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## SKY POINT'S STORY: A CAPACITY TO LOVE

Francis and Dana Jomo, the founders of Sky Point Social Services, have made quite a few accomplishments. They are well-educated, have several years of experience in social services, and have started their own business. However, the Jomos believe that these qualities only carry importance when paired with one major component-a capacity to love.





Francis didn't hesitate in replying, "I wanted to start a company that I would feel comfortable sending my child to. There is no shortage of providers, but finding one that puts the individual's needs first can be a challenge and that is what we strive to do. For us, this is about quality of care over everything else."

According to Dana, the driving force for the company is "the capacity to love." It's a basic human need that everyone is capable of giving and receiving. For the Jomo family, watching Sky Point's clients flourish is a gift of love for all involved. "Whether it's them getting a job, or a nice new place to live, or learning a new skill, the little things that somebody else might take for granted mean so much to our clients. It is our greatest joy to help them succeed."

The Jomos philosophy is one that encourages both staff and clients to think outside the box. Francis stated, "We want our clients to be seen for their abilities, not their disabilities. We want them to know they can reach their dreams. That's why our motto is 'The Sky is the Limit.' Their disability is not their definition."

### COMING SOON: A NEW ONLINE LOOK

As a means to better commumincate with staff, clients, and families looking for resources, we will be launching our new website soon! We hope you will take time to check out our new look and some of our helpful new features including:

- Detailed lists of all our services- including our new Wraparound service
- An Employee Portal featuring details on all the apps we use regularly as well as access to mileage and expense forms.
- Bi-weekly blog to keep you updated on the latest and greatest Sky Point resources
- Photo gallery featuring all of our Sky Point families

Keep an eye out for an official announcement about the new website and your chance to win Sky Point merchandise and a gift card!

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## July

Thursday, July 19, 7:05 pm Sky Point at the TinCaps Staff and clients are invited to join the Sky Point Family to cheer on the <u>TinCaps</u> as they battle the Burlington Bees. Please RSVP to the office at 260.492.9334 no later than Monday, July 9.

#### **August**

Saturday, August 11, 1pm-3pm
Faith Lutheran Church: Faith Fest
1700 E Pettit Ave
Fort Wayne, IN 46806
Bring your clients, friends and family

Bring your clients, friends and family to visit the Sky Point booth and check out other community resource vendors.

Saturday, August 25, 10am-4pm Historic Downtown New Haven. IN

Join in the fun at the 2nd Annual New Haven Fire Muster & Expo.

This family event will kick off with a parade and offer many kid and adult activities. There will be displays, exhibits, activities and competitions for all age ranges, including Special Needs Safety Training. There will be plaques and cash prizes for the adult competitions. This event raises money for the the New Haven Fire Department, The Fort Wayne Fire Museum and Hoosier Burn Camp.



## **EMPLOYEE REFERRAL PROGRAM**

Effective immediately, Sky Point's new employee referral program gives YOU a chance to help us grow and put a little extra money in your pocket. We are currently looking for qualified, caring individuals to help take on new clients.

A reffered employee MUST work 240 hours within the first 90 days with no diciplinary issues for both parties to qualify for the incentive.

AFTER these qualifications are met:

- The referring employee will recive \$50 as our way of saying 'thanks'.
- The referred employee will receive a \$150 sign on bonus.

### September

Saturday, September 9, 12pm-4pm Allen County Fairgrounds 2726 Carroll Rd Fort Wayne, IN 46818

Join us for the 5th Annual "Autism Acceptance Around the Fort" to celebrate the community around the Fort with acceptance and support for families living with autism in Indiana. This community event will have music, pony rides, face painting, local mascots, multi-sensory room, emergency vehicles, 3-on-3 basketball and more. There is something for everyone! Proceeds from this event support ASI programs in Northeast Indiana!

At this community event, you will also have an opportunity to visit the largest Autism Resource Fair in Northeast Indiana where local providers will be ready to talk about their services, support, and resources.

## BASEBALL, PICNICS, & PICTURES

Over the last month we've had the pleasure of hosting several Sky Point events including a picnic at Kreagar Park, admin night at the Tincaps, and 'Picture Day'. Thank you to all of our friends and family who participated and our friends at <u>Aflac</u> for their help with the picnic!







# MEET THE TEAM



Francis Jomo,

MBA

President/CEO



**Dana Jomo, LSW**Vice President/CFO



**Crica Pearson**Director of
Supported Living



Jessica
Rabaduex
Clinical Supervisor



Amanda
Cheathams
Billing & Compliance
Speciallist



Laura Parish, LPN Nurse



Rackel Blakey
Program Manager



**Dyonnetta White**Program Manager



**Mindy Esparza**Office Administrator



Kayla Pezley
Employment
Specialist

### **WE BELIEVE**



It is our goal at Sky Point Social Services to provide the best quality care and support to our clients, families, and staff. We take pride in knowing that our administrative staff, direct

support professionals, and behavior consultants put our clients' needs first.

- We believe in empowering our employees and the individuals we serve.
- We believe in treating everyone with respect and dignity.
- We believe in continuous improvement.
- We believe in people and their dreams.
- We believe in reaching for the sky!

## **SERVICES PROVIDED:**

**Behavior Management** 

Respite

Participant Assistance and Care (PAC)

Transportation

Community Based Habilitation

Residential Habilitation and Support

Wellness Coordination

**Extended Services** 

Family and Caregiver Training

Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Services

QUESTIONS, CONCERNS, COMMENTS?

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#### Our Mission...

Sky Point Social Services is committed to supporting individuals with ALL abilities in reaching their fullest potential by providing the care and services that will enable them to live enriching lives in the communities where they are valued and respected for their abilities and contributions.

#### About us...

Sky Point Social Services is a Medicaid Waiver Provider and a Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Service Provider. Sky Point is approved by the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) to provide services to individuals with developmental, intellectual, and emotional health needs. Sky Point serves children, teens and adults.

#### CARF Accredited...

CARF is so important because it ensures we are holding our organization accountable to issues of risk management, health and safety, business practices, and corporate compliance. Having attained this accreditation, we have shown our commitment to focusing on the needs of our persons served and the quality of care we provide.



# **CLIENT'S CORNER**

A FISH NAMED 'BABY'



With a smile on her face and a twinkle in her eye, Beth greeted me at the door ready to have her picture taken with the smallest member of her family-a bright blue betta fish named Baby. Anybody who knows Beth knows how much love and excitement her pet brings to her life, and the benefits of having her pet don't stop there!

An avid swimmer, Beth's decision to get a fish was based largely on this commonality. She and Baby share a special bond- the love of water. Beth has enjoyed swimming her entire life and has recently found the water to be the answer to a healthier lifestyle and Baby has been by her side cheering her on!

Going to the store to pick Baby out was Beth's favorite memory. "Kellie [Beth's roommate] helped me to pick her out and we both named her!" The experience provided an opportunity for Beth and Kellie to do something not only as roommates, but as friends. Baby continues to bring the roommates together. From feedings and tank cleanings to the simple pleasure of watching her swim, the girls enjoy spending time with Baby.

When asked what she enjoys most about her fish, Beth replied with confidence, "I love Baby because I adore her and I take care of her. I am her momma!" How true it is that for many of us, our pets are more than just pets. They are family. They are there for us at the end of a rough day, or when we have exciting news to share. They comfort us and bring joy. They give us purpose and peace. And if we're as lucky as Beth, they give us love!

## INDIANA MEDICAID WAIVERS

In the past, Medicaid only paid for long term care services that were provided in an institution, such as nursing facilities and group homes. The waiver program "waives" the requirement of an admission into an institution in order for Medicaid to pay for the needed Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS).

For additional information on the Medicaid Waiver Program and community resources please visit us online at <a href="https://www.skypointindiana.com/resources">www.skypointindiana.com/resources</a>!