

# Achievement in the Workplace Award Nomination

**NOMINEE: Kevin Keleman**

**ORGANIZATION: Mosaic in Southeast Kansas**

## **NOMINATION NARRATIVE:**

Kevin Keleman has been attending day Services with Mosaic in Southeast Kansas since 2020. He spent much of his first year isolated with his roommates due to the pandemic. To say he was excited when he was able to start attending day Services would be a huge understatement. Within a few short days of coming to the work center, he made it very clear he would like a job. More specifically, he would like to be the janitor.

He worked with his program manager to get hired on for this role and he immediately began doing an excellent job. Kevin, just like many of us would do, may have let that good job go to his head a little bit. He began bickering with a peer that was also assisting with janitorial service. He would become anxious and verbally aggressive during his work hour. Some days, he would become angry and just absolutely refuse to work. Unfortunately, his job was temporarily suspended because it was just causing him too much distress.

Kevin has a team of day service staff that worked with him to ensure he had the support he needed to complete his job. Kelly McDonald, Regina Metzger, April Hawkins, and Tonya Stephens played a huge role in supporting Kevin with his emotional maturity at work and they never gave up on him, allowing him the opportunity to return to work when he was ready.

After a little suspension and a lot of soul searching, Kevin returned back to work with a great attitude and new found appreciation for his job. He loves receiving praise for a job well done, but he takes those compliments with a positive attitude and no longer lets that go to his head (well, most days anyway).

Today, you could drive by to see Kevin taking the trash out and giving you a big wave as you pass by. The work that he does for Mosaic is valuable work for the organization and especially for Kevin. It's great to see him smiling and enjoying what he does. We are all very proud of the work Kevin does for Mosaic.

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