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New Chairs & Benches for North Colony**

ion BANK foundation We are excited to extend our heartfelt thanks to the **ION Bank Foundation** for their generous support of Kuhn's mission to support adults with disabilities. Thanks to their thoughtful grant, we were able to purchase new benches and chairs for our North Colony location. The new benches replace the old, weathered ones, providing a safer and more comfortable space for both our staff and participants to use year-round. The new chairs offer new, safer seating options for our OOA participants.

This contribution ensures a lasting impact, helping to maintain a safe and welcoming environment for all who visit Kuhn. We are grateful to the ION Bank Foundation for helping us continue our important work and look forward to the years of service these new benches and chairs will provide.

Thank you for being a vital part of our mission!



**Join us for a Dine Out
Fundraiser!**

Kuhn and Casa Di Roma have teamed up for a special fundraising event to support Kuhn. On **Tuesday, May 20th**, enjoy a delicious meal and 10% of your bill will benefit Kuhn! Whether you dine in, take out, or get delivery, your support makes a difference.

Location: 103 Main St, Meriden, CT 06451
Phone: (203) 235-0905

We hope to see you there!



**Thank you to The Vanni
Foundation and Developmark**



At Kuhn, we are incredibly grateful for the opportunity to collaborate with **The Vanni Foundation** and **Developmark** in creating a video that highlights the important work we do in the community. Thanks to The Vanni Foundation's dedication to connecting nonprofits with organizations that can provide valuable resources, we were introduced to Developmark, who helped bring our vision to life.

The resulting video has been well received by both our staff and clients, providing a powerful and accessible visual representation of the impact Kuhn has on the lives of those we serve and the broader community. We are truly thankful for the time, expertise, and support of both The Vanni Foundation and Developmark in making this project a success. Their commitment to helping nonprofits thrive is making a difference, and we're proud to be a part of that effort.

Check out the video for yourself at Kuhn's new YouTube Channel @Kuhnemploymentopportunities

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- ❖ Meriden Daffodil Festival Parade-May 2, 2025
- ❖ Dine Out for Kuhn-May 20, 2025
- ❖ Nonprofit Rally Day at the CT Capitol-May 21, 2025

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Endless Days of Discovery at the Connecticut Science Center for CEP & OOA

Thanks to a generous grant from **Frontier Communications Community Services Fund**, Kuhn's Community Experience Program (CEP) and Opportunities for Older Adults (OOA) participants have had many chances to experience the magic of the Connecticut Science Center with their new membership. The days are full of wonder, exploration, and unforgettable moments that our participants will cherish for years to come.

Their adventures so far have included a virtual tour of the Connecticut River where participants were transported along this iconic river, exploring its winding paths and hidden corners, they gained a new appreciation for the river's beauty.

They also love the Critter Corner, where they are able to meet a variety of forest creatures up close. From small reptiles to forest creatures, it is a hands-on experience that leaves everyone in awe of the natural world's complexity and beauty. Many have enjoyed the exciting journeys through the galaxy, learning about our vast universe without ever leaving the Science Center.

These special trips to the Connecticut Science Center, made possible by the **Frontier Employee Giving Program**, give Kuhn's CEP and OOA participants days full of learning, exploration, and inspiration. They leave each trip with a newfound curiosity about the world around them.

We are incredibly grateful for the opportunity to offer this experience and can't wait to share more educational adventures with our participants as the year continues. The Connecticut Science Center truly showed that learning can be fun, engaging, and full of surprises!

Kuhn is so grateful for this membership because it offers a variety of engaging activities during the cold winter months. Looking ahead, they're excited to take advantage of the Science Center's warm-weather experiences as the seasons change. One the summer agenda is a trip to the Butterfly Experience that the CT Science Center has to offer!

Congratulations to E.B. Kuhn Award Winner-Michele Philips



We are thrilled to announce that Michele Philips is the recipient of the 2024 E.B. Kuhn Award! Michele's vibrant energy, unwavering commitment, and deep compassion have made a lasting impact on Kuhn and its participants.

Michele was nominated for her enthusiastic encouragement of participants, her willingness to go above and beyond—whether that means helping with transportation or always being open to trying new things. She has worked across multiple programs at Kuhn, consistently demonstrating dedication to improving lives in and outside of her role. Her support extends far beyond her job, embodying the spirit of community and care that Kuhn values.

This prestigious award, named in honor of Kuhn's founder, recognizes outstanding individuals who enhance the lives of our participants through their exceptional work and dedication. Michele's compassion, energy, and positive attitude are a perfect reflection of the values the E.B. Kuhn Award seeks to celebrate.

Please join us in congratulating Michele on this well-deserved honor!

A Heartfelt Farewell to Our CFO, Pat Ladner!



It is with a mix of gratitude and admiration that we announce the retirement of Pat Ladner after four years of outstanding service as our CFO. Pat's journey with Kuhn began many years ago, and we were fortunate to welcome her back four years ago to lead Kuhn through an exciting period of growth and stability.

During her time with us, Pat has played a pivotal role in shaping our financial strategy and ensuring the long-term success of Kuhn. Her leadership, dedication, and unwavering support have been a source of strength for all of us, and the impact of her work will continue to resonate for years to come.

Pat's leadership has been marked by her deep commitment to both the financial health of Kuhn and the well-being of its people. Her leadership style, rooted in transparency, collaboration, and a broad vision, has earned her the respect of everyone within the organization.

Pat's decision to return to Kuhn has left a lasting imprint, and we are truly grateful for the direction she provided and the steady hand with which she navigated us through both challenges and triumphs. Her strategic insight and tireless commitment to ensuring Kuhn's success have created a foundation that will endure. Her personal dedication to each of us and to the success of Kuhn will always be cherished and remembered.

As Pat begins this next chapter, we offer our sincerest thanks for everything she has contributed to Kuhn. While her presence will be greatly missed, the example she set will continue to inspire us to uphold the standards of excellence, integrity, and commitment she embodied throughout her time with us.

Pat, we wish you all the best in your retirement. Your extraordinary contributions to Kuhn and to all of us will never be forgotten. We are deeply grateful for the years you devoted to our mission and our team.

Congratulations and Thank You for everything, Pat!

Welcome to Kuhn, Kerri Bishop!



We are excited to announce that Kerri Bishop has joined Kuhn as our new Chief Financial Officer. With over 12 years of experience in both the nonprofit and for-profit sectors, Kerri brings a wealth of expertise and a fresh perspective to our leadership team.

Kerri holds a Paralegal degree and a BA from St. John Fisher University in Rochester. Most recently, she served as CFO at Peter Young Housing Industries & Treatment Centers in New York, and previously held senior positions with New York State and Cornell Cooperative Extension. Her data-driven approach to financial management will help guide Kuhn, ensuring that decisions made today will have the greatest impact on our community while safeguarding our long-term financial health.

New to Connecticut from upstate NY, Kerri is eager to embrace new opportunities and expand her professional network. Alongside her career, she's embarking on a personal journey, planning a wedding to Frank Saraceno of ESPN and blending families. Kerri is an avid hiker—proud to be an Adirondack 46er—and a lifelong Disney enthusiast.

We are thrilled to welcome Kerri to the team and look forward to the incredible contributions she will make as we continue to innovate and expand!

2025 Nonprofit Legislative Forum

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Nonprofit Legislative Forum on April 1st! Your participation made the event a success.

We also want to express our gratitude to the legislators who took the time to listen to the concerns of the nonprofit sector. Your engagement is crucial to supporting our work.

A special thank you to our co-hosts – **MARC Community Resources, Gilead Community Services, Middlesex United Way, Adelbrook, Inc., and CT Community Nonprofit Alliance.**

We look forward to continuing these important conversations and collaborations for the future of our communities. Thank you again for your support!

