



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

Jaime



As we delve further into the fall season, we take a break from highlighting our wonderful clients to show some appreciation for the amazing staff members that make the program here at Austin's Place possible. Without our staff, our clients would not have the program or its offering of opportunity that stand before them. For October, we want to take the time to highlight Jaime.

Jaime has been with us since January of this year and we are truly grateful for everything she brings to the table. Jaime is always quick to jump in

and help out wherever it is needed. She shows up to work every day with a smile on her face, with great ideas, great conversation, and a one of a kind sense of humor. She lightens the atmosphere, has fun, and makes sure our clients share in the lightheartedness. Most of all, Jaime takes pride in her work here at Austin's Place and she has every reason to. She gives it her all everyday and puts the clients wants and needs above anything else.

Additionally, she has just recently taken on the extra task of Story Time Coordinator. As with everything else, she took this opportunity and ran with it, making sure each and every client has opportunity to participate and work on peer to peer interactions. Jaime is dedicated to making each day enjoyable, interactive, fun, and a learning experience. We at Austin's Place are thankful that she is a part of this team and that she works so hard to make the program enjoyable for all of our clients (and fellow staff members alike).



Farm animal fun!!



Hanging out!

What's Happening? - Fall into Halloween

The month of October brings on an exciting time of the year here at Austin's Place. We have officially said goodbye to the warm summer weather and welcomed everything Fall! We have an activity filled month planned ahead of us as we get ready to celebrate the beginning of this new season...and don't forget about Halloween! During the beginning of the month you can find us getting out into nature and incorporating it into our craft time, including making leaf men and using apples as stamps to make pretty paintings. In the midst of all the fun though we can't forget about safety. While we enjoy our s'more's campfires we will also be learning about fire safety.

We'll start to transition into the Halloween spirit entering into the third week of the month by playing with pumpkins and making candy corn crafts. Finally Halloween will be here and the monsters and ghosts will arrive! Don't worry, all friendly of course! We will wrap up the wonderful month of October with pumpkin painting and a fun filled costume party!!

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A note from the President...

"We make a *living* by what we get, but we make a *life* by what we give." Winston Churchill.

October is Employee Appreciation Month at Austin's Place. It is the time of year that we acknowledge the awesome Direct Support Professionals, LPN's, Program Specialist and Program Director who work here. Our staff works tirelessly every day to enhance the lives of our clients. They work hard to build a trusting relationship with each client and provide whatever support they need to have a meaningful day at Austin's Place. Without their dedication Austin's Place could not exist.

I am excited to announce several promotions taking effect in October. Sam Lang has been promoted to Program Specialist Assistant. Sam's compassion for others will be a great asset with this new opportunity. Ashley Lucbic and Deb Kutsch will be our new Activity/Recreation Coordinators. Holly Pettit and Michelle Meehan are our new Culinary Coordinators. A client favorite around here is Morning Meeting and afternoon Story Time. Lauren Grinnen and Jaime Pallack are the new coordinators for these activities. I look forward to working with our newly appointed coordinators to plan useful and relevant activities for our clients.

I 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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