

# PI Events

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December 2023



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PI Holiday  
Celebration  
12/21/2023  
9:00—2:00

### Person Industries & Person County Recycling Center Holiday Schedules

**Holiday Schedule:** Person Industries/PCRC will host a Holiday Celebration on Thursday, December 21, 2023. Person Industries and the Person County Recycling Center will be closed to consumers on Friday, December 22nd.

Person County Government offices (including PI & PCRC) will be closed for the holidays December 25—27, 2023, and January 1, 2024. We will be open December 28 & 29 for all employees who can arrange their own transportation to and from work. PI Vans and PI-sponsored PATS transportation will not be provided by PI on these days.

PCRC will be open December 28 & 29. The PCRC gates will close Saturday, December 23rd at 4:00 p.m. and reopen Tuesday, December 26th at 7:30 a.m. The gates will also close Saturday, December 30th at 4:00 p.m. and reopen Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 7:30 a.m.



### PI Welcomes Angela Jones, Program Manager



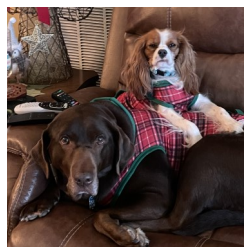
Person Industries is pleased to welcome our newest employee, Angela Jones. Angela joins our team as the Innovations Program Manager. With 20 years of experience with Person County DSS, working with the youth, adults and those with dis-



abilities, she comes to PI with a wealth of knowledge. Most recently, she was employed with Person County Group Homes, also working with the IDD population. "I've realized in my mature years that I love this population. I love their sincerity. They love to work and have no problem doing a job that most feel they are too good for. I am glad to be back home with the county, a county I have grown up in and call my home".

In her spare time, Angela enjoys camping with her family, although her teenage daughter might not be as enthusiastic. They spend many hours on the ball field with her son, who currently plays for the Person County White Sox.

We are very excited to have Angela join our team. She is full of spirit, depth, and her connection with our consumers has been instant. We feel she is already a part of our growing family and we are looking forward to what she will bring to the table. WELCOME ABOARD!!!



### PI Holds Its Annual Stew with Another Sell-Out

An afternoon of cutting & peeling potatoes and onions, along with an early morning start, resulted in PI smelling wonderful with the aroma of stew on a cool but beautiful fall day on November 17, 2023. PI Staff worked hard, providing fresh ingredients and stirring the three pots continuously for over six hours. The process started at 4:45 a.m. and was smooth as silk, having the stew ready way before the 11:30 deadline. Onsite staff volunteered to help stir, some pros, and some learning the art of stew stirring for the very first time. The stew sold out yet again, with us making a record 275 quarts. Funds raised are used towards consumer events and activities, such as our annual Employee Appreciation Banquet and our Holiday Party. We appreciate each of you for supporting our organization—we couldn't do this without you!



## Employee Appreciation Banquet 2023— A Year of Celebrations!

The PI Employee Appreciation Banquet was held on Thursday, November 9, 2023 at the Homestead Festival House. This year's event was in jeopardy of being canceled due to sickness. We are extremely thankful to Homestead and all attendees for working with us as we rescheduled at the last minute.

The reason for our annual banquet is to pay tribute to the employees of Person Industries and recognize those who have shown outstanding work habits and growth during the year.

As in previous years, the event kicked off with a meet-and-greet, followed by a delicious dinner, prepared by the Homestead Steakhouse. After dinner came the main event—our awards ceremony. Amanda Everett, Director of PI, opened the ceremonial portion of the banquet by recognizing our special guests, which included two of our retirees, John Dickerson and Merriell Jay, as well as County Manager Katherine Cathey and Asst. County Manager Brian Hart.

Amanda began the awards ceremony by announcing the expansion and merger of Person Industries over to the Martin Street location with the Recycling Center. What an exciting time is on the horizon for our organization. PI then presented awards to employees who have demonstrated outstanding productivity in each area of service: Person Industries (Bradly V.), PCRC (Jimmy H.), and Community Employment (DJ D.). The awards portion of the program concluded with the presentation of the Director's Achievement Award, the 23rd of its kind, to Carl B. (see info below).

Gaining meaningful employment is the core of vocational achievement for many individuals served at PI. To recognize such achievements, the Supported Employment team presented certificates to all those employees who were successfully employed in the community during 2023.

After the awards there was music and LOTS of dancing! Staff, employees, and family members all gathered on the dance floor, dancing to some fun music by Carolina Productions DJ John Wilford. PI thanks everyone who makes our banquet so special, but most importantly those who make it possible—the staff and employees of Person Industries.

### DIRECTOR'S ACHIEVEMENT WINNER

In 2012, this individual began working with Person Industries on the Warner's Grove cleaning crew, one of our local churches that contract with us for cleaning services. They also handled the massive amounts of shredded paper at Piedmont Community College. In 2014, they began working within our ADVP program, holding down jobs within our Eaton and Implus contracts, as well as the recycling center.

During the time between 2020-2021, this individual suffered major losses within their family but they never let that deter them from success and dedication to their job. They are a meticulous worker, who are very safety conscious and a rule follower.

After submitting applications to different places around town, this individual ended up at Burger King for lunch with Community Employment Specialists Sarah Martin and Chris Canale.

During that meeting to discuss what was next, this consumer met the general manager, stated their interest in a job and was hired on the spot.

Whether it's scrubbing tables, sweeping floors, or bringing food out to customers' cars, they take great pride in a job well done and always do their best with a smile on their face. He just celebrated his one-year anniversary at Burger King, where they are beloved by customers and coworkers alike.

We are happy to announce our 2023 Director's Achievement Award goes to Carl B.!



From Left to Right: Outstanding Employee winner for PI Bradly V. and Program Manager Bailey Hunt; PCRC Jimmy H; Community Employment DJ D. and Program Coordinator Tina Wilkerson



Director's Achievement Award winner Carl B., with Community Employment Specialist Chris Canale and PI Director Amanda Everett.



## PI Hosts it's Annual Spirit Week

During the week of December 18-21, 2023, PI will host it's Annual Spirit Week. Everyone is welcome to participate.

### Monday, December

**18th**—Grinch Day—Wear green or something with the Grinch on it



### Tuesday, December

**19th**—Christmas Spirit Day

### Wednesday, December

**20th**—Christmas Sweater Day



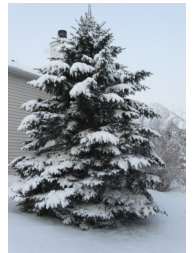
**Thursday, December 21st**—PI Holiday Celebration

**Friday—December 23rd**—PI & PCRC closed to consumers



## Closings and Delays

It's that time of year again when we face the possibility of closing due to inclement weather. During these times, please remember to call the Person County Weather Line ([336-597-1700](tel:336-597-1700)) for information on closings or delays during inclement weather. If you are included in PI's internal Text Alert System, you will receive text updates. If you are not included, contact the front office to sign up.



## Mandatory Career Counseling Scheduled for December 5, 2023 at 9:00am at Person Industries

Career Counseling training is scheduled for Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 9:00am at Person Industries, 601 N. Madison Blvd, Roxboro, NC.

This is a mandatory training for all program employees working at Person Industries or PCRC. Anyone who is not currently in services but intends to return in 2024 should also plan to attend.

If you have any questions regarding the counseling session, please contact Lisa Jeffreys, Person Industries Lead Program Manager at 336-599-7571

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Don't forget to check us out on Facebook:  
 Person Industries and Person County Recycling Center



**PI Staff Recognized at Service Awards Luncheon**

Person County held a Service Awards Luncheon for staff on November 14th at the Homestead Steakhouse. The luncheon recognizes employees years of service in 5 year increments.

Recycling & Prod. Manager Rhonda Gentry and Direct Service Technician Evelyn Moore were both honored for 25 years of service.

Congratulations on this milestone. We are honored to have you.

**December 2023**

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17	18 GRINCH DAY	19 CHRISTMAS SPIRIT DAY	20 CHRISTMAS SWEATER DAY	21 HOLIDAY PARTY 9:00a—2:00p	22 PI & PCRC Closed to Consumers	23 PCRC Gates Close at 4 pm
24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas PI & PCRC Closed HOLIDAY	26 PI & PCRC Closed HOLIDAY PCRC Gates reopen 7:30 AM	27 PI & PCRC Closed HOLIDAY	28 PI/PCRC Open—Must provide your own transportation	29	30 PCRC Gates Close at 4 pm
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