

The Clothes Line



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JUMPING INTO JUNE

Hello CLS Team Members:

Each month we share information with our Team Members about various activities happening throughout the company. This month we wanted to share information with you that will help our Team Members understand just how important our industry is. CLS has been supporting businesses for over 126 years!!



Let's face it...we are in the laundry business. It doesn't seem that exciting, however, we are vital to a variety of business operations. Without CLS, our customers would have to process their own linens, mats, uniforms, towels, etc. themselves. None of our customers have time for that!! They are focused on caring for patients at the doctor's office, serving food at their restaurants, teaching children math, and fixing cars at the dealership.

Rental and laundry services simplify things for businesses. We specialize in laundry, so we can manage the process much better than most businesses can on their own. Our services are convenient, highly scalable, sustainable, and cheaper than our customers trying to perform these same types of services in-house.

Here at CLS, each week our Team Members pick-up soil, sort, wash, process, package, and deliver nearly 1 million textile rental pieces!

Just to list a few products, we process weekly approximately:

- **77,000 aprons**
- **450,000 bar/micro towels**
- **15,000 table clothes**
- **250,000 napkins**
- **16,000 floor mats**
- **35,000 garments**



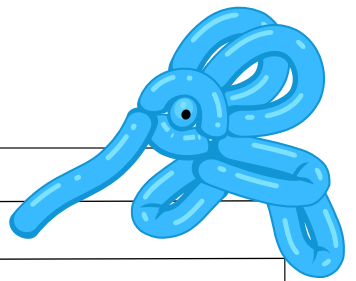
To our Production Team Members – while sorting soil, feeding napkins, or rolling mats, remember how important you are to ensure high quality.

To our Service Team Members – each time you bring a bundle of aprons, a bag of towels, or a handful of uniforms, remember how vital you are to each customer.

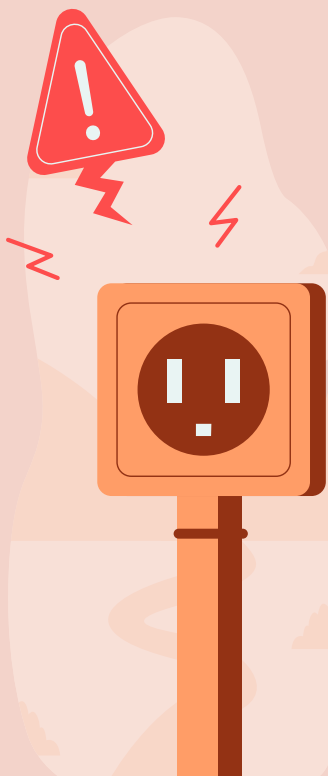
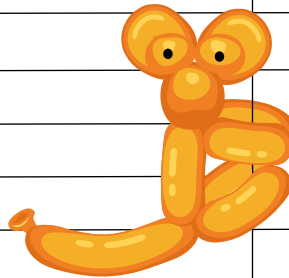
To our Administration Team Members – with each phone call you answer, we are ensuring our customers are getting the products they need to run their businesses effectively and efficiently.

We are CLS!! - Sarah, Kurt, Ron

JUNE BIRTHDAYS



Joshua Lesley	June 4th
Geoffrey Major	June 6th
Erasmo Nunez Diaz	June 9th
Sara Bergstrand	June 10th
Griselda Mares	June 10th
Mabel Gomez	June 14th
Ian Bardo	June 15th
Dylan Farley	June 17th
Charvo Smith	June 21st
Cristina Elias Ramirez	June 24th
Aaron Reason	June 24th
Dana Duncan	June 25th
Lindsey Peters	June 28th
Hector Toledo Reyes	June 30th



On May 15th, severe storms swept through Western Michigan, causing widespread power outages that hit the Kalamazoo area especially hard. Both of our Kalamazoo buildings were without power for nearly 48 hours, forcing us to cancel production on Friday and again on Saturday.

Despite these unexpected setbacks and the constantly shifting schedule, we were able to restart production on Sunday, May 18th—keeping us on track for the busy Memorial Day holiday week.

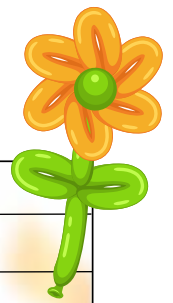
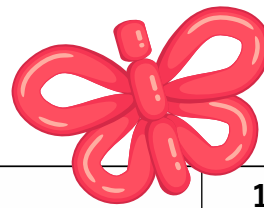
We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the production team members, maintenance staff, and relay drivers who adjusted their weekend plans, showed up, and got the job done. Your flexibility, resilience, and commitment to the team made all the difference.

Because of your efforts, we were able to meet our commitments and continue providing excellent service to our customers—even in the face of adversity. We couldn't have done it without you!

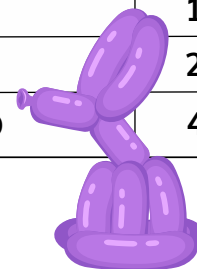
Thank you for your hard work and for always rising to the occasion!

- Jon Athens, VP of Operations

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES



Magdalena Duenas Cabrera	Manchester Ironer	1 Year
Faviola Huesca Espindola	Manchester Ironer	1 Year
Santos Motino	Manchester Mats	1 Year
Miguel Garcia Morales	Manchester Mats	1 Year
Juan Rosales	Manchester Wash Aisle	1 Year
Laura Sanchez	Manchester Ironer	1 Year
Arleth Vazquez Gomez	Manchester Ironer	1 Year
Kyle Hartman	Grand Rapids RSP	2 Years
Ian Bardo	Manchester Production Lead	2 Years
Zackary Elliot	Kalamazoo RSP	2 Years
Jante Nellum	Covington Quality	2 Years
Israel Salvador Felipe	Manchester Soil	2 Years
Leticia Santos Garcia	Manchester Autobagger	2 Years
Elvira Rodriques Garcia	Manchester Soil	2 Years
Norma Serrano De Olmos	Manchester Ironer	2 Years
Susana Matzar	Manchester Ironer	2 Years
Jesus Vidal	Manchester Soil	2 Years
Griselda Mares	Covington Custodial	3 Years
Javier Redondo Serna	Covington Dock	3 Years
Monica Castaneda	Manchester Soil	3 Years
Douglas Klatt	Cadillac RSP	3 Years
Noelia Antonio Hernandez	Manchester Ironer	4 Years
Araceli Arcos Gomez	Manchester Hand Fold	4 Years
Clelia Berfalia Mendoza	Manchester Autobagger	4 Years
Martha Santiago Martinez	Manchester Ironer	4 Years
Stacy Ackley	Direct Sales	6 Years
Quierra Stevenson	Covington Supervisor	6 Years
Rose Ramiro Mejia	Covington Garments	18 Years
Josefina Torres	Manchester Dry Fold	24 Years
Kurt Vander Meer	Owner/ President/ CEO	45 Years



JUNE HOLIDAYS

June 6th	National Doughnut Day
June 13th	National Movie Night
June 15th	Father's Day
June 18th	National Picnic Day
June 19th	Juneteenth
June 30th	Superman's Birthday

In honor of Father's Day, here are a few fun ideas for celebrating the dads, stepdads, grandpas, and father figures in our lives:

Low-Key Fun

- Backyard BBQ and lawn games
- Watch a favorite movie together
- Local fishing trip or nature hike

Something New

- Try a local escape room or mini golf course
- Go-kart racing or batting cages
- Take a workshop—woodworking, cooking, or even a brewery tour

For Long-Distance Dads

- Surprise him with a handwritten card
- Schedule a virtual hangout with a trivia game or a meal "together"
- Share a playlist or photo album with favorite memories



JUNE CLS EVENTS



June 13th

Break out your wildest socks and wackiest hats—it's time to show off your fun side!



June 20th

Sweet treats will be provided at lunch!



June 25th

Consumers Credit Union Lunch and Learn

LOOKING AHEAD



Our offices will be closed on **JULY 4TH** to celebrate Independence Day.

Wishing everyone a safe and relaxing long weekend!



Annual Fundraiser Picnic – Coming Soon!

We're gearing up for our annual fundraiser picnics to support the American Cancer Society in the fight against cancer. This year, we're planning to mix things up a bit—stay tuned for new twists and fun updates!



Save the Dates:

July 14 - Kzoo : Sales/ Service

July 15 – Livonia : Sales/ Service

July 16 – Saginaw : Sales/ Service

July 25 – Grand Rapids : Sales/ Service

July 31 – Alpena : Sales/ Service

August 1 – Cadillac : Sales/ Service

August 8 – Kzoo : Production/ Admin

Celebrating 10 Years of the TVM Golf Classic

We're proud to carry forward this tradition and grateful to everyone involved in organizing, volunteering, or supporting the event in any way. Together, we're helping make a difference in the lives of those affected by cancer.

Over the last 9 events we've raised

\$356,500



INDUSTRY WIDE IMPACT



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A packed room listened to an informative panel session on succession planning to close the morning at the Annual Conference. Jennifer Peroli, president at Liniform Service; David Struminger, CMHS, president and CEO at Virginia Linen Service; and Sarah Wrubel, PHR, COO at CLS, shared their insights on ascending to their current roles in the family business as well as how they are preparing to pave the way for the next generation of leaders. TRSA Chair Randy Bartsch moderated the panel.



Follow CLS to stay connected:



I was honored to represent CLS at such a large industry event. CLS has an incredible legacy and I was proud to share our story with industry peers. Thank you to all of our amazing Team Members that continue to support and strengthen CLS every day. We are successful because of each of you!

- Sarah Wrubel



CONVEYOR SAFETY: RECOGNIZING CONVEYOR HAZARDS

Conveyors are vital for our operations, but can pose several hazards if not handled properly. Be aware of the following common hazards:

- 1. Pinch Points:** Where body parts or clothing can get caught between moving parts.
- 2. Nip Points:** Areas where rotating parts meet and create a crushing hazard.
- 3. Caught-In/Between Hazards:** Risks of getting trapped between the conveyor and other machinery or surfaces.
- 4. Falling Objects:** Items that fall off conveyors can cause injuries.
- 5. Electrical Hazards:** Faulty wiring or improper use can lead to electrical shocks or fires.

Safety Practices to Follow

Awareness:

- Stay alert and aware of your surroundings when working near conveyors.

Guarding and Protection:

- Always ensure guards and barriers around pinch points and nip points are in place.
- Never bypass or remove guards while the conveyor is in operation.
- It's crucial to never stand, walk, or sit on a conveyor belt. Conveyors are designed to transport materials, not people, and standing or walking on them poses a significant safety risk.

Emergency Stops:

- Familiarize yourself with the location and operation of emergency stop buttons.
- Use emergency stops only in urgent situations to prevent accidents.

Housekeeping:

- Keep the area around conveyors clean and free of debris.
- Report any loose parts or potential hazards to your supervisor immediately.

Lockout/Tagout Procedures:

- Follow lockout/tagout procedures strictly during maintenance and repairs.
- Only trained and authorized personnel should perform lockout/tagout.

Regular Maintenance and Inspections:

- Report any unusual noises or malfunctions to maintenance immediately.
- Do not attempt to fix mechanical issues unless you are authorized and trained to do so.

Communication and Reporting:

- Communicate any safety concerns to your supervisor or the safety team.
- Use the reporting system to report hazards and near-misses.



Safety is everyone's responsibility. By following these guidelines, you can help create a safer workplace for yourself and your colleagues.



Dawn's Desk

Michigan Reconnect Program - Michigan Reconnect is a last-dollar scholarship program that pays for you to attend your in-district community college tuition-free or offers a large tuition discount if you attend an out-of-district community college.

**GET YOUR DEGREE
TUITION-FREE**



To be eligible, you must:

- Be at least 25 years old when you apply
- Have lived in Michigan for a year or more
- Have a high school diploma, high school equivalency (GED), or certificate of completion
- Have not yet completed a college degree (associate or bachelor's)

If you do not have a high school diploma or equivalent, visit Michigan.gov/LearnMoreEarnMore to get started.

To participate in the Reconnect scholarship, you must complete four steps:

- [Apply online for Michigan Reconnect.](#) The application takes less than five minutes to complete and can be done on a mobile phone. If you are having difficulties on your mobile device, it is recommended to use a different browser or computer.
- [Apply to a Michigan public community college.](#) All public community colleges, including tribal colleges, in Michigan qualify. If you're already enrolled at a public community college this step is completed. If you're not, remember your tuition is free at an in-district community college, but that Reconnect only pays part of the tuition if you attend an out-of-district community college. See [What costs does Reconnect cover?](#)
- [Submit your FAFSA.](#) This is free financial aid provided by the federal government.
- Enroll in an eligible program and start classes. You can enroll in any Pell-eligible skill certificate or associate degree program.

Stop by if you've got questions. - Dawn