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Good deed of the day:

Fresh fruit and veggies are hard to come by in food pantries, the next time you are grocery shopping, pick up an extra package to donate to your local pantry.



May: National Celiac Disease Awareness Month

This May we were able to honor National Celiac Disease Awareness Month with an educational workshop from our resident Celiac employee, Maggie Sheehan. Maggie gave an insightful presentation to our team describing what Celiac Disease is, the symptoms, and the history of research and testing development. Maggie was diagnosed with Celiac disease in 2019 and openly shared her journey with us of how she must eat in a safer way to reduce her chances of being "glutened." There is no cure except for a strict gluten-free diet, meaning less than 20 PPM of Gluten in each meal. That is equivalent to one second in 14 hours or one penny in \$500. Although this disease can be traced back to 100 AD it was not until the early 1990s that Celiac Disease was recognized as an autoimmune disease. In 2007 The University of Chicago opened the first research and treatment center in the United States. Maggie has personally been a part of their studies as they research and innovate toward a cure. Global is proud to support [The University of Chicago Celiac Disease Center](#) with a donation to their work of providing comprehensive diagnoses, treatments, and leading research in the unknown frontier of this disease.

Global Kicks Axe at the Quarterly Visit



This month Global had our first quarterly visit which give all of our employees the opportunity to come together in the office. Global has remote employees located in the US, South America, and Eastern Europe. These visits allow our team to develop better connections with coworkers and come together for group events.

During this quarterly visit, the Global team had the chance to visit Mazzone Pasta. This was a great opportunity to meet Mazzone's team in person, learn more about their products, see the process, and enjoy a tasty lunch sampling their different pasta dishes. This visit also included a whole company meeting with one of our newer vendors, Graza. Our team connected with the leaders of this extra virgin olive oil brand to sample the product and learn more about their brand story. It is so special when the whole Global team gets to meet with vendors and we look forward to visiting more in future quarterly visits.

Our week-long visit finished with a team bonding event at Axeplosion. The wonderful associate at Axeplosion walked our team through the correct grip and safest throwing techniques needed to hit the mark. Each member of Global took turns throwing axes at their targets and chowing down on Q BBQ. After the individual rounds, Global split into three teams to compete for the title of best axe throwers. Pictured to the left are Maggie Sheehan (top) and Elizabeth Villa (bottom) who hit the hardest spot on the target called the clutch for their teams.

Having everyone in the office has been a goal for our company since the pandemic restrictions started to lift. The energy in the office changes when the whole team is around to answer questions on the spot or enjoy a coffee break together in the Global Cafe. We are grateful for the time we can share together and will be marking our calendars for the next one!

Global Spotlight: Adelina Maliqi

This month we are highlighting one of our Territory Sales Managers, Adelina Maliqi. She has been with Global for almost 4 years and is a part of our Export Department focusing on our Caribbean accounts. Before the pandemic, Adelina had the chance to visit stores and meet with clients in the Caribbean. Unfortunately, her last planned trip which was to Antigua had to be canceled due to COVID-19. With the pandemic regulations changing, she is looking forward to being able to travel again to customers. Her favorite part of the job is meeting new people from different countries, being able to learn about new cultures, languages, and trying new foods.

With the issues in the supply chain that we all have been facing, Adelina has been vital in supporting everything that goes into placing an order. Each week there is no set schedule for what her day-to-day may look like and that is what keeps it exciting for her. Adelina may start her day supporting transportation, then move on to check accounting balances, and switch over to take a call from a customer at a moment's notice. The best flow of her job comes when she has the time to focus on maintaining relationships with customers and collaborating with her team to find new items or promotions that bring value to the retailers she works with.

Adelina moved from Kosovo to Joliet, Illinois when she was 14 years old. As a teenager, she was able to transition into a brand new country, become fluent in a new language, and assimilate into a whole new culture. In 2017 Adelina obtained her Bachelor of Business Administration with a focus on Human Resource Management and Services. She joined Global as an Export Sales Analyst in 2018 and began building her knowledge of the industry and export business.



By 2021 she was in full swing as a Territory Sales Manager taking on accounts of her own to manage. Adelina has been a wonderful fit into our sales team and is helping to lead our Export Support, Lee Bauer, in learning the ropes of the expansive business that is Exports.

Fun Facts

- If Adelina could be any animal she would choose an elephant so that she could have a good memory.
- As a kid, she always wanted to be a teacher and would line up her dolls for practice lessons.
- The best meals she enjoys are her mom's homemade cooking, she loves the traditional Albanian dishes that she makes like spinach pies.
- Adelina's hidden talent is that she is very handy around the house and resourceful. She will type in a quick google or watch a youtube video to learn how to fix anything she needs.
- She has always loved being creative and expressing herself through art like painting and drawing, she even studied interior design for a while.