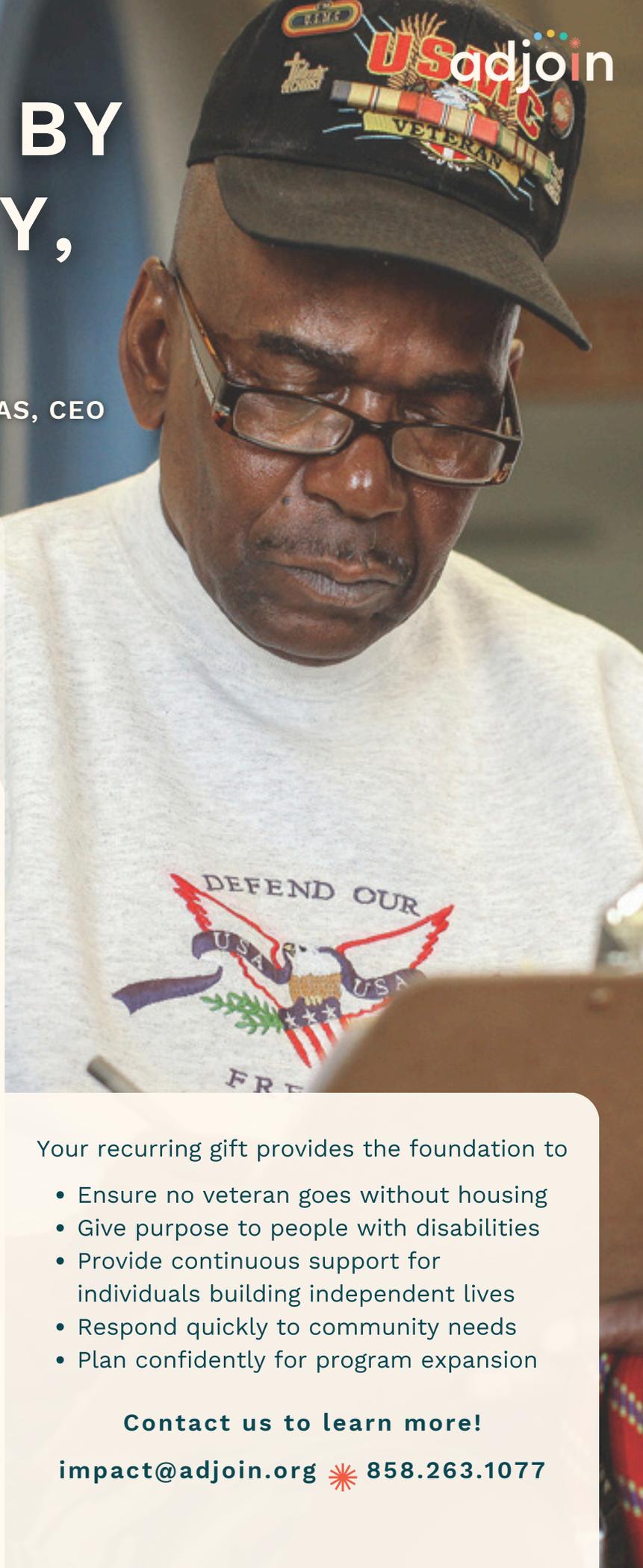
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- Give purpose to people with disabilities
- Provide continuous support for individuals building independent lives
- Respond quickly to community needs
- Plan confidently for program expansion

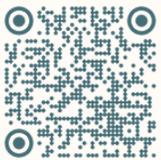
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Thank you for staying connected with Adjoin!

Adjoin provides essential community services on a foundation of positivity so everyone receives the best possible care by people at their best! Our clients need a dedicated team around them and we need a dedicated community around us!



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