



# Austin's Place News

## May 2017

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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

Bryan Babjak



The month of May often brings flowers and warmth, and this year it also brings us our latest VIP spotlight – Bryan Babjak! Bryan started with us in December and he always makes his presence known and is a big part of our family here.

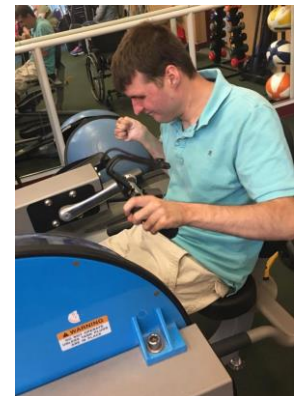
Bryan has a great smile and can often be seen cheesing it up around the place. He is a very pleasant guy and loves to be around his peers no matter what they are working on that day. He's a pretty busy guy and makes his rounds inside and outside of the grounds here before the day is done. We have to wear our running shoes just to keep up with this guy! But it's not a constant race for the finish line every day as Bryan is known to relax and chill on his favorite beanbag chair for morning meeting and some much needed down time.

Bryan is a very active participant in all of our activities! He works hard every day working with his iPad activities and is learning to do more things for himself. He has come a long way in just a few short months and we are all very proud of him.

So if you're ever in the mood for a well-rounded, guided tour of our facilities stop by and let Bryan give you the VIP treatment. Hopefully you can keep up!



Just monkeying around enjoying the nice weather!



Hitting the gym and building up those muscles!

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Easter Celebrations!

# What's Happening? - Stories and Music!

Now that the warmer weather has finally arrived, we will be able to take every opportunity to be outside enjoying daily story time and music activities. This month focuses on short stories, music, and poetry. Speaking of Mother Goose, we will also celebrate Mother's Day to honor the women we all call mom. We will end the month by remembering those who have given the greatest sacrifice while serving in the country's armed forces during our **Red, White, and Blue** week to celebrate Memorial Day. Be sure to check in on our social media sites throughout the month of May to see all of the fun going on at Austin's Place!



Earth Day cookies and Springtime plants!

## Ways to give back and help Austin's Place:



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



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## From the Director...

Hello and welcome back to the Austin's Place newsletter. We have entered into Spring and the sunny skies, greener grass, and warm breezes are finally here! We have been able to break out the canopy and start doing some much-anticipated outdoor activities. We haven't started our garden yet, but pretty soon we will be planning one at our new location!

Speaking of our new location, we have been very busy planning and preparing for our move to Saxonburg. Our heads are swimming with great ideas for the future of Austin's Place and plans are moving along and new opportunities are developing.

In the past month, we have enjoyed the start of the Spring season by learning about nature and the environment. We put a focus on different animals and habitats, the nature that is around us, and the Earth that we live on. Of course we squeezed our Easter festivities in there too with making our own Easter baskets, coloring eggs, and ending the week by going on an Easter egg hunt.

This month Austin's Place will be participating in the Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community and many of our employees will be walking. We would like to invite all of you to join us for the walk on May 13<sup>th</sup> at Stage AE in Pittsburgh. We hope you will continue to show your support and sponsor Austin's Place for the upcoming walk.

Keep an eye on what's going on at Austin's Place through our website as well as our Facebook and Instagram!

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