



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

Austin Wilczynski

This month's VIP spotlight shines brightly on Austin's Place's very first individual, Austin Wilczynski. In case you haven't guessed yet, the program was named for this amazing young man and he has been here with us since the very beginning.

Austin just turned 23 this summer and celebrated with several renditions of "Happy Birthday" and some delicious cupcakes. He is a man who appreciates a nice quiet walk in the community and some one on one sensory time with the staff, but he also will seek out and initiate a fun game of hide-n-seek or ball. Not a huge art fan, but when he works on a picture or an art project, he is sure to give it his all. You can often find Austin looking for someone to dance with or involving the whole group in some clapping or "Head, shoulder, knees and toes".

Austin loves coming to the day program and has been known to jump in the car without even eating breakfast first! He is a lovable guy who always wants to make sure everyone is here and doing well. Oh yeah.....and he will be the first one to point out when we are not working hard. He can often be seen peeking into the office as if to say, "Get back to work!"

Make sure to stop in and say hello next time you come to visit. Austin will want to know you were here!



Austin is a pretty cool character and he always makes sure to keep us all on our toes and remind us whose name is on the door!



Gardening!



Laughing out loud!

COVER PHOTO

Austin helping in the garden.

What's Happening?

End of Summer Celebration

When we return from the holiday on September 6, we will be kicking off the month of September with a Labor Day cookout. Throughout the week, clients will have the opportunity to engage in "End of Summer" activities such as swimming, corn hole, and an ice cream social to finish out the week.

All About Bugs

The week of September 12 is "All About Bugs." Our clients will learn about various types of bugs and then create a craft relevant to the bug of the day. By Friday, the clients will get to relax and enjoy a movie day... A Bug's Life!

It's All Outdoors

The theme of the third week of September is "It's All Outdoors." Weather permitting; all activities for the week will be associated with the outdoors. Clients will have the opportunity to go hiking, make s'mores around the fire, and go "fishing".

Out of this World

We will finish out the month of September by learning about things that are "Out of this World." Clients will participate in activities related to our solar system and constellations. The clients will have opportunities to create crafts related to the topic of the day.

Photo Fun - Pool Time!



From the Director...

Hello everyone! As we draw closer to end of our first full year of operation, I must say that we've have had a pretty amazing year! Since we first opened our doors in November of 2015, we have seen exceptional growth and development. Austin's Place now provides services to eight totally awesome individuals and a bevy of very dedicated staff. We have expanded our curriculum to include weekly visits to the swimming pool and gym and have even seen our modest garden bearing a bounty of fresh vegetables including tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, zucchinis and more. We even have hopes that our pumpkins will be ready for some awesome jack o'lanterns this fall.

I invite all of you to give us a call and plan a visit. We welcome the opportunity to meet our friends in the community and learn ways in which we can connect and form long lasting bonds to our friends and neighbors in the Pittsburgh area. We hope that you enjoy our ongoing newsletter (and don't forget to check out our Facebook page too!) We will do our very best to keep you updated on what's going on at Austin's Place every month.

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