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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT EXCEED

July 2017

Casa del Valle Residential Facility

The first weekend of July clients were pampered at Finest Nails with their monthly Mani/Pedi's. On the 4th of July, it was about Despicable Me 3, popcorn and soda. The next Saturday they enjoyed shopping in Moreno Valley. Sunday, the church that some of the residents attend had a big swim party and BBQ. Frank said that they had "good, good Hot Dogs, and Cheese burgers". On Friday the 14th, it was time for the Down Syndrome Association's, Footloose and Fancy Free dinner and dance. They ate sub sandwiches and danced into the night. The 15th, many were anxious to get back to the movies to see the new Spiderman movie, and after, it was straight to the TLC dinner for more dancing. The next weekend, some chose to attend the 66er's baseball game at San Manuel Stadium highlighted by meeting the mascot up close and personal. The last weekend it was time to cool off at the Valley Wide Aquatic Center for the Special Needs Family Swim Day. Our guys really love to go swimming!



Santa Fe (Hemet) ADC

This month, clients in ADC have been enjoying our theme of the month which focuses on our galaxy. Everyone has been busy with arts and crafts that center around planets and stars. We have been decorating the hallways and walls with the artwork and projects the clients have been making. Our outings in the community have been to try and go out to cool places both literally and figuratively. Beating the summer heat is proving to be an activity all by itself! Once again, clients participated in community service at the T.H.E. Center which was just another way we found to keep cool this month.

Santa Fe (Hemet) WAC

July turned out to be a very productive month for us here at SFWAC. We continued working on our regular contract work of stuffing envelopes, counting bolts and other contract work. Just like last month, large contract jobs have been keeping everyone busy and focused. We finished up the very large fidget spinner job we had. It was followed by another contract from the same company. We all enjoyed the day off for the fourth of July and many folks came back telling stories about the firework shows they attended. Summer is in full swing and we are all doing our best to stay focused and keep cool.

Perris ADC

The month of July has been a great month full of fun here in the Perris ADC. The clients started their new theme titled "Summer Fun". The clients voted to on having a water party on July 3rd and they had a awesome time. The clients also had a BBQ that day with burgers, chips, and watermelon. They had a water balloon and water fun fight. Everyone appeared to have a great time and is already talking about next year's party. Our clients continued with their community service at Animal Friends of the Valley and Ramona Animal Shelter. We are all looking forward to August and what "Summer Fun" is in store.



Perris WAC

July started off with a bang, and kept on going. The client Council had requested an Independence Day party with Bar-B-Que hamburgers and chips etc., and since July is also the first month of the new fiscal year we had a combination Independence Day/New Year Party. Staff Bar-B-Qued the hamburgers for the clients and served them their lunch, as a means of showing their appreciation for all the hard work throughout the year. After lunch there was music and dancing until after second break (then we had to get more work done). All the clients were in the spirit and they had a wonderful time. The rest of the month stayed pretty busy with a very large contract for 1299 large displays, 1,500,000 samples for Brite Visions and our usual regular work. We had 2 exercise classed with the Riverside Health Department and a training on Client Rights-Where to Live by the Client Rights Advocate. We also managed to squeeze in training on Heat Related Illness and the importance of avoiding getting overheated (July brought with it the usual hot weather). We were very fortunate to have the new evaporative coolers installed before the really hot weather came. All in All July was a good start for this fiscal year. There was a good mix of fun, work, and valuable training.



Supported Employment

Average IP wage is \$13.11

Average Group wage s \$6.79

Average length of time for job retention is 7.2 years

There were 2 clients placed in CIE positions making minimum wage and 1 client obtaining a group placement.

Some great notable achievements this month are:



Gabriel N. was awarded the Extra Miler award from AutoZone DC for all of the great work that he does. This award is given to those employees that have been recognized by their co-workers and Supervisors for giving it their all. Since being hired on in September of 2016 Gabriel has mastered driving an electric pallet jack and puts in 110% every day.



David K. was also awarded the Extra Miler award. David brings positive energy to work every day no matter what. He is very involved with the AutoZone luncheons along with the events that EXCEED holds. He continues to be a great role model for his co-workers and is an excellent team player. David can typically be found leading the cheers at the daily safety meetings. Congratulations!

Anthony L. and **Arthur H.** are apart of the PM group at Lowe's DC. They received recognition for practicing safety at all times while performing their janitorial duties. Some of the duties include, always making sure the pathways are clear of trash and debris to allow safe access and travel, picking up trash throughout the DC and always making sure they walk together with their supply carts while traveling around the DC. They both received gift packages and awards. Way to stay safe guys! Anthony L. has made great strides since joining the group 2 months ago. Anthony has increased his productivity substantially, going from 50% to 74%. Anthony is very familiar with his job tasks and is always eager to get the job done. Keep it up Anthony.... CIE is just around the corner!



Christian M. started working at AutoZone DC this month, in the maintenance department. He loves his job and is learning how to advocate for himself. We are eager to see him continue to grow!

Bryant R. transitioned from working in a group setting to an IP position at Auto Zone DC in July. Bryant works loading and unloading trucks. His Supervisors state that he is an awesome worker and that he and his co-worker get the trucks completed before everyone else. Bryant is extremely happy with this opportunity and doesn't take it for granted, giving his all everyday. We are so proud of you Bryant!



In July, Supported Employment put on a Luau dance fundraiser to raise money for the client fund. All funds from the dances go to support other events and activities that the clients would like to have throughout the year, such as a holiday party at the end of the year. There was dancing, hula hoop contests, hula dance contest (WITH PRIZES) and all participants received a glow in the dark bracelet. Everyone that attended the dance also received a lei. Burgers and hot dogs were served and lots of memories were made! Thanks to everyone who attended and supported! Stay tuned for the upcoming dance/fundraiser in September.

