



MARCH 2019

MARCH SPOTLIGHT

DAVID MCKINNEY

David McKinney has been a part of the RaeArc / Carousel family for 10 years. He is always happy and in a cheerful mood. He greets every person with a hand shake and a smile. Every day seems to be a good day for David. He is very close with his brother and his nephew whom both attend the Carousel. David is very active in Special Olympics and bowling. David loves to sing karaoke, dance, attend church, and most importantly the ladies!



SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT UPDATE

Our Supported Employment Team had another very busy month. The success of our "Snak Shak" has provided us with the ability to continue to give back. In addition to the Birthday Club, we now have our Business Appreciation Program in place. If not for these businesses providing us with so many opportunities, our program wouldn't be what it has grown to become. Every month, we pick a business that has so kindly supported our program, and deliver them donuts on Friday. Our inaugural winner was Diva Donations. Next, our first class has come to a close. The Employability Readiness and Skills class was quite successful much to the credit of our students wanting to learn and being attentive. The students didn't get much of a break though as we started our Special Topics class after a brief hiatus. In this class, they will be making Love/Blessing bags for the less fortunate. They will learn the process of the inception of the idea, production of putting the bags together, and finally the distribution to those in need. Finally, love was in the air during the month of February. As you walked through the workshop, there were hearts and flowers galore, and if you weren't quick enough, you might have gotten hit by one of our Cupid's arrows. This is how we celebrated Valentine's Day here at The Carousel, then again, the Supported Employment Team celebrates that everyday with all the love they have in their hearts!

ACTIVITIES*

- Mar. 5th –Spirit Day
- Mar. 8th –CLOSED
- Mar. 11th –Chuck 'E' Cheese (\$13.00)
- Mar. 13th –Wear Green Day
- Mar. 15th –Bowling & Lunch (\$10.75)
- Mar. 21st –Amish Valley Market (\$3.00)
- Mar. 22nd –March Birthday Party (\$8.00)
- Mar. 27th –Phantoms Hockey Game (\$8.00)

*This is not a full list of activities. Full calendars will still be distributed monthly!



- Russell H. – 1st
- Susan H. – 4th
- Chris K. – 5th
- Heather B. – 17th
- Reynaldo M. – 21st
- March Birthday Party – 22nd**

CAROUSEL CENTER II

Great news! We have acquired all of the building permits needed to open up the Carousel Center II! We now have to finish constructing the handicap accessible bathroom, as well as installing the fire alarms. Once this is done, we will be officially ready to open! You can check out our progress on Facebook – we will be adding photos and updates as we go and giving details about our grand opening! Don't forget about our store! Spring is on the way, check out our new comfortable t-shirts!



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