

**Employment & Residential Support Services for People with Disabilities** 

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## THE SUCCESS STORY

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### SUCCESS WORKS 2010 INAGURAL 5K RUN/WALK



It was a cold & windy day, but enthusiasm was high as runners prepared to embark on Success Unlimited's first 5K run/walk on October 16th, 2010.

This inaugural event commemorated October's National Disability Employment Awareness month, emphasizing the rich diversity and talent that workers with disabilities bring to the workplace.

All finishers received medals. First place trophies were awarded to Steve Burt of Grand Forks, (18:35), men's division & Linda Keller of Crookston, (26:20), women's division.

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## Thank you, also, to supporters:

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And a huge **THANKS** to all of the volunteers who made this event possible!

All proceeds raised at this event are dedicated to employment grants for individuals with disabilities These funds can be used to assist them in securing employment support services, tuition for classes or workshops that might help them to gain necessary employment skills or the purchase of adaptive equipment or assistive technology to enhance their job performance



More photos inside

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW CEO

Welcome to Tanja Kapinos who has taken over the helm at Success Unlimited. Tanja has a wealth of experience working in the field of disabilities. She has been employed with Success Unlimited for over 6 years in various capacities, from direct care to administrative. Tanja is married to Joe, a Master Sergeant in the US Air Force. They have, a "soon to be" 3 year old daughter, Charlotte.



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#### THE SUCCESS STORY

## SUCCESS AT WORK **CONGRATULATIONS TO:**



Krystal Luck on her new clerical assistant position at the University of North Dakota.



Trisha Sherette, who was recently hired by Qdoba's McDonald's as a as a hostess.



Jacob Yanish, hired by EGF food prep worker.



Darryl Lessard, employed in a dietary aide position Altru at Health Systems.



Welcome to the work force



The Road to Self Sufficiency

#### TYPES OF EMPLOYMENT

41% Janitorial 23% Dishwasher

6% Housekeeping

6% Silverware Processina

5% Clerical

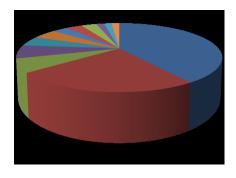
5% Cook

3% Busperson

3% Sales

3% Stocking

2% Dietary



Employment specialists provide job seeking skills, job development, on-the-job skill training, work related training and long-term support, when needed, to maintain employment within community businesses.

## 16 YEARS ON THE JOB



Mike Lorenz

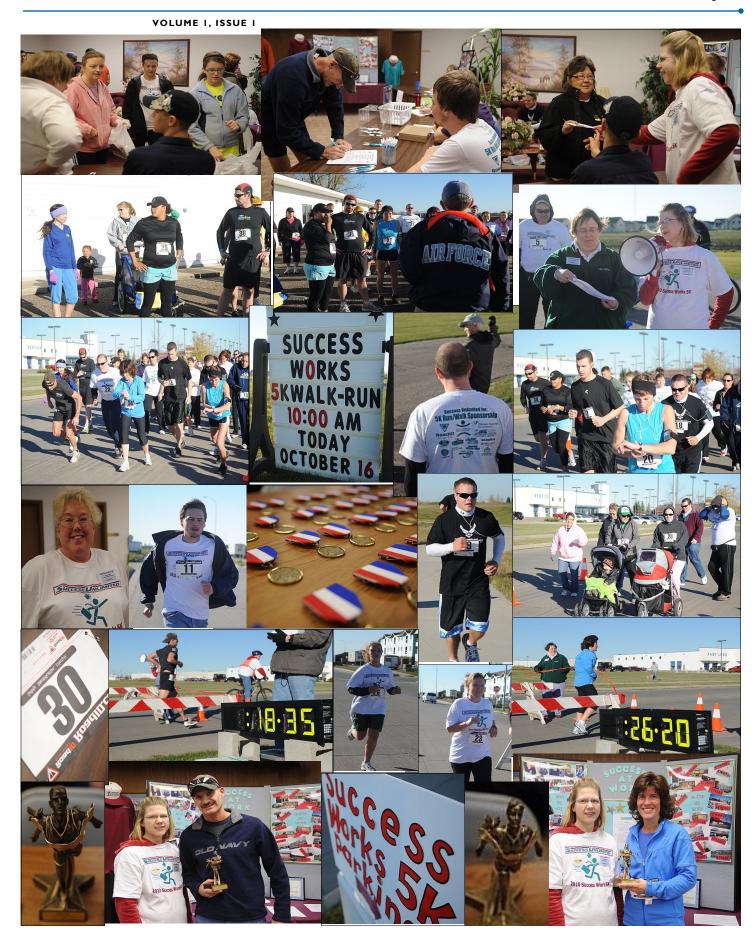
Mike Lorenz has been employed with MVW at the Grand Forks Air Base since Force 1993. He is part of the maintenance crew that is responsible for the basewide custodial contract.

Mike has been supported by Success Unlimited for 19 years

& is an experienced custodian. He enjoys this line of work & takes pride in a job well done.

In his leisure time, Mike enjoys visiting & is an avid TV trivia buff. He served as the honorary race director for Success Unlimited's 5K run.

6.5 years is the average length of employment for people supported by Success Unlimited



## **Our Vision**

Self-sufficiency & quality of life for people with disabilities

## **Our Mission**

The provision of community based vocational and residential support services to assist people with disabilities in maximizing their economic independence & community presence





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