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IMAGINE THE POSSIBILITIES CELEBRATES COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND VOLUNTEERISM

DE WITT, IA- Through community-based approaches, Imagine the Possibilities provides services to over 1,000 individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) across 27 lowa counties. Our mission places emphasis on empowering individual achievement, with support given to individuals based on their personal goals and dreams. June 26th, 2025, Imagine the Possibilities was thrilled to partner with volunteers from Ohnward Bancshares, Inc. for a meaningful day of volunteering. Corporate Maintenance Senior Director, Jarod Manning, along with Development Coordinator, Kayla Kunde, welcomed approximately 20 staff volunteers to Imagine homes in De Witt. After a briefing on the project and the completion of volunteer paperwork, the team eagerly began their tasks. The work included washing the siding for Imagine homes, adding edger pavers, adding rock and mulch to bare areas, bush trimming, and bringing in dirt to help level potential drainage issues. The volunteers began at 9 a.m. and concluded at noon. With the help of an incredible team, our De Witt homes' landscaping and maintenance is now complete.

Corporate Maintenance Senior Director, Jarod Manning, expressed his gratitude and appreciation for the volunteer work conducted by the Ohnward Bancshares, Inc. team. "I can't begin to say how impressed I am with the volunteer group we worked with today. They were not fazed by the heat nor the massive projects we had lined up to work on," said Manning, "They definitely put the team in teamwork." Manning proceeded to explain the length at which the volunteers went to ensure

the work was completed, adding that the team finished washing an entire house, cleaned up all existing landscape at the homes, graveled driveways top to bottom, spread 25 bags of dirt, and installed 200 border pavers. Development Director, Kayla Kunde, adds to the enthusiasm for the day: "We're incredibly grateful for the dedication, strong work ethic, and kindness each of you brought to this volunteer effort. Thank you for your time and energy. The results speak for themselves!" Kunde and Manning emphasize the importance of teamwork and dedication, highlighting the incredible differences made in such a short time- all while having fun and cultivating new relationships. Imagine the Possibilities thanks the incredible team of volunteers from Ohnward Bancshares, Inc. for their hard work and dedication to helping our mission thrive. The crew highlighted what it means to be an impactful community member: uplifting those around you and giving back when you can.

Imagine continuously highlights the importance and impact of volunteer work. Offering your support encourages community connections, creating stronger neighborhood ties and healthier relationships. It opens doors for networking opportunities and new life skills to carry forward in your personal and professional life. Volunteering with Imagine the Possibilities means that every corner of your community is impacted, hundreds of lives are touched, and individuals are further empowered to reach individual achievement. We'd like to encourage you and your network to explore volunteer opportunities with Imagine the Possibilities and read about the impact they have on the lives of individuals with disabilities. More information on volunteering, as well as an application to become a volunteer, can be found by visiting https://imagineia.org/donations/volunteer/.

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