

# December 2016



## Coming up this month!

Please note that you will need to sign up for computer classes with Della at the front desk.

- Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> Basic Computer Skills 9am- 10:30am
- Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> Basic Computer Skills 2pm -3:30pm
- Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> Mature Workers Job Club 2pm -3:30pm
- Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> Basic Computer Skills 9am – 10:30am
- Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> Closed for the holiday
- Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> Basic Computer Skills 9am – 10:30am

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## WISE Program

### Older Worker Award

Keven Walter was recognized at Wisconsin Employment and Training Association conference in October, he also spoke at the Workforce Connections annual meeting. Keven had been laid off from a manufacturing plant in 2005, resulting in 133 dislocated workers. With his unemployment about to run out, Keven reached out and enrolled in the WISE program. He was placed at Hunger Task Force, a worksite that provided him training in a warehouse and garden setting. Due to a cancer diagnoses, Keven briefly left the program to battle cancer. Keven returned to the WISE program knowing he had more to contribute and still had the drive to find sustainable employment. He started at Wafer and remained there until he was hired at Kwik Trip bakery. Keven is quoted as saying, "I don't know where I would be without this program. I truly felt valued by the staff and program." Keven is now being considered for a supervisory position, enjoying a full-time position complete with benefits.



### Participant Spotlight

Carol came to the WISE program in February 2016 after being laid off from her position as a home health caregiver. Carol expressed an interest in helping others and enjoys keeping busy. She was placed at the DMV where she took drivers license pictures, worked the reception desk and provided excellent customer service. Carol was recently offered a customer service position with Kwik Trip. We wish her well!



### Carol Greene



### Host Agency Spotlight

WAFER, the largest food pantry in La Crosse County has been a long time host agency for the WISE program. WISE participants are a critical piece to the daily function of the food pantry by providing frontline service to the clients, support staff in stocking and sorting, assisting with deliveries, program coordination, and much more. WAFER and the people served are blessed to have hard working WISE participants willing to serve the community in such a meaningful way.

### Tips and More

### Qualities Employers Look For

You may feel insecure about job talents you possess. The list below are some that you already have and value about yourself!

**Attendance:** Punctuality is important as an employer relies on their employees to arrive on time and ready to work.

**Maturity:** This is a quality that comes with not only work experience but life experience as well.

**Positive Attitude:** A positive attitude can go a long way!

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