

#### From the CEO

2024 is off to a great start! Our LIFE Day Support program is growing with new participants and has room for further expansion. Our Group Supported Employment team is actively developing new community worksites. A new bus that has been backordered for two years due to supply chain issues has arrived. We've had a number of outstanding individuals join our staff. And, after a rigorous inperson survey last November, we received our Three Year Accreditation from CARF (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities). This comprehensive review determines whether a provider's services meet international standards of quality and has a commitment to delivering safe and effective services. Getting a three-year accreditation is the highest level and I'm proud that ECHO has repeatedly earned that distinction for many years.

Thank you for your support of ECHO,

**Paul Donohue, Jr.** CEO, ECHO

# **ECHO's New Website**



We are very excited to be able to share our new website with you! We have a new design, fun pictures, better functionality, and more information about our mission that we are excited to share with you. You can check out the new website <u>HERE.</u>



#### **Inclusive Solutions**



We are proud to announce that we are now acting as the fulfillment center for 88eight t-shirt company! This startup company is making stylish, vibrant shirts and we are thrilled to be helping them grow their business. If you'd like to check out their products you can visit their site <u>HERE</u>, thank you for your support 88eight!



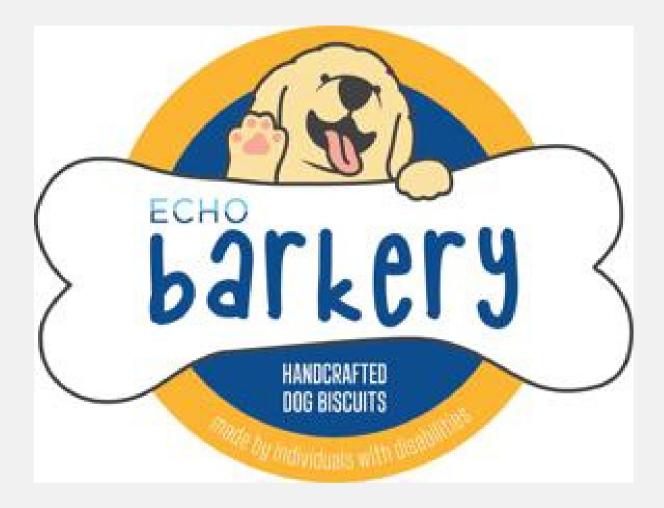
## **Blue Elegance**



As February graces us with its romantic allure, we're delighted to usher in a month filled with love, grace, and the timeless elegance that defines <u>Blue Elegance</u>. This month, our artisans have poured their creativity into crafting pieces that capture the essence of affection and celebration. Whether you're seeking the perfect gift for a loved one or treating yourself to a touch of luxury, Blue Elegance has the gift you seek that radiates sophistication and heartwarming beauty..



#### **The Barkery**



Recently the <u>Barkery</u> has added 15 new wholesale sites! Here are some of our newest partners, please support the businesses that support us: <u>Doppio Bunny Coffee</u> - Purcellville, VA, <u>Woof Gang Bakery & Grooming</u> - Ashburn, VA, <u>M. Franklin Studio</u>
<u>and Boutique</u> - Purcellville, VA, <u>Pet Depot</u> - Sterling, VA, <u>Commonwealth Dry Goods</u>
- Fairfax, VA, <u>Bentley's Specialty Pet Food</u> - Hedgesville, WV, <u>Oak Hart Farm</u> Berryville, VA, <u>The Corner Store</u> - Waterford, VA, <u>Bear Chase Brewing Company</u> Bluemont, VA, <u>Handmade by LMAC</u> - Sterling, VA, <u>Lancaster Pet Grooming</u> Lancaster, PA, <u>Solenberger's True Value Hardware</u> - Winchester, VA, <u>Bushel & Peck</u> Charles Town, WV, <u>Stone Tower Winery</u> - Leesburg, VA, <u>Gillian Valentine</u> Gordonsville, VA

If you have a business or know of someone who does that would like to carry our products and support ECHO's mission, please let us know - <u>sales@echobarkery.org</u>

### **Ambassador of the Month**



#### This month our ambassador is Billy Skipper Hughes of Skipper Films!

Billy has done several different videos for us at ECHO now and we are grateful for his expertise. The team at Skipper Films made a recruitment video for us which has helped us hire the exceptional team that we have here at ECHO, it still lives proudly on the <u>Careers</u>page of our website. Additionally, Billy and his crew shot the video from our Big Day Out. They donated their services and created what is likely the most impactful video about ECHO in our 49 year history. They truly captured the essence of who we are and gave us a gift that we now show to all of the visitors that come see us at our headquarters. If you'd like to see an incredibly joyous video about us and a testament to Billy's skill, check out the Big Day Out video on our <u>Homepage</u>. Thank you for your support and for donating your amazing skill to us Billy!

