



JANUARY 2019

## JANUARY SPOTLIGHT

### ERIKA SPITLER

Erika has been a part of the Carousel / RaeArc family since September 2018. She is a people person by nature – she can enter a room and quickly meet a friend. She enjoys listening to all types of music, especially R&B. The most important person in Erika's life is her 10 year old son, Nathaniel. When she talks about him, her whole face lights up with pride. Erika definitely keeps it real at all times. She is a very big help in our workshop, as she volunteers her time doing a lot of secretarial jobs at the workshop!



## SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT UPDATE

December was filled with lots of holiday spirit and fun with our Supported Employment Team. The Snak Shak has become quite a success. A Snak Shak favorite is our fresh popped popcorn, you can smell the aroma throughout the Carousel Center. The shop has provided our team with the educational opportunity to learn about running a small business. They keep inventory, prepare the store for business, and perform register / computer applications that keep the store functional. The Team has also been getting into the Christmas spirit by decorating and making crafts at The Carousel. As your look around our workshop, you can transport yourself to the land of Arendelle with Princess Elsa, then be whisked away Who-Ville where you might encounter The Grinch, then find yourself sitting with an Elf on the Shelf. Finally, our Career Exploration classes will begin in January. Already scheduled for the class in January is a tour of the Goodwill facilities and other fun activities. As 2018 comes to a close and new year begins, the Supported Employment Team looks forward to a great 2019!

## ACTIVITIES

- Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> – Bowling & Lunch (\$10.75)
  - Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> – Dance Party
  - Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> – Taco Tuesday (\$5)
  - Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> – Martin Luther King Craft
  - Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Mall Walking
  - Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> – January Birthday Party (\$8)
  - Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> – Senior Fun Day (\$3)
  - Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> – White House Fruit Farm (\$3)
- \*This is not a full list of activities. Full calendars will still be distributed monthly!



- Beth Snyder - 1<sup>st</sup>
- Dwayne Green - 18<sup>th</sup>
- Paul Poling – 22<sup>nd</sup>
- January birthday party- 25<sup>th</sup>

## 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! Winter is here, which means it is the perfect time to get yourself a comfy hoodie!



<https://www.thecarouselcenter.com/store>