

2021  
January

# In Flight Times

## DSP Of The Month: Kacey Crast

Kacey is always willing to pick up shifts at any house that needs help. She comes in and engages with every single individual, no matter how tired or how many hours she has already worked. She sets a great example of what a DSP really is. She cares for everyone, and helps the individuals to advocate for themselves. She cleans, cooks, and assists the coordinators with whatever tasks they give her. When her college closed earlier this year, even though she was doing classes and homework online, she still jumped right in and consistently helped out. Thank you, Kacey, for all that you do!



## Safely Celebrating The Holiday Season

2020 has been one of the most difficult years In Flight, Inc. has ever had to weather as an organization. Traditionally, we celebrate the holidays with a holiday party where all the programs and staff join together and enjoy some fun, delicious food, and receive gifts from Santa Claus.

It was heartbreaking to have to cancel our traditional holiday gathering as it brings so much joy to those we support. This year, we all needed joy more than ever after a year of being shut in and having to adjust to change.

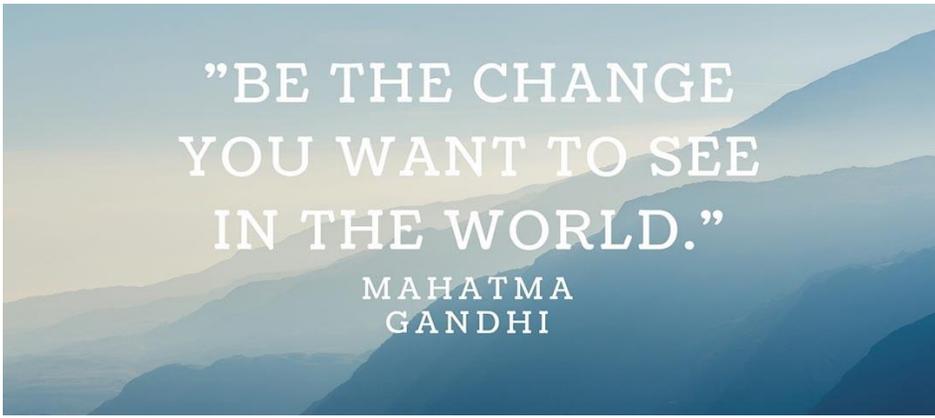
In hopes of finding a way to celebrate and bring joy to the holidays, staff formed a Holiday Celebration committee to brainstorm ideas to celebrate while keeping safe during the pandemic.



After weighing the different options, the committee decided it best to do a drive through celebration. The committee teamed with the facilities department to decorate the Red Hook building's parking lot and transforming it into a winter wonderland! When the night of the celebration came, vehicles full of those we support came in tiers. They enjoyed seeing all the lights and listening to holiday tunes on their drive through. They were greeted by Santa's elves at their first stop of the drive through. The second stop, they received presents from Santa Claus himself! At the third stop, they received goodie bags with holiday cookies and delicious treats. Finally, at the last stop, they were able to take a photo with Santa in front of the holiday tree!

We would like to thank all of the staff who participated in the planning session, who baked delicious treats, and who helped with the set up and break down of the event for bringing smiles when smiles were needed most.





“BE THE CHANGE  
YOU WANT TO SEE  
IN THE WORLD.”

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## Planting The Seed To A Successful Development Program

In Flight's Development program was started in 2019. The difficulties of the pandemic including social distancing and safety made our first year of launching our program nearly impossible, but we pushed through. We successfully created a calendar of grant funding opportunities and received our first grants from such generous organizations such as The Ascienzo Family Foundation, The Hannaford Charitable Foundation, The Walmart Foundation, and more!

Grants are just a small piece to the

Development puzzle. This year we hope to grow our program and start finding new ways to build the relationships to create a donor and support database.

Being a donor isn't just about giving monetary gifts, its about giving your time and your heart to cause that is important to you.

While we are looking for monetary donors, we are also looking for participation in other ways that do not require monetary gifts such as becoming an ambassador who introduces us to new people and organizations.

Building a development program is similar to a spider building a web, it starts with a base then it branches out and grows. We are in the important stages of building our base with the hopes of starting to grow this program.

Development is important to organizations as it provides a pool of support and unrestricted revenue which allows our programs and organization grow.

If you are interested in becoming an ambassador or getting involved contact Jill Rodriquez at [JRODRIQUEZ@inflightinc.org](mailto:JRODRIQUEZ@inflightinc.org).

### Get Involved

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### Thank You!

Thank you to the following donors for donating in the month of December!

**The Ascienzo Family Foundation**

**The Walmart Foundation**

**Holly Miranda Kelly**

**Nathan Briggs**

**Adeline Malone**

**Marie Sieloff**

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