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Happy Holidays Team Chestrut!



+Tis the +Season





THANK YOU ALL FOR THE INCREDIBLE JOB YOU DO EVERYDAY!

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#### A LETTER FROM CHRIS SAMMARTINO

#### **Hello Team Chestnut!**

I hope you and your families had an amazing Thanksgiving! As a company we have so much to be thankful for! We continue to rebound strongly from COVID and all the things we couldn't control over the last few years. We have continued to work together as a team; each month we have worked hard to be more efficient, improve operations, increase sales, and continue to staff our stores with people that want to work and care about what they are doing. Staffing hasn't been easy, but we continue to try new things and incentivize people to make the job more attractive and establish the consistency we are all looking for.

Ed and I are very thankful for all our employees on all levels for your continued loyalty, hard work and dedication to us, your jobs, and your specific locations. Black Friday is now behind us, and I am so proud to see all of our planning and strategies work to make this a successful day and weekend to open the Holiday Season! Now we take that momentum and move onto December – the busiest month of the year! It is crucial that we continue to schedule properly, having the right amount of people during the busy hours and days. It is up to you to know when that is in your store, as every store is different. We all know the weekends are our bread and butter and we need to have all POS systems open and staffed accordingly to handle the traffic. It is imperative that we always have full roundups, and we have fresh hot product and a great selection of all products.

Make sure you have your aces in their places. Shift differential pay is in full effect for all locations on every weekend, and call-in bonus is there if you need it. Communication is key especially when it's so busy! We don't know if you do not communicate with us that you need help or have a question that needs answered. That is what your Corporate Team is here for. We are here to continue to support you, help make things better for you, and your stores, which is beneficial for all of us.

I've enjoyed speaking to most of you over the last few months after our weekly operations meetings and, I have appreciated the kind and sincere emails from you regarding different topics recently. I am confident as we start the month all of you will give it everything you have to make December one of our biggest and best months ever!!! Continue to stay focused and create energy and excitement in your stores. That is what makes a difference and creates a fun environment.

On behalf of Ed, myself, and all of our Corporate Team in Ohio, I want to thank you for an amazing year so far. We look forward to a bigger and better year in 2023!! On behalf of all of us, and our families, we want to wish you Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a happy and healthy New Year.

**Make it Happen** 

Chris Sammartino

**Chief Operating Officer** 



### HOME OFFICE STORE VISITS

MIAMI, FLORIDA



Chris Sammartino, Leo Henry, Justin Vallia

FL230

**Carmen Brenes** 



**TEAM DINNER** 



FL154

**Maria Sole Hernandez** 



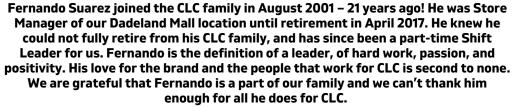


### ECEMBER. EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

## MEET FERNANDO SUAREZ SHIFT LEADER FL154







Written by:

Bekah Marstellar

Director of Human Resources

Fernando is one of the most knowledgeable, passionate and committed people I have met in all my time with Chestnut Land. He leads by example and has helped mentor many of the great employees we have. I am very grateful to be able to count on him for assistance and the company has had one of their greatest assets in him.

Written by: Guillermo Noriega Regional Manager 

#### FERNANDO SUAREZ

1. What is on your Christmas wish list?

To remain healthy and continue to have faith.

2. What is your favorite board game?

Monopoly

3. What do you enjoy most about your job?

Working with people and helping them achieve their goals and desires.

4. Which famous person in history would you want to spend the day with and why?

Jesus, because he has been so influential and revealing in my life and the life of other people for generations and continues to do so today.

5. Do you have any holiday traditions you are looking forward to?

Getting together with my 9 brothers and my sister and adorning my Christmas tree.

6. Favorite Auntie Anne's menu item?

Almond with caramel dip.

7. In 1 word, describe your ability to wrap gifts.

**Excellent!** 

8. What advice would you give to someone just beginning a career with Chestnut Land?

To have a positive outlook as the company offers great opportunities to grow from within. Set goals for yourself career wise.

9. What's on your bucket list for next year?

To go back to traveling to different places.

10. What motivates you to work hard?

Love, commitment and passion. The most important is love because it will lead you to the other two, which at the end will help you succeed. Isn't the desire to successfully accomplish whatever you do?



To Frank Perrotta (Home Office) and his wife Dominique on the birth of their beautiful baby girl Serena!

BORN 11/12/22 5LB 15OZ



To Matthew Marison at NH105 on the birth of his adorable son Harlow!

#### **AUNTIE ANNE-VENT**

A fun, digital-led campaign throughout the month of December that will primarily be communicated on our Auntie Anne's Instagram, email, and in the app. In true advent calendar fashion, every day of the month unlocks a new surprise for our fans. Most of the surprises are swag and brand partner giveaways as well as deals on gift cards and our DIY kits sold through Harry & David to promote additional ways to enjoy the brand. There are a few days in yellow on the attached calendar where you'll see 1-day loyalty offers that can be redeemed in-store or online.

The objective with the campaign is to keep Auntie Anne's top of mind during the holidays, celebrate this season of giving with ways to win awesome prizes for our fans, and to engage our followers on social, keeping Auntie Anne's a big part of the conversation.

Cheers to December and finishing the year STRONG!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
E	verything else will	eemable in-store engage our followe vance through socia	12/1 Loyalty: BOGO Pretzel Products (excludes protein Snack Packs, & Buckets)	12/2 Auntie Anne's Swag Giveaway	12/3 Free Delivery (Brand Funded)	
12/4 Branded giveaway with Zoya	12/5 20% off DIY Kits through Harry & David website	12/6 Loyalty: Buy a Salted Caramel Chocolate Frost, Get a Free Pretzel	12/7 Buy an AA Gift Card, Get a Free Pretzel in January	12/8 Auntie Anne's Swag Giveaway	12/9 Branded giveaway with Razor	12/10 Loyalty: 2x points on delivery orders
12/11 \$5 Bounceback with a Gameday Snack Pack purchase	12/12 AA Soccer Jersey Giveaway	12/13 Cinnabon: \$5 reward card for purchasing a \$25 gift card	12/14 Loyalty: \$25 off a catering order of \$100+	12/15 20% off DIY Kits through Harry & David website	12/16 Free Delivery (Brand Funded)	12/17 Comment on IG to win Auntie Anne's Swag
12/18 Loyalty: \$3 Off the Gameday Snack Pack	12/19 20% off DIY Kits through Harry & David website	12/20 Branded giveaway with Funko	12/21 Auntie Anne's Swag Giveaway	12/22 Buy an AA Gift Card, Get a Free Pretzel in January	12/23 Free Delivery (Brand Funded)	12/24 Loyalty: \$3 Off a Bucket

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE Q3 OSAT WINNERS!



Congratulations to the 5 stores who scored a gold pin in Q3!

To win, the stores below met the following criteria for the quarter:

- Had at least 30 post-meal surveys for the entire quarter
  - Had a minimum average OSAT of 70%
    - Had zero escalated alerts

FL111 76.27

II131 74.00

MI115 72.97

MI143 72.50

FL144 70.27

### WORKING ON WELLNESS MANAGING SELF CARE



Self-care can help you manage stress, lower your risk of illness, and increase your energy. Even small acts of self-care in your daily life can have a big impact.

#### **IDENTIFY WHAT NEEDS ATTENTION**

One of the first steps is to identify where in your life you need attention. Self-care looks different for everyone, and it may take trial and error to discover what works best for you. Looking at your whole self can help with this. Ask yourself, "Do I need more sleep, exercise, or interaction with others? Do I need more quiet time that doesn't isolate me, but allows me to relax and focus on things that matter?"

#### CHECK FOR BAD HABITS

Refrain from relying on bad habits that are not healthy ways to engage in self-care. Practicing unhealthy habits are a way to avoid your struggles instead of dealing with them. Are you drinking one too many glasses of wine? Perhaps you are watching too much TV or staying online to avoid your stress. If these things are happening, then it's time to listen to your internal voice, and reach out for help if necessary.

#### CHECK IN WITH YOUR FRIENDS

The same applies if you see someone else struggling with their emotions or daily life. Look for signs, even in nonverbal communication. Remember to ask the obvious questions as well as the not-so-obvious such as, "How are you doing? What has life been like for you lately? Are you getting enough time in your week to do you?"

If you learn to pay attention to signs of distress in others you will likely pay close attention to your own signs. If you would tell someone to go seek help for an overwhelming situation, be sure you can take that same advice. We can't share with others a resource that we lack ourselves. Talk about your concerns with a medical provider, who can refer you to a mental health specialist if needed.

#### DECEMBER ACTIVITY

31 Day Self-Care Challenge



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happy each day.

#### EMPLOYEE REFERRAL PROGRAM

EMPLOYEES WHO EARNED CASH FOR EMPLOYEE REFERRALS
NOVEMBER 29TH, 2022

#### 9 MONTHS - \$400

Carlos Herrera FL143 for referring Calef Mercado FL143 Jennifer Hadley IN128 for referring Jackie Hadley JR IN128

#### 6 MONTHS - \$300

Madonna Torres FL111 for referring Lorna Collins FL111
Rebecca Young MI141 for referring Deondre Abrams MI141

#### 3 MONTHS - \$200

Jazmine Vallejo FL159 for referring Pedro Martinez FL159
Irwin Gonzalez FL231 for referring Orel Fernandez FL231
Vickie Bennett IN111 for referring Nadiyah Holifield IN111
Kiara Monroy FL144 for referring Johan Monroy FL144



DTIQ AUDIT STREAKS

3 CONSECUTIVE 100% SCORES



FL177-11

FL276-5

**OH175-5** 

TN126-4

FL159-3

FL226-3



#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE 6 STORES!**

Keep up the great work! Let's see more stores on this list next month!

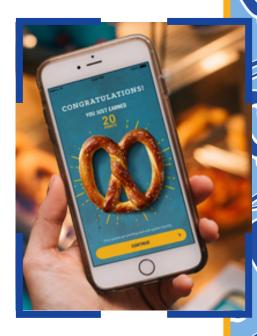
TOP 5 ONLINE STORES FOR NOVEMBER

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#1 0H147 #2 IN107 #3 GA106 #4 FL166 #5 MI123



**Uber Eats** 

## PECEMBER: WORK ANNIVERSARIES

Dina McAlister - KY117 6 Years **Lindsev Oleniuch - SC123 6 Years 6** Years Maria Sole Hernandez - FL154 **Emily Marion - MI123 5 Years** Skylar Joseph - OH130 **5** Years **Carmen Brenes - FL230** 3 Years **Christopher Kirklin - Briarwood Cinnabon 2 Years** Andrew Gemmell - OH124 2 Years Nickola Lawton - GA116 2 Years **Irwin Gonzalez Perez - FL231** 1 Year Matthew Abbasi - GA110 1 Year Jada Wilson - GA116 1 Year Catherine Zollers - FL168 1 Year Keegan Knox - GA130 1 Year 1 Year Billie Sowards - WV106 Jaqueline Ortiz Martinez - FL144 1 Year 1 Year Malaysia Aramour - IN107

**AMAZING JOB!** 

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU ON YOUR WORK ANNIVERSARY!

# THE DOUGH PRESS \*CECEMINER\* \*BIRTHDAYS\*

Sarah Buchanan - MI137	12/1	Ariel
Raul Marrero - FL159	12/2	Keya
Melanie Smith - MI123	12/3	Nata
Deanna Westbrook - MI115	12/3	Yalix
Scout Brown - FL168	12/3	John
Zechariah Hodge - IN128	12/4	Jacol
Shawna Hartzog - PA254	12/5	Ty Fe
Alexandria Willis - GA166	12/5	losep
Angel Dearth - OH163	12/5	TAM
Leinad Torres - FL192	12/6	Marc
Jamie Sherwin - MI122	12/6	Timn
Jacoby Miller - MS112	12/6	Elain
Luis Mendez - NH106	12/6	Keya
Michael Smith - GA166	12/7	Lana
Jaqueline Ortiz Martinez - FL144	12/8	Bren
Jessica Wiechec - NH106	12/8	Tomi
Marcel Howard - FL144	12/8	Cynt
Quintavious Issac - FL177	12/11	Ronie
Barbara Sharp - FL158	12/11	Orlar
John Matheny - IL163	12/11	Kend
Cameron Millsap - GA110	12/12	Kath
Starr McGill - OH111	12/12	Audr
Kristi Singer - WV106	12/12	Matt
Daniel Honig - FL197	12/12	Melis
William Wainwright - NC140	12/12	Mado
David Castelan - FL175	12/14	Chris
Geneva Willis - MI145	12/15	Patri
Michael Pezzetti - MI141	12/15	Want
Diana Rodgers - IN128	12/15	Justi
Morgan Lemaster - WV106	12/15	Loga
Valentina Mora Valderrama - FL230	12/16	Lexa
Jazmine Bonilla - FL171	12/16	Scott
Alejandro Nunez - FL230	12/16	Gliss
Christina Mohr - Woodland Jamba	12/16	Rebe
Courtney Smith - NC140	12/17	Duan
Jose Handerson - Florida Mall Cinnabon	12/17	Chris
Barbara Stevenson - MI135	12/17	Antia
Amanda Kelly - OH190	12/18	Andr
Jason Martinez - NC115	12/18	Ezav
Julian Torres - FL159	12/18	

Ariel Nunez - FL230	12/18
Keyana Johnson - FL150	12/18
Natalie Fussell - GA128	12/19
Yalixa Vasquez - FL166	12/19
Johnisha Dawson - FL150	12/19
Jacob Tarman - FL162	12/19
Ty Feller - NH105	12/20
loseph Rodriguez - FL201	12/20
TAMARA POWELL - GA106	12/20
Marcellus Robinson - NC102	12/21
Timmy Stocks - KY117	12/21
Elaine Britton - OH189	12/21
Keyana Montgomery - GA128	12/22
Lanay Mayle - IN109	12/23
Brennon Baker - GA110	12/23
Tommie Williams - GA166	12/23
Cynthia Rivera - FL149	12/24
Ronica Eskew - IL169	12/26
Orlando Chatman - MI122	12/26
Kendra Kimble - GA139	12/26
Kathryn Kania - OH147	12/26
Audrey Salvador - FL192	12/26
Matthew Walts - IL165	12/27
Melissa Sanders - IL169	12/27
Madonna Torres-Santiago - FL111	12/27
Christina Noufer - Home Office	12/27
Patricia Whitten - NH105	12/27
Wantaunshae Bristow - GA139	12/28
Justice King - IL131	12/28
Logan Holder - MI141	12/29
Lexani Vazquez - FL260	12/29
Scott Valentine - Home Office	12/29
Glisser Lewis -Cortes - FL150	12/29
Rebecca Hanlon - OH190	12/30
Duanyelle Jones - FL171	12/30
Christopher Barrett - NC102	12/30
Antiasha Smith - TN126	12/30
Andrew Moody - Home Office	12/30
Ezavier Johnson - FL158	12/31

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU! ENJOY YOUR SPECIAL DAY!