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A *Ghoulish* Good Time



Everyone showed their Halloween spirit at Vodec's Halloween Party (above) Oct. 11 and on Halloween at our Oriental Trading (OTC) Enclave (left) and Omaha location (right).



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Vodec Services a New 'Brand'



Richardson Appointed to Iowa Rehab Council

Services Development Director Daryn Richardson has been appointed to the Iowa State Rehabilitation Council.

The appointment came from Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds in July.

Richardson, who has been with Vodec for the past 19 years, is the current President of the Human Services Advisory Council, President of the Iowa APSE Board, and a member of the Glenwood Regional Center Advisory Board and Omaha Public School Special Education Advisory Committee, among other community involvements.



Vodec consumers Richelle Dennis (above) and Raymond Meeker (below right) work on different projects for Brand Hydraulics. Richelle puts o-rings on a plug that Brand uses for its FC valves and on a couple other series of valves. Raymond prepares to assemble a handle kit, which can't function without these valves.

When Vodec approached Brand Hydraulics Product Manager Ricky Snipes about working together this past spring, he initially had some reservations.

Because most of Brand Hydraulics' products involve intricate, complicated technology and assembly, Snipes said he thought the work might be too complex for our consumers.

But once he toured the Nebraska facility and saw our consumers' dedication and attention to detail, he quickly realized it would be a good match — and he's been nothing but happy with the ongoing results.

"(Production Supervisor) April (Krause) and (Production Director) Jeremy (Dunkirk) at Vodec showed me the things consumers were capable of doing, and seeing it for myself definitely eased my mind,"

Snipes said.

Snipes said Vodec's work — handling the complicated DCF cartridge kits that control and release on Brand's SDFS valves — has been so high-quality and efficient, he intends to feed more and more work Vodec's way in the coming months.

He added that the work Vodec is doing is making it possible for employees at Brand to focus on other important projects and be more efficient in other areas.

"We are so happy with the work Vodec consumers do for Brand that I see this as being an ongoing, non-stop relationship," he said.



Water Works



This fireman taught Don Woods the proper way to hold a firehose when Central Iowa Day Hab consumers visited the Waukee Fire Department for a tour in November.

Vodec Consumers Make the Most of Fall Activities



Top left: Council Bluffs DayHab consumers enjoyed a fun experience taking part in Iowa's Special Olympics bowling competition in October at Thunderbowl in Council Bluffs. **Top right:** Our NE CARES program celebrated "CaresGiving" the week before Thanksgiving. We think the cake says it all! **Middle right:** Brittany Bolluyt of CI Day Hab researched craft ideas with staff and chose to make this bird on her arm. **Bottom right:** Daniel Medina gets his pet fix during CI Day Hab's Pet Therapy Day in October. **Bottom middle:** Anne Vanderlinden enjoys the CI Day Hab's visit to Blank Park Zoo in Des Moines. Even the giraffe in the background is oblivious to how much fun she's having. **Bottom left:** Under the beautiful canopy of a multi-colored parachute, Why Arts? Inc. visited Vodec's ELM program Oct. 30 to participate in and focus on visual arts, theater, dance/movement and storytelling.

Vodec Entrance Criteria:

- ▶ Be at least 16 years old for any employment training program
- ▶ Have behavioral needs within Vodec's scope of service
- ▶ Have medical needs within Vodec's scope of service
- ▶ Have transportation needs within Vodec's capability to provide
- ▶ Have adequate funding in place (including service hours authorization or private payment in place) for services being requested
- ▶ For in-home service, an applicant's home must meet basic health and safety requirements

For more information, or to apply for Vodec services, contact Daryn Richardson at drichardson@vodec.org or call (712) 328-2638.

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- Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services
- Iowa Department of Human Services
- Nebraska Department of Education
- Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services
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- Council Bluffs Chamber of Commerce (IA)
- Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC)
- Iowa Association of Community Providers (IACP)
- Iowa Association of People Supporting Employment First (APSE)
- Nebraska Association of Service Providers (NASP)
- Nonprofit Association of the Midlands (NAM)
- Omaha Chamber of Commerce (NE)
- Sarpy County Chamber of Commerce (NE)
- Urbandale Chamber of Commerce (IA)

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- Iowa HealthLink networks:
- Amerigroup
- United Healthcare



From the CEO's Desk:



Steve Hodapp
Chief Executive Officer

The 2018 mid-term elections are over! Some contests' outcomes were surprising, while others were not so much.

I don't know about you, but I am not missing the political ads with all their attacks and sniping.

Democrats took control of the U.S. House of Representatives. Republicans retained control of the U.S. Senate.

I'd like to think that one party not being in control of everything may be encouraging, that maybe there'll be more conversation.

Governors of both states Vodec is in were retained. In Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts was re-elected to a second term.

I think what this means to us is the plan to privatize Medicaid by 2022 stays on track.

This will bring in for-private managed care organizations (insurance companies) to manage the state's Medicaid funds.

Kim Reynolds was elected to the Iowa Governor's job. She had been the acting governor since 2017 when former Governor Terry

Branstad was appointed as the U.S. Ambassador to China.

Governor Branstad had brought in managed care organizations in 2016 to handle Iowa's Medicaid funds.

Governor Reynolds will not likely carve out Iowa's long-term supports services (LTSS) providers, including Vodec, from the managed care system.

Gubernatorial candidate Fred Hubbell ran on a platform of elimi-

nating Medicaid privatization, or at least carving out LTSS providers.

LTSS providers are an odd fit for managed care organizations. Only Iowa and Kansas have included them fully in their managed care plans.

I believe it would be beneficial for our consumers if LTSS providers were not under managed care as it exists.

Regardless of a coexistence with managed care and Medicaid privatization, you can count on Vodec to continue offering quality services with care, compassion and civility.

We will advocate for choices of services for consumers. We will support consumers' goals and objectives.

We will strive to be a provider of choice through actions and deeds.

Sincerely,

Steve Hodapp

Steve Hodapp
CEO

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*Mid-September to Mid-November 2018

(Tootsie) Rolling In



Thanks to Fred Maher (right, pictured with Vodec CEO Steve Hodapp), who dropped off a \$1,005.10 check in November from KC's Tootsie Roll sale from St. Peters Council in Council Bluffs.