



Austin's Place News

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Mission Statement: *To provide specialized, intensive transitionally-focused training for young adults graduating from traditional school systems who are diagnosed with autism spectrum, developmental and intellectual disabilities and who are moderately to significantly impaired.*

VIP Spotlight

Dominic Rizzi



As we draw closer to springtime, we want to take a few moments to shine our spotlight on our avid-movie and mega-sports fan, Dominic Rizzi. Dominic has been filling Austin's Place with his big smile and wonderful laugh since last summer!

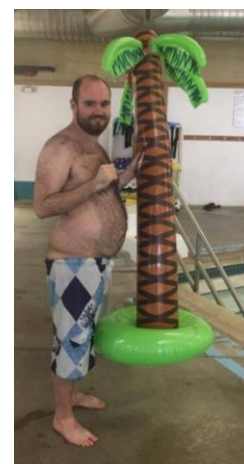
Dominic has really come out of his shell and in the past several months and has become quite a social guy. He loves popular and classic movies and will talk for hours about some of his favorites like Star Wars and Lord of the Rings. Don't worry if you haven't seen them yet, Dominic will fill you in on all his favorite parts! If movies aren't your thing, Dominic can also hold his own in any discussion or debate about our local sports teams. He frequently sports his fan paraphernalia...with socks to match!

Dominic loves to learn about new things and wants everyone else to learn along with him. He often brings in new books to show us and we love reading them together. He is also very adept at his IPAD and works hard when it comes to all his daily tasks.

So, the next time you're in the mood for a good chat or to learn something new, stop in at Austin's Place and hang out with Dominic. I'm sure you'll find something amazing to talk about!



Smiles for Austin's Place!



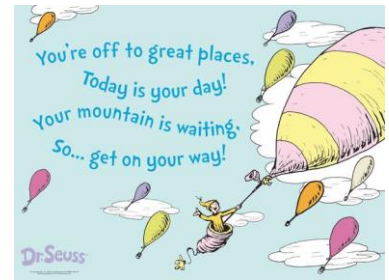
Pretending its summer time at the pool!

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Mardi Gras Celebration at Austin's Place!

What's Happening??- Spring Fling!

We kick off March celebrating the birthday of Dr. Seuss by reading Wacky Wednesday and designing some new hats for the cat! Though March enters like a lion, we're all wishing it will go out like a lamb with some pretty spring flower and springtime fun! The following week we hope to have the luck of the Irish on our side as we go green and celebrate St. Patrick's Day! Of course at the end of the month we'll put on our athletic shoes and take part in all of the March Madness hype!



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From the Director...

Hello and welcome back to Austin's Place. Despite what Punxsutawney Phil had to say, we've all had our minds on an early start to Spring! March is the month for all things green and getting ready for spring! We have all had a fun filled month transitioning out of the cold and are looking forward to the warmer days to come.

This past Valentine's Day we celebrated Lending Hearts and enjoyed BRGR's signature BAM BAM milkshake. They were very delicious! We also got the chance to learn about Lending Hearts and their mission warmed us to our core. We are pleased to continue to support them and their amazing work.

We have some big news to share as Austin's Place is planning a big move. Sometime in the coming months we have plans to relocate to a new 22 acre facility in south Butler County. We are very excited as this will provide an opportunity to grow and expand into new areas. We have a lot of work to do to get ready but we know we are up to the challenge. More details will be forthcoming and we hope you will join us for our planned open house. This place really has to be seen to be believed.

Be sure to check back next month and don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Instagram!



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