



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

Ryan



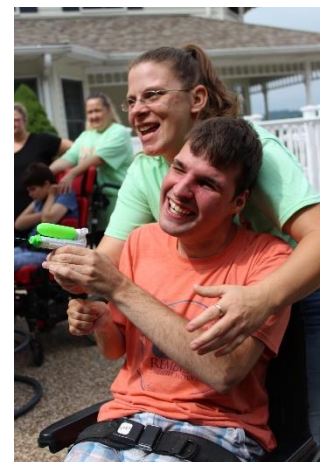
We are entering the dog days of summer now and we have a new star for our spotlight, named Ryan. Ryan is a recent graduate of the Watson institute and is the first person to start at our new Butler County facility. Ryan brings a lot of energy to our program and we hope we can match his ongoing enthusiasm.

Ryan seems to enjoy the simple things in life and can often be found hanging out in our breakfast nook or walking the grounds and enjoying the sun and sights. He loves the pool and can often be found chilling out in a floating palace (a giant inflatable yacht!). He loves riding to and from the program in the car and always takes some down time to catch up on his favorite programs. But when he is here, he is a hard worker and can often be found multi-tasking on several projects at a time with his staff.

Ryan has quickly made himself at home here and is usually the first one to greet folks as they enter into our new kitchen area. He loves engaging with others and always has a smile for us. His laugh is quite contagious so be prepared if the chuckles start the next time you come for a visit. But make sure you come prepared to move because Ryan is an adventurous one and loves to explore and discover new things whenever he can.



SCORE!!!



All smiles for squirt gun painting!

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Austin's Place Ribbon Cutting Ceremony! August 4, 2017

What's Happening? - Relaxing in the Summer Sun

Welcome to August! With all of the work and excitement of our Ribbon Cutting Ceremony that was held on August 4th we bring this edition of our monthly newsletter a little late. This month we have been enjoying getting outside, getting active, and enjoying the sunshine. There's no doubt that this will continue as the month goes on and we can't wait to keep "relaxing in the summer sun"...and working too! Our clients (and staff) have been loving going in the pool, having water battles, relaxing on rafts, and playing with the fountains. However, it won't be all splashing around for us this summer. You can also find up outside on the walking trails for a scavenger hunt, on the porch enjoying some games and lemonade, in the kitchen baking, and inside getting our creative juices flowing with different crafts. So when you get a minute in your busy summer schedule, be sure to check in on our Facebook, Instagram and website to share in our summer adventure!

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A note from the President...

We have officially been in our new location just over a month now and things couldn't be going any better. August 4 we celebrated our move to Saxonburg with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. The outpouring of support we have received from the community has been amazing. It is safe to say that this move has already opened up so many new doors for us. Thank you to all who were in attendance and many others who have offered their help and support. We are truly grateful.

Since our move, we have welcomed three new clients as well as several new staff members. We look forward to expanding our Austin's Place family in the near future. We have some exciting plans coming up this month and can't wait to share them with you. We have broken ground for our new outdoor therapeutic center and hope to have it completed by month's end. We are also finalizing the details of the two new sensory rooms to be installed next month. The calming room will incorporate projectors, music, bubble walls, aroma therapy diffusers, and lighted ropes; while the interactive room will feature tactile walls, ladder lights, hurricane tubes, and an infinity tunnel.

We look forward to sharing more information with you about the excitement and growth at Austin's Place. Thank you for your continued support, and don't forget to stay updated with the latest news through our Facebook, Instagram and website!

Bonnie Wilczynski, President

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