



Tri-Valley

Opportunity Council, Inc.

Employee Spotlight

Tyler Brekken

Transportation Program Manager

Crookston, MN

What's your name? Tyler Brekken

What's your title and location at Tri-Valley? Transportation Program Manager in Crookston, MN.

What's your favorite thing about working in your position? I enjoy working with the fun variety of personalities in our department. I also find it very rewarding to provide a service that is well received in the community.

Before working at Tri-Valley, what was the most unusual or interesting job you've ever had? I managed an AT&T store in Dickinson, ND during the oil boom. It was very interesting to see what sudden growth does to a community. I am also the on-air personality on the radio station in Crookston every weekend morning and that can be very interesting as well!

Tell us about your family and/or pets. My wife, Ann, teaches 2nd grade at Highland Elementary in Crookston. I have two step children, Josie-11 and Logan-7. We also have a "fun" cat named Snuggles, or Snugz for short.

Do you have any hobbies? I enjoy game nights with the family, home improvement projects, and trying my hardest to get something to grow in our garden.

If you could learn to do anything, what would it be? I would love to learn how to sight read music on the piano and maybe learn to speak 2 or 3 languages fluently.

If you won the lottery, what is the first thing you would do? I would pay off my debts, give my parents some money, and plan out a very nice home renovation project.

What's your favorite indoor/outdoor activity? I enjoy helping out with coaching various activities during my free time.

What chore do you absolutely hate doing? Cleaning the litter box is up there.

If you could meet anyone, living or dead, who would you meet and why? I would meet Dan Marino and have him give me a few tips on my spiral.

If you had to eat one meal, every day for the rest of your life, what would it be? China Moon Buffet in Crookston.

What are some things on your bucket list? Run a marathon and visit the town of Brekken, Norway.

Anything else you would like to add? I always say, "Two wrongs don't make a right, but three rights make a left".