



Austin's Place News

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COVER PHOTO: OUTDOOR THERAPEUTIC CENTER FUN!

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

Kirsten



As springs rolls in bringing warmer weather and longer days, we take the opportunity to talk about one of our most cheerful clients here at Austin's Place, Kirsten! Kirsten has been with us for a little over 8 months now, but has made a

lasting impression with her radiant smile and infectious laugh. She has certainly made a positive impact and is a friend to everyone, clients and staff alike!

While Kirsten is able to make the most out of just about anything, you can always count on her being the first outside on a beautiful day, playing on the swings or joining in on a friendly game of basketball. Other days you'll find her lying outside, enjoying the sunshine and coloring in every colored chalk available.

For anyone close to Kirsten, it's no secret that she is an extremely artistic person. Whether that is demonstrated by her love for construction paper crafts with a side of "Barney," or her constant urge to sing and dance, there is no denying she is an especially

creative person who loves being the center of attention.

To finish up this month's VIP of Austin's Place, Kirsten reminds you to always be optimistic and explore your creative side. So if you're nearby and feeling crafty or just want to enjoy the sunshine, Kirsten will always be willing to help!





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

A note from the President...

We started the month off with some fun baking activities to celebrate Mardi Gras (king cakes!) and Pi Day (homemade pies). The Boy Scouts also visited our facility to help us work on our cars for the annual Pinewood Derby. Thank you! It's always great to have you here at Austin's Place.

Now that Spring has (finally) arrived, we are getting outside as much as possible. We are enjoying the outdoor therapeutic center, playing basketball, and creating sidewalk chalk drawings every chance we can when the weather is nice.

I'd like to remind everyone that registration is open - join Austin's Place for this year's Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community on Saturday, May 11, starting at 9am. Can't join us? Consider making a donation on our behalf to support our fundraising campaign. Register to Walk or Donate Today: <http://hcf.convio.net/AustinsPlace2019> (When you register to walk, you can sign up as an individual, or sign up with the Austin's Place Team: <http://hcf.convio.net/goto/AustinsPlaceTeam2019>)

Lastly, I'd like to announce that we will be hosting another Rummage Sale this year with all proceeds benefitting Austin's Place, specifically our ongoing project to pave our nature trails to make them wheelchair accessible. Donations will be collected through June 19. The actual Rummage Sale will have an early bird night (\$5) on Friday, June 21st from 6-8pm, and then all day Saturday, June 22nd from 8am-4pm (free).

Join our team for the walk! Donate to the Rummage Sale! Lots of ways to get involved with Austin's Place this Spring and Summer and we hope you will all be a part of it. Thank you for your continued support.

~ Bonnie Wilczynski, President

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