

Austin's Place News

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AUSTIN'S PLACE ▪ 134 SHENOT ROAD ▪ WEXFORD, PA

SNAPSHOTS

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

Hunter Morgan



As the New Year continues to fly by, we are warmed to celebrate this month's VIP, Hunter Morgan. The "Hunt-man" as he is affectionately called here at Austin's Place, has been here since July and has made quite a lasting impression on everyone he has met so far.

Hunter is 24 years old and is one of the hardest workers we know. Hunter is a quick learner and only needs to be shown how to do something once before he becomes an ace at it. He is always up for helping us out with whatever needs done and usually does so in record time. He always keeps us in order to and will make sure that everything is in its proper place, all the doors are shut, and everyone is following our schedules and routines.

Hunter loves music and can often be found dancing and jiving to his favorite tunes on his headphones (he has quite the diverse taste). He is also a big fan of the pool and can usually be found lounging around by the mushroom fountain catching some well-deserved R&R.

So the next time you're in the area, stop by and watch our star worker in action. He'd be happy to say hi and share a drink of water or pop with you!



Cutting up veggies for our homemade soup!



Cheering on our boys in the Black & Gold!

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Kicking off the New Year with healthy eating and exercise!

What's Happening? - Bizarre & Unique Holiday's!

Okay campers, rise and shine, and don't forget your boots out there because it's cold outside. Will we see an extra six weeks of winter because Phil the groundhog sees his shadow on Groundhog Day? Or will we find love as we celebrate Valentine's Day? What we do know is that we will honor Black History Month, National Freedom Day, and President's Day. Along with February's most popular holidays, we will also celebrate some bizarre and Unique Holidays! We change our name on Get a Different Name Day, show kindness to one another on Random Acts of Kindness Day, and enjoy chips and salsa on National Tortilla Day. So for the month of February, please be sure to join us on Facebook or Instagram as we celebrate the Bizarre and Unique Holidays on the calendar.



Ways to give back and help Austin's Place:



Our United Way contribution code/book number for donations is: 12820486



From the Director...

Hello all and welcome back! While the weather outside has been less than delightful, the atmosphere inside the walls of Austin's Place has been far from frightful. We've stepped out from the holiday season but haven't slowed down one bit in the past month.

In the aftermath of the New Year's celebrations, we have tried to keep to all of our resolutions and have been all about health and wellness. We spent the last month learning about everything from nutrition, to exercise, to hygiene and personal safety. And we made a promise to ourselves to keep working on these important things all year long. Here's to a fun and healthy 2017!

With all of the excitement that happened with our Pittsburgh boys, there was no short of cheering for our home town teams. We even had a black and gold themed door decorating contest to help show our full support for our teams. If you haven't had a chance, check the pictures on Facebook!

The Boy Scouts of America Venture Program has returned in full force and our new leaders, Marney and Allison are top notch. We are so happy to have them come every other week and engage our folks in fun and exciting activities. Everyone has worked really hard to become exceptional scouts.

That's all for now. Be sure to check back next month and don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Instagram!



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