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Consuming Fire School of Dance and Gymnastics Selected Respite Provider of the Month

SCOTTSBLUFF, NE - The Western Area of the Nebraska Respite Network has selected Consuming Fire School of Dance and Gymnastics as its **Respite Provider of the Month** for March, 2019.

Beginning in 2018 the Nebraska Lifespan Respite Network started recruiting community-based organizations as respite providers. The opportunity to use a community-based organization for respite while utilizing respite is a win-win-win situation. The individual with special needs is able to participate in activities they enjoy, the community-based organization can receive payment from the Lifespan Respite Subsidy program and the family caregiver can take a break while their loved one is participating in the activity. One additional benefit is that, if needed, an individual respite provider can attend the activity with the individual with special needs which often enables them to participate in classes with other individuals their own age.

Donna Gimeson, owner of Consuming Fire School of Dance and Gymnastics, quickly recognized that she already had participants in her classes who could benefit from respite. She has made several referrals resulting in respite funding for the families. These families can then use their respite funding for their child's classes at Consuming Fire and also at other Community Based Activities or a mixture with typical in-home respite.

The Nebraska Lifespan Respite Network is always seeking additional providers. To become a provider, contact local respite coordinator, Sherri Blome at respite@wchr.net or (308) 432-8190. Providers need to complete an application, provide two letters of reference and pass a background check. A desire to help others is the main qualification. Providers choose the families they work with and set their own schedule. Respite Providers are self employed. However, the Respite Network will match providers with families.



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If you know someone who is caring for a loved one at home, let him or her know that help is just a phone call away. The Nebraska Respite Network will help families find a respite provider as well as the funding to pay the provider.

Congratulations to Consuming Fire School of Dance for being our Respite Provider of the Month.

