



TEAMWORKS a Win Win for Clients' Community



Andrea and Simon are two TeamWORKS clients who recently transitioned to supported employment. TeamWORKS is a prevocational program that is managed by Jewish Family & Career Services. TeamWORKS supports and enhances the vocational readiness skills of adults with developmental disabilities so they might transition to supported employment. Support is provided through classroom instruction, supported volunteer opportunities in non-profits throughout Atlanta and paid work in community area businesses.



Andrea had been dreaming of having a job for the past three years and in April her dream came true when she was offered a full-time position at The Home Depot. Andrea is a greeter, welcoming customers with her warm smile as they enter the store. She was previously featured on TV where she discussed the importance of secrecy when TeamWORKS clients packaged the bags with the T-shirts for the Peachtree Road Race, as the design is kept secret until the race on July 4th.



Initially placed as a volunteer by TeamWORKS, Simon worked at the Weinstein Center for Adult Day Services at the Marcus Jewish Community Center (MJCC). His hard work was noticed and he was offered a paid position as a Kitchen Assistant. Simon loves working at the Weinstein Center and enjoys visiting his friends at the MJCC after work.



TeamWORKS recently won two national awards for its newly developed ArtWORKS program, in which clients make and sell custom art pieces. They learn retail skills, including how to calculate profits and how to earn money from the sale of their pieces. In addition to galleries and craft fairs, their artwork is also sold online at www.etsy.com/shop/ArtWORKSATL

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