



MINIMASTERS

Minimasters is an event on the last Thursday in September here on the Cottonwood property. Everyone is invited: Consumers, Staff, Family, Board Members and Cottonwood friends. The main event is a mini-golf tournament, but there is so much more: airbrush tattooing, a fishing pond, street dance, a balloon artist and more. Plus, good food and good fun with great people.



RETIREMENT / LIFE ENRICHMENT ART SHOW

The Retirement & Life Enrichment consumers put their artwork up for display at the Lawrence Art Center most years. Come take a look and maybe bring home a masterpiece for your home all while supporting an artist you know and love! This event changes from year to year, so be on the look out for a reminder.

THE COTTONWOOD CLASSIES

The Classies are a celebration of all things Cottonwood. We honor service milestones for both staff and consumers and pay tribute to significant community partners. Special awards are also given out for consumers (Shining Star) and staff (Caring & Commitment). Everyone is invited! It's a great way to introduce your friends and family to Cottonwood through the many videos (ranging from inspirational stories of personal success to the goofy comedic stylings of your fellow coworkers). It's a fun event that everyone is talking about for weeks after. Don't Miss it!



HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST

Each year on Halloween, staff and consumers alike are free to dress up for Halloween. Get as creative as you like, and you might just win a prize for it! Everyone votes on their favorites and in the afternoon prizes go out for Best Individual Costume and Best Group Costumes. Other events may be included throughout the day.

ADVOCACY DAY

During the 1st quarter of each year, Cottonwood consumers and staff travel to Topeka to participate in Advocacy Day at the Capitol, sponsored by our state association, Interhab.

Our own Cottonwood participants join over 700 fellow Kansans with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities in the Capitol rotunda to make their voices heard by the Legislature and to advocate for themselves with respect to rate increases, policy and benefit changes.



HOLLY JOLLY DAYS

In mid-December we celebrate the festive season with drawings and fun theme days. Guessing games, ugly sweater contest, festive outfits and all the holiday goodies you can gobble up. If you're feeling in the mood - decorate your door or desk. Plus, there are cash drawings and prize raffles.

DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL WEEK

Cottonwood also participates in DSP week (September). This is a national recognition designed to highlight the crucial and vital work of those who support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. You won't be able to miss this one, the walls are decorated with signs, treats for all, a coffee truck, plus cash drawings!



COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE

Cottonwood participates in the Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program through Pendleton's Country Market. This is available to all interested Cottonwood staff. Each week participants receive a bag of fresh locally grown seasonal produce. 5-8 different items per bag including a variety of vegetables, herbs, fruit, eggs, cheese or value-added items such as honey or mushrooms. The bags are delivered right here at Cottonwood for you to pick up at work. Plus Cottonwood pays for a portion of your subscription!

12-week or 20-week options available as well as a Fall Storage Share option. Sign up will be announced towards the beginning of each year, contact Lynette Goldizen for more information.

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Each quarter Cottonwood employees are encouraged to nominate an exceptional co-worker for the special honor of Employee of the Quarter: an opportunity to recognize excellence in service and performance as it supports Cottonwood's mission and values. Winners are featured on the Landing page and receive a piece of Cottonwood-branded merchandise, a paid vacation day, \$100 in cash, a trophy, and a party with cake!



CONSUMER EMPLOYMENT ANNIVERSARY

Cottonwood Industries celebrates consumer employment anniversaries once a month out on the work floor in Building two. All are invited to cheer on our honorees. Consumers receive a certificate of achievement and a gift card for their hard work.

SALUTÉ! A FESTIVAL OF WINE AND FOOD

Saluté is Cottonwood's largest annual fundraising event held every year during July. We partner with the Standard Beverage Corporation to put on this series of wine and food themed events which draws over 1500 people over three days. Events begin on Thursday with the Mosey, then the Winemaker Dinner on Friday and it all culminates with the Grand Tasting & Auction event on Saturday.