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Summer Intern Makes a Difference Working with Life Center Members Thanks to Tyson

Program

Touching lives and making a difference. That's what Heartland Counseling is all about, and thanks to the coordinated effort of Tyson Foods and Iowa Campus Compact, Heartland was able to do even more of that with summer intern, Nayely "Nelly" Godoy. Entering her junior year at Morningside University, Nelly was able to work alongside Heartland's Life Center staff to provide services to Life Center members, lead groups, help with lunches, complete data intake, and more. This program is funded by Tyson and allows nonprofits to host paid interns who are interested in the nonprofit sector. It benefits the intern who gets a chance to learn and it benefits the nonprofits who get a helping hand during the summer.

Nelly is a Developmental & Counseling Psychology major minoring in Criminal Justice and Spanish. This internship opportunity solidified her commitment to this field and her desire to help change lives and guide people on a better lifestyle in the future. In addition, Nelly learned more about communication skills, collaboration, time management and the experience of work. The Life Center members and staff were very sad to see the program come to an end and made it a point to attend the closing ceremonies so they could thank Nelly again and wis her well at school.

"This experience was the best and I loved it!" stated intern Nayely Godoy. "Being at the Life Center has shown me a sense of belonging and support from the members and amongst each other." She also reflected on how being part of The Life Center has taught her about openness, having a safe place where one can express their feelings or situation without any judgement.

Heartland Counseling Services provides quality mental health and substance abuse services to the Siouxland community. The Life Center is Heartland's day rehab center for adults living with persistent mental health and substance abuse issues. A nonprofit 501(c)3 organization, Heartland's motto is: "Changing lives. Healing hearts. One day at a time!" Visit <u>www.heartlandcounselingservices.org</u> to learn more about the many services and programs provided by Heartland Counseling Services. To find out how you can help change lives and heal hearts, email Director of Development Jennifer Hart at <u>hart@heartlandcounselingservices.com</u> or call the office at 402-494-3337.

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Photo: Life Center member, Kim, proudly stands with intern Nayely Godoy at the Tyson Foods

Summer Community Program Internship closing ceremonies at Morningside University.

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