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Connecting with YOU

We are thrilled to present to you our second Omelagah Inc. newsletter! We hope that the newsletter can let everyone know what's going on around the Omelagah Inc. family. We hope that the news and updates encourages, motivates, and inspires everyone in the Omelagah Inc. family that we are supporting one another in the work we do. We will strive to continually keep you informed about company events and news.

Did you know?

Enjoy these month of December fun facts:

- December 3rd—International Day of the Disabled Person
- Universal Human Rights Month
- The first Sunday newspaper was released in 1791
- The Bill of Rights was passed in 1791

Happy Holiday Season !

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*- Rich Ng
Manager of Administrative
Operations*

Annual Holiday Party



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Company Snapshot

9 Managers

3 Supervisors

149 Employees

Providing Service in 5 different counties

Alameda County

Marin County

San Mateo County

Santa Clara County

Solano County

Get to know Rich:

Rich stepped away from the field of developmental disabilities to become the IT Director for a national non-profit. However, he says stepping away from the field developing disabilities gave him the opportunity to gain a new perspective and better understand himself as to why being in a vocation supporting the developmental disabilities community is important to him. In his spare time, Rich likes spending time with his wife and son. Rich says he really likes seeing his 2 ½ year old with a hearty laugh and to see his face light up with joy while playing. Rich is passionate in the mission of Omelagah Inc. that hope lives in second chances. He says, 'he feels blessed that he can be part of the Omelagah Inc. family and he can be part of serving the developmental disability community.



Richard Ng, Manager of Administrative Operations

New Face: Richard Ng

Richard Ng, Manager of Administrative Operations, leads the Administrative team that supports many of the administrative functions for Omelagah, Inc. He strives for the Admin team to provide the highest level of service to the staff so our staff can focus on providing the best quality of support for the individuals we serve. Rich and his wife Florence enjoys spending time with their 2 1/2 year old son Lucas. Rich's wife Florence works as a Social Worker for GGRC.

In 1995, Rich graduated from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo in Psychology with an emphasis in Developmental Psychology. He wanted to do something that was related to his major in Psychology. He found a job with Easter Seals working in the Early Intervention program. Rich says, "I had no clue about the field of early intervention except that I would be working with infants and toddlers with developmental delays. I wasn't sure why I went to college then to be washing sippy cups and changing diapers. It was quite a humbling experience." This was how he was introduced to developmental disabilities community and the regional center systems. Little did he know that this experience would continue to have an impact 20 years later.

In 1999, Rich took on a position at Golden Gate Regional Center (GGRC) to help build a technology infrastructure and was there for almost 9 years. Rich says, 'although I wasn't directly working with individuals with developmental disabilities. My experience in direct service with those infants and toddlers with developmental disabilities gave me an insight to work towards providing the social workers with the best possible tools to get their work done coordinating with the vendors and individuals.



Kolu Sokodolo

Upcoming Company Holidays

Christmas:
December 25th, 2015

New Years Day:
January 1st, 2016

Martin Luther King Jr. Day:
January 18th, 2016

Staff Spotlight

Kolu Sokodolo, Lead Direct Support Professional, works at the Bridges Home in Hayward, CA. Kolu brings to Omelagah Inc. 12 years of experience as a DSP and as a Nursing Assistant.. Kolu started working for Omelagah Inc in September 2013 as a DSP. In July of 2015, Kolu was promoted to Lead Direct Support Professional.

In addition to working at Omelagah Inc., Kolu has a heart for children and youth. She has been a foster parent for over the last 7 years and supports an autistic youth. While in Liberia, West Africa she cared for children with difficult behaviors.

She is dedicated to supporting and working with people whether it be individuals at Bridges, the elderly, or in Liberia, West Africa. She enjoys her work and brings her outgoing and positive energy to work every-day.

Birthdays

November

Jay Afalla
Richard Manzon
Jarmal Richardson
Christian Weeks
Marc Anglade
Steven Daniel
Joseph Juana
Edgar Castellanos
Vylda Irby
Eveline Mlay
Chandra Vincent
Nathaiel Dodoo

December

Robin Do Carmo
Latifa Brooks
John Keene
Joyce Le
Traivaghn Dawson
Alexander Moore
Carlos Gonzales
Guisette McNeal
Freniesha Hollman
Kolu Sokodolo
Hamilah Yusuf

January

Mardocheé Anglade
Stephen Ngata
James Gbetrah
Richard Ng
Dwight Briones
Joseph Roy



Kelly Rodriguez



Tim Hung



Lloyd Capdeville

Client Spotlight

Tim Hung has been with Omelagah Inc. since 2011, nearly 5 years! Tim really enjoys his leisure time. On any given day, you can find Tim intently watching his favorite news channels, and no matter what happens Tim will not miss his favorite show "60 Minutes". Tim is a very accomplished martial artist. In Tim's younger days, Tim earned a 3rd degree black belt in Shao Lin Kempo. Other than relaxing at home, Tim really likes to visit his favorite local restaurants especially Panda Express®. Tim is one of the most polite people you will ever meet, so if you ever see him around San Mateo, say "Hi".

Refer a Friend Program

Omelagah, Inc. is growing and is always looking for energetic and compassionate individuals to add to our team. Current team members who participate in our new **Refer a Friend Program**, will receive a one time \$200.00 bonus per referral if the individual they refer is hired and completes the new hire training period.

Please contact Robin Do Carmo, HR Business Partner if you would like to participate in this program. If you know of good people who would like to work they can send their resume and cover letter to jobs@omelagah.com

"Refer a Friend Program"

Thank you to those who participated:

Dung Le Referred: Joyce Le and Khao Le

Stephen Ngata Referred: James Kahenya

James Kahenya Referred: Stephen Kaberethi

Adrianna Avila Referred: Edgar Castellanos, Donald Sisk, Pierre Cineas, and Gael Garcia

Champagne Martinez Referred: Jacob Ferdon

James Leung Referred: Kent Chui

Marco Francisco Referred: Mario Francisco

Victor Cardona Referred: Yuliana Tafolla

Willie Riviore Referred: Nicholas Williams

Pierre Cineas Referred: Randell Sayco

Guisette McNeal Referred: Jarmal Richardson



6th Annual Holiday Party

Our 6th Annual Holiday Party is coming up! We look forward to a fantastic turnout with friends of Omelagah Inc., individuals we serve, and staff. It is a great time to come together for the holidays for a night of good conversations, good food, fun activities, and food drive. Come join us for this special Omelagah Inc. holiday event on the December 18th at the San Mateo Marriott Hotel. RSVP required info@omelagah.com



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