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Disability:IN Greater Kansas City

2019 IN REVIEW

- **New in Programs & Services:**
Launched in June, the Kansas City Disability Inclusion Network. A monthly network group that is elevating disability inclusion in Greater KC by addressing strategic solutions to employment barriers, building relationships with business and community partners and fostering the development of lasting partnerships. Filling jobs and employment of people with disabilities is our primary objective. <https://www.disabilityin-gkc.org/disability-inclusion-network.html> **In only three months of the Network reporting on employment outcomes, results show; 69 candidates interviewed and 26 hires, (near 40% hired). *Where else are you seeing results like that?***
- **Our Ability Connect** – hundreds of daily job postings and connecting business with candidates with disabilities. Free for candidates. Unlimited postings included in select partnership benefits. Now offering **monthly subscriptions** for others. <https://www.disabilityin-gkc.org/employers.html>.
- **Company Brand Impressions** – 10,000 + opportunities for our partners' brands to be seen through marketing, website, social media, onsite events, etc.
- **Pivotal Partners** - community agencies are joining us in partnership to help elevate disability inclusion in Greater Kansas City. <https://www.disabilityin-gkc.org/pivotal-partners1.html> We encourage partnership with community agencies to connect with businesses who are employers of choice for people with disabilities.
- Photo of Network members discussing inclusion practices at the monthly KC Disability...

New Additions

- Joining us in early 2019, Darla Wilkerson moved into the role of Executive Director and Brenda Perkins rejoined as Business Relations Consultant.
- Also new to the Board of Directors; Cecily Bee/Performance Contracting Group, Donna Ward/Federal Reserve Bank of KC, Derrick Nelson/Commerce Bank, and Zachary Kissel/CVS Health

Signature Events – Educate, Cultivate, Elevate

- Disability Inclusion Summit
- Thought Leaders Luncheon
- Disability Champions Awards
- Educational Programs
- KC Disability Inclusion Network
- Photo of Caroline Magruder and Kathy Cooper

Engagements – 2,000 + getting involved

- People attending events - talent acquisition, human resources, diversity & inclusion
- officers, community agencies and senior -level business leaders
- Speaking engagements
- Networking, etc.
- Photo of annual Conference attendees

Awards and Recognition

- Business Champion 2019 - LMV Automotive Systems receives Disability Champion Award.
- Photo of LMV Automotive team.
- Volunteer Champions 2019 - Kathy Smith/Children's Mercy Hospital – Volunteer of the Year and John Holt/Fox 4 News – Volunteer of the Year.
- Photo of (left to right) Brenda Perkins, Darla Wilkerson Kathy Smith, Volunteer of the Year.
- Photo of John Holt, Volunteer of the year.

2020 at a Glance!

- February 13th - Educational Program: Become a Leading Edge Hiring Manager, hosted by Dairy Farmers of America
- April 29th - Annual Disability Inclusion Summit
- May 14th - Webinar: Supplier Diversity
- June - Celebration of the 30 year anniversary of the passing of the ADA
- July 9th - Annual Thought Leaders Luncheon, hosted by Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City
- July 14th - 16th - National Disability Inclusion Conference, Orlando FL.
- October 15th - Annual Champions Awards Luncheon - hosted by Commerce Bank
- November 12th Educational Program: Topic TBA, hosted by Dairy Farmers of America
- November 19th - Webinar - Website Accessibility
- 3rd Tuesday of each month - KC Disability Inclusion Network meetings
- For details visit www.disabilityin-gkc.org

2020 Board of Directors

- George Calvert/Jack Henry & Associates – President
- Kathy Cooper/Enterprise Bank & Trust– Vice President
- Mary Beth Majors/UMB – Immediate Past President
- Kathy Smith/Children's Mercy Hospital – Treasurer
- Jennifer Hertha/UMB – Secretary
- Caroline McGruder/Children's Mercy Hospital
- Larisa Brown/Hallmark
- Zachary Kissel/CVS Health
- Erin Kobler/Cerner Corporation
- Teresa Salinas/Cerner Corporation
- Derrick Nelson/Commerce Bank

- Donna Ward/Federal Reserve Bank of KC
- Cecily Bee/Performance Contracting Group
- A special thank you to Mary Beth Majors for serving as board president the past two years!

Whether your company is new to disability inclusion or looking to enhance your current efforts, Disability:IN-GKC is your leading regional resource for disability inclusion in the workplace. Are You IN?

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Thank you to all our Partners!

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 Our Ability
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