



The Clothes Line

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Season of Change

Greetings CLS Team Members,

Fall is upon us! The hours of light each day are getting shorter and the temperatures are getting cooler. With these changes, we also have many changes that are happening here at CLS. As always, each department within the company is working on initiatives to improve efficiencies with a focus on growing and expanding the company. Here are some items we are working on:



- The **Executive** Team is working hard on setting goals for each department for the year 2023. This process takes a few months to finalize and helps give direction to our department leaders for the next year. Once all the plans have been approved, we will begin sharing with our Team Members.
- The **Production** Team is looking forward to the expansion project to be completed!! Soon all the automated overhead rail will be connected and the new equipment will be operational. These are very exciting times here at CLS and we are so grateful you are here to witness our growth! After the equipment is dialed in, we will give tours so our Team Members, Customers, and Community partners can see our progress. We are almost there!
- The **Sales** department has developed a new Direct Sales Team led by Marci Stephenson. This Team will be focused on customer image wear and promoting growth of our direct sale apparel. We are very excited to expand in this area.
- The **Service** department is running the “Proactive Service Showcase” sales promotion. The goal is to add products and services to our customers that they are not currently using. The Grand Rapids team is also beginning a re-route soon that will help our routes reduce miles and become more efficient. The Customer Care and Production Teams are also involved in the re-route project.
- The **Accounting** Team is pushing hard to transition many of our customers over to ACH payments rather than accepting cash or checks. They are also moving many of our vendor payments over to ACH which is eliminating the process of printing, signing, and mailing checks.

Safety, Safety, Safety...why do we always talk about Safety? Here at CLS, we keep the safety of our Team Members at the top of the list. Thanks to each of you for looking out for each other and putting safety first!

Take pride in what you do here at CLS each day. Every Team Member is an important part of our family and critical to the success of the company. Keep up the good work! You are appreciated!!

We are CLS!
Sarah, Kurt, Ron

AUTUMN HEALTH AND SAFETY TIPS

Fall is in full effect and colder weather is setting in. With this in mind, it is important to take precautions during this time of year. Autumn means the leaves are changing, pumpkin spice everything is back and the holidays are right around the corner. So here are some tips to help you have the greatest Autumn possible!

Don't Fall for the Flu Myths

- Antibiotics cannot cure the Flu because it's a viral infection.
- There is no cure for Flu – the best defense is getting the Flu Shot.
- Good hygiene is also one of the best ways to prevent the Flu. Making sure you wash your hands and are covering your mouth when you sneeze or cough.



Fall Weather

- Living in Michigan means that the weather changes in the blink of an eye. Make sure you are prepared for hazardous weather conditions like rain, snow and fog.
- Check the weather before leaving to give yourself enough time and ensure you have the correct clothing items for all of your daily activities.



Trick or Treating

- Make sure to travel with a group of people.
- Avoid any homemade treats and only eat factory-wrapped candy.
- Always test Halloween makeup in a small area to ensure no skin irritation.
- Be alert when going from house to house. Use sidewalks and crosswalks when possible.



Get your Fire Safety up to date

- Be sure to inspect your heating systems.
- If you have a wood-burning fireplace, follow safety procedures when using it.
- Fall is a time to break out your candle collection and get cozy on a chilly evening.
- Always blow out your candles before leaving a room and never leave an open flame unattended.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

James Brandt	Oct. 7
Yaneli Lopez Rendon	Oct. 7
Rosa Ramiro Mejia	Oct. 7
Jaime Martinez	Oct. 7
Wally Roznowski	Oct. 11
Joey Stannard	Oct. 12
Blanca De La Paz	Oct. 17
Laura Vazquez Ramirez	Oct. 18
Daniel Villegas	Oct. 18
Gabriela Hernandez Matus	Oct. 23
Antonio Toledo Licon	Oct. 24
Melvin Silva Sanches	Oct. 24
Chris Richards	Oct. 25
Alphonse Lafleche	Oct. 25
Vanessa Bueno Ruiz	Oct. 26
Jeff Penning	Oct. 29
Elaine Brinkert	Oct. 30



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Sarah Wrubel	32 Years
Gerald Kopec	20 Years
Perry Shepard	19 Years
Sara Bergstrand	13 Years
Brian Schneider	7 Years
Consuelo Ramirez	5 Years
Ofelia Flores Hernandez	4 Years
Justin LaPoint	3 Year
Andrew Trosper	2 Year
Jaime Martinez	1 Year
Aurora Paulino	1 Year
Christine Rantz	1 Year
Marisa Gonzales-Krug	1 Year
Misael Perez Ixcot	1 Year

UPCOMING EVENTS



Halloween is right around the corner and this year it falls on a Monday! We will be having our Halloween celebration on Monday, October 31. More details to come as the event gets closer...

The annual CLS Costume contest will be happening on Monday, October 31. If you are planning in participating you can wear your costume on Monday and there will be costume contest for best individual and best group costumes. More details to come...



PINKTOBER IS COMING...



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and CLS Team Members are encouraged to show their support with "Pink Out Friday's". Every Friday in October our Team Members are encouraged to wear their MI HOPE T-shirt to work so we can "Pink Out" in all of our branches. We will be passing out the new shirts soon!

This year to honor those who are fighting cancer and those we have lost, we are going to have memory boards. These board will be sent to each location and can be found in the breakroom at Manchester and Covington. Please take time to write a message to a love one, write down their name, or a memory.

Each Friday there will be a Pinktober Giveaway, so make sure you don't miss work on Fridays. On Friday, October 28th we will be having a celebration meal. This will be to honor memory boards that we are working on in the month of October.



9/11 STAIR CLIMB

Corey Whitlow and his girlfriend Alissa participated in the Grand Rapids 9/11 Stair Climb at the LMCU Ballpark. The National Fallen Firefighters 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb is a way to honor and remember the FDNY firefighters by climbing equivalent of the 110 stories of the World Trade Center. The funds from this climb are to support families of your local fallen firefighters and FDNY Counseling Services Unit.

HONOR FLIGHT



CLS donated 300 bath towels, 300 wash clothes, 300 blankets, 225 flat double sheets, and 225 flat twin sheets to the Honor Flight Network. This network's common goal is to have the opportunity to show our nations Veterans the appreciation and honor they deserve. Participation in an Honor Flight trip gives Veterans the opportunity to share this momentous occasion with other comrades to remember friends and comrades lost, and share their stories and experiences with other Veterans. All honored Veterans travel at no cost to the them.

GRYPHON PLACE SUICIDE PREVENTION WALK



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SAT, SEPTEMBER 24

The 9th annual Gryphon Place Suicide Prevention Walk was on Saturday, September 24th. The 5k cause walk was to raise awareness for suicide prevention, allow people to connect, and provide critical funds for Gryphon Place. All the money raised stays within the community, supporting local programs and services the Gryphon Place offers. The walk was a day when individuals came together to help the community, each other, and loved ones, to break the stigma, raise awareness, educate, and save lives. Thank you to all of our CLS Team Members who participated in this event. We love giving back to the community!





WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

Congratulations to Matt Wright, who welcomed his baby into the world! Chace Eliot Wright was born on September 22 at 6:34 am

Welcome to the world, little buddy!



MASCOT MATCHING WINNERS

Our branches had the opportunity to participate in Mascot Matching. The mascots were from hockey, basketball, baseball, and football teams in the college division and professional. All of our Team Members who participated were put into a raffle to win a \$10 Wendy's gift card or a sports basket. Our winners are: Perry Shepard, John Bodnar, Greg Tuttle, and Chad Gentry!



JERSEY DAY

Our Kalamazoo Team Members dressed up on September 8th and 9th for Jersey Day. This event allowed our Team Members to wear any Jersey or team colors to support their favorite team. Thank you to all the Team Members who participated in this event.



FOOTBALL TOSS

Football season is here and Kalamazoo had the chance to participate in a football toss. Team Members were asked to stay 10 – 15 feet away from the target and throw the football through any of the targets to gain entry into a raffle! Thank you to all of our CLS Team Members that participated in this event. Our Raffle winners are Jaime Martinez, Victor Ortiz, Sara Bergstrand, Francisca Solis Gomes, Maria Mendez, and Oswaldo Cruz.

