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Star Achievers



A popular event at Providence Place each month is the recognition of Star Achievers in the Rotunda. Following are the CHI students who were congratulated for their efforts over the last six months.

August 2014

Leo LaCross for making huge improvements in handling hard situations, and learning to talk things over with others.

Ben Peirce for volunteering in the cafeteria and with the garden and chickens, for showing a strong work ethic and willingness to take instructions and learn difficult tasks. *(Star Achievers on page 8)*



Garrett Rankin celebrates his accomplishment with cookies and punch.

Keeping the Job is Key for CHI Students says Cracker Barrel

Robert DeLeon wakes and leaves the Providence Place campus early to ride the bus to his dishwasher job at Cracker Barrel. With traffic, the bus ride can take almost two hours. However, you won't hear any complaints from Robert. He likes the people he works with and the spending money his job provides.

"Usually, it's difficult to find employers interested in working with people with disabilities," said Deadra Stewart, Providence Place Job Coach. "Robert's General Manager, Efraín Treviño, is different. He adapts to their skills and matches the person and his or her abilities to the job." Besides Robert, he has hired two others from Providence Place.

Asked why so many employers are unwilling to hire people with disabilities, Efraín said he believes people who don't know much about adults with disabilities fear it will be difficult to work effectively with them. Efraín sees it differently as his wife specializes in special needs and two nephews are ID (Intellectually Disabled). It was knowing these relatives that made him not at all hesitant to work with them.

"Personally, I've had great experiences with people with disabilities," he said. "They are eager to learn and they bring a great attitude with them. They are really hard workers and take direction very well. I promise you, other employers miss out."

Robert knows the importance of being on time and arriving early to have time to get ready. The quick pace at the Work Training Center helped him adapt to the pace of a restaurant. *(CHI Students on page 3)*



Robert DeLeon beams with pride in his new job at Cracker Barrel.

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A Time of Transition



For the first time, this is a joint letter, written by two of us, Bill Avera, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Providence Place, and Judith Bell, who has been our Chief Operating Officer. Judith is stepping into the role of Interim CEO while our board and a search committee work to identify a permanent



leader to replace Jennifer Sample, our longtime CEO, who made the decision in February to move on from Providence Place after a tenure of 13 years.

It was with mixed feelings that we accepted her resignation; however, we wish her well as she seeks new challenges where she can apply her talents and experience.

We are already working to make the transition a smooth one, for those who work at Providence Place, and for our many students, residents and partners. We are committed to keeping Providence Place an interactive, happy place.

Over the years, so many of you have responded generously to our effort to bring Providence Place back to prosperity, and we thank you and hope we can continue to count on you.

Today, we are seeing more young people with disabilities graduate from our campus equipped to lead lives of greater independence. We are finding new ways to reach out to young women facing an unintended pregnancy and working with them to ensure better opportunities for their babies and themselves.

We are proud of the growing diversity in our programs and have watched with joy as more students emerge from our culinary collaboration with the San Antonio Food Bank, confident about working in food service. We also see the potential our horticulture program provides for young people with disabilities to hold paying jobs at nurseries and golf courses. We have the privilege of working with employers like Cracker Barrel (story on page 1), who help our young graduates as they take their first steps as useful employees.

You should know that Judith has been the Chief Operating Officer at Providence Place since 2011 and knows our organization well. Her depth of experience and tenure will go a long way to ensuring we have a steady path ahead.

With your help, we look forward to continuing our ministry, helping young people with disabilities, young mothers, families and so many others who use our services in different ways, giving all God's Children, a Faith, a Family, a Future.

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For Jasmine Nelson, Culinary Graduation is a Motivator

Last December 5, six CHI students graduated from the San Antonio culinary program at Providence Place full of excitement about embarking on the next phase of their lives, and their path to independence.

The six-month training class in basic food preparation techniques equips young people with disabilities with the skills and training for entry-level jobs in food service and commercial kitchens.

Jasmine Nelson is one of the graduates. She was born in Virginia and moved to the Dallas area with her family 10 years ago. After high school graduation, she talked to her DARS counselor who alerted her to the training opportunities through the Center for Higher Independence (CHI) on the Providence Place campus.

"I used to be very shy and introverted, and I hated to be away from home," Jasmine said. "My first few months were hard for me. Then Angela, a CHI generalist, told me about the culinary program, and I was excited and had the opportunity to try it out."

In addition to learning how to cook, Jasmine learned other abilities such as understanding, following and remembering directions, and working comfortably with others, critical in kitchen environment. At the end of the program, she finds she is both more sociable and more confident about her future.

"I never thought I could become a chef or even a cook," she said. "But I really enjoyed the culinary class and I can picture myself working my way up in a restaurant."



Chef Jill Jurkow, CHI student Jasmine Nelson and Erika Borrego, Chief Operating Officer, SA Food Bank.

Not all students are able to work in a kitchen because of production and serving deadlines. It's a stressful environment that many don't find easy, let alone students working to overcome disabilities.

However, for some it's a natural – they have culinary gifts and are ready to take pressure in stride. Like Jasmine, who just found a job at Pollo Tropical as a waitress, they're ready to go above and beyond and strive for a career they never dreamed possible. ■

CHI Students *(continued from 1)*

"I've learned so much at the Center for Higher Independence (CHI) that helps me to do my job well," he said. "CHI also taught me how to ride the bus by myself to get where I want to go."

When the pace at his job is crazy, which it often is at meal times, he says he just reminds himself he's handled it in the past and can do it again. He also learned it's important to get along with his coworkers and to help each other.

"I'm proud of Robert's accomplishments because of his perseverance and dedication," said Deadra. "Yes, we took some students to a job fair, but Robert applied, went to the interview, got the job and kept it."

To help students become more independent, Efraín has even offered to train Providence Place students to adapt to the relentless pace of restaurants. His idea is to show them the reality of work outside campus before they graduate.

"If I have advice to give other students I would say: getting the job is the easiest part, the hardest part is to keep it," said Robert. "Focus on keeping a positive attitude and everything should be alright." ■

Are You Ready to Hire a Good Worker?

Cracker Barrel's General Manager Efraín Treviño (right) knows that hiring people with disabilities is a win-win situation because of their willingness to work hard and take directions.

If you are a business owner, or if you know a business owner interested in hiring CHI students, please contact Deadra Stewart at 210-696-2410, ext. 183, or via email at deadra@provplace.org. We are looking for employers in San Antonio, and elsewhere in Texas as many students want to go back to their hometown to work.



Sign on for *Birdies for Charity* to Help Providence Place

You're invited to support Providence Place through *Birdies for Charity*, with the challenge of beating last year's fundraising effort of \$35,000 to receive incentive funds, and the goal for 2015 is \$40,000. Your contribution will get us off to a great start.

How Providence Place will benefit...

We will receive 100 percent of every penny we raise through *Birdies for Charity*. Valero Texas Open and *Birdies for Charity* pay all costs to run the program. Depending on how well we do, we can even earn additional "Bonus Money."

How *Birdies for Charity* works...

You can make a minimum pledge of one penny or more per birdie. The value of your pledge is based on the number of birdies made during the Valero Texas Open. You can also make a flat contribution, with \$20 being the suggested minimum. Your company can also contribute using the same method. Any individual or corporation that donates \$1,000+ or pledges \$.50+ per birdie becomes a member of a special Birdies Club and gets four general admission tickets to the tournament.



Make an online pledge at www.ValeroTexasOpen.com/Birdies, and designate your donation to Providence Place. After the tournament, the Valero Texas Open will bill you for the amount of your commitment.

Guess the Birdies and a *Stay-and-Play* Package could be yours...

To add sizzle to the program, if you can guess how many birdies will be made during the Valero Texas Open, you could win a *Stay-and-Play* Package to JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country and TPC San Antonio.

Attend the Valero Texas Open to win a 2015 Ford Mustang...

All donors from the *Birdies for Charity* program who attend the Valero Texas Open and check-in at the Charity Pavilion (located in Gatorade Fan Fest) will automatically be entered into a drawing to win a two-year lease to a 2015 Ford Mustang.

It's that easy! Should you have any questions or need more pledge forms to challenge one of your friends, please call Emilie Dujour at 210-696-2410 ext. 181 or at emilie@provplace.org.

Thank you in advance for your support. ■



Make a Date with Big Give S.A.: May 5

Big Give S.A. is part of the Give Local America, a 24-hour online giving day that will take place from midnight to midnight on May 5, 2015. It's a great way to help Providence Place.

With all the publicity that swirls around the Big Give effort on May 5, it has become a popular way for people to give back to their communities with large and small donations. This year, the program has expanded to include New Braunfels, Kerrville, Boerne, Seguin and Fredericksburg – all in a 12-county area.

The purpose of this community-wide giving challenge is to increase public awareness of the impact local nonprofits make in addressing our community's social challenges, and it brings nonprofits and donors together, expanding the idea of the ease and simplicity of online giving and connecting people to the causes that move them the most.

By turning giving into a shared area-wide experience, it becomes an event that is talked about and one that excites people, even those who are not traditional donors.

As a result, everyone has the opportunity to have a positive impact on the future of nonprofits in San Antonio and surrounding counties.

How to participate? On May 5, visit www.thebiggivesa.org to make your donation to Providence Place. Tell your friends about the program and encourage them to give, as well.

Best of all, all May 5 donations give Providence Place the opportunity to earn matching funds and prize incentives. What this means to you is that your gift has the capacity to leverage additional funding.

Our goal for 2015 is to raise \$5,000. The minimum donation is \$10. There is no a maximum.

If you have any questions, please contact Emilie Dujour at 210-696-2410 ext. 181 or emilie@provplace.org. ■

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A DATE WITH destiny

Maintenance Supervisor
Martin Rodriguez Finds
a Home at Providence Place

"I want to be remembered for my job here, and for the changes I made."

On campus, there's a person constantly running from one building to the other, never complaining, always smiling. Once you've been there a while, you know this is Martin Rodriguez.

Martin started at Providence Place more than 10 years ago as an entry-level technician. At the time, he had just moved to Texas from California and was looking for a temporary job before going back into construction. His brother, Sergio, was working for Hands On, a Providence Place on-campus partner program providing residential care and day activities for persons with multiple disabilities who are also deaf and/or blind. Sergio told him there was a technician's job open.

"When I started working here, I thought it would be temporary," Martin remembered. "But once I was on campus, I saw the people we served and it touched me. I knew I wanted to be part of it. I felt like I was chosen and it was part of my destiny to be here."

Gradually, through hard work and dedication, Martin moved up. He is now maintenance supervisor for all of Providence Place, handling a wide variety of tasks necessary for the upkeep of buildings and grounds. He also plans and supervises the work of two maintenance staff. He schedules, coordinates and directs all maintenance activities with safety and efficiency uppermost in his mind.

"I love my job," Martin said. "It doesn't feel like I'm working when I'm here. I'm here to help people and to fix things. I feel useful every day. It's a great feeling."

Since he's been here, Martin has made significant changes. An example, he said, was all the rooms on campus were painted white, which he considered sterile and much like a hospital. A small change that cost little was to paint the rooms in different colors, which had the almost immediate effect of boosting morale for employees and residents alike. What seemed like a minor, unimportant adjustment actually transformed the Providence Place campus.

Martin is straightforward about what he'd like to accomplish.

"I want to be remembered for my job here, and for the changes I made," he said. "I want to be part of Providence Place's history because our mission is very close to my heart."

And he will. He already has many projects coming up, such as remodeling building #10, the old clinic that now serves as Chaplain Carol Williams and Counselor Alanna Carrasco's offices, with the NOMADS volunteer group that provides free labor and services for United Methodist Church organizations all over the country. In March, Martin, his team and NOMADS volunteers are planning to work on floors, lights and walls in many of the buildings. Martin is currently painting the CHI building and next up is the Work Training Center building.

"I don't know what we would do without Martin," said Interim CEO Judith Bell. "He has great ideas, does a great job and he's a very positive, action-oriented person to have around. We are so fortunate." ■



"I felt like open adoption was important for the baby, for the birth mother and for us. Our child needed to know she was loved by her birth mother."

In the back row, Sara, Bill and Cole Martin; in the foreground from left to right: Tripp, Becky and Sloan.

adoption story

Sloan — A Baby Worth Waiting For

"Is open adoption risky?"

"Will I feel intruded on by birth parents if they are in our lives?"

"Where are the boundaries in an open adoption?"

Sometimes the idea of open adoption offers questions for adoptive parents. However, once they learn more, most find open adoption to be a very healthy experience for everyone involved – adoptive parents, birth parents and child.

Becky and Bill Martin's recent open adoption is an example of a very positive experience with everyone working together to make the process a success.

The couple was struggling to get pregnant a second time. They already had a son, Tripp, but they wanted to grow their family. Their fertility treatments were hard and painful and then came the miscarriages. They lost one baby during Becky's second trimester. After this heartbreaking loss, they started to discuss their different

options, and after much consideration and many prayers, they decided on adoption.

While Becky was interested in open adoption, where the adoptive family had some level of contact with the baby's birth mother, Bill was unsure as he was very protective of his family and worried about what open adoption entailed. After educating themselves and more prayer, Bill came around to the idea and they decided together that there were more pros than cons.

They saw open adoption as having many advantages from the point of view of birth parents, adoptive parents and adoptees. Bill and Becky liked the fact that the birth parents choose the adoptive parents and maintain a relationship with the baby, helping to make the birth mother less uncertain about the baby's future.

They also knew there would be a sense of security for them, knowing the child's birth parents, and having more access to the family's medical background. It was also

very important to them that their child would always know she was adopted.

Because of the open adoption and continued relationship with the birth family, their child would never have to go search out answers – he or she would know the story of the adoption and that it had been a courageous choice, and a birth mom's selfless act of love. Over time, there would be a healthy and real – rather than fantasy – birth mother relationship.

"I heard many great things about open adoption," said Becky. "I felt like it was important for the baby, for the birth mother and for us. Our child needed to know she was loved by her birth mother."

Becky and Bill heard about Providence Place from a friend and decided to start the process. They knew it would be full of ups and downs and a very emotional journey. They met with several birth mothers, but all decided to parent their babies. Like other adoptive parents, they found it hard to stay positive in the face of these disappointments.

After two long years, they matched with a birth mother after a number of meetings. They were thrilled. But after the baby was born, the birth mother decided to parent. Even though they had known the mother could revoke her consent up to 48 hours after the birth, they were taken by surprise again. They had been so certain.

"We had been so sure this time and had told our family about the baby," Becky recalled. "It was devastating to have to call everyone back with the news that it didn't work out." It was then they decided to keep any new developments to themselves.

Then they matched with another birth mother, Holly (name changed for confidentiality), but didn't want to get their hopes up. Over the months, however, as everything remained very positive, they grew optimistic. They started spending more time together, getting to know each other.

"Holly is warm, driven and so nice," said Becky. "She was different from everyone else we'd met. The process was easy with her. She really wanted to make her way in life and knew adoption would be best for her baby, as well."

Sloan was born in November, a beautiful and healthy little baby girl. The adoption happened soon afterwards. Since then, Holly has seen her three times and visited Becky, Bill, Sloan and Tripp over Thanksgiving and Christmas. Their families have met and genuinely like each other, both sides feeling they were part of an extended family. Becky shares pictures with Holly on Shutterfly, an image-publishing website, and they text regularly.

Becky is a happy person these days, saying that it was hard to keep up hope at times but having the support of friends and family helped pull them through.

"My friends kept telling me this one didn't work out because it wasn't the one, God had the perfect child for our family picked out and that I should keep the faith, and my time would come, she said. "It was difficult to believe that in the moment and my heart was breaking," she said. "But now that I have Sloan, I realize that they were right, I'm so grateful that all the other birth moms didn't work out, because Sloan was the one, just like they said." ■

Walk With Jesus Needs Your Help

For 19 years, Providence Place has offered an annual spiritual retreat, *Walk With Jesus* (WWJ), to Center for Higher Independence (CHI) students as well as adults with disabilities. The retreat this year will be on Providence Place's 25-acre campus from April 10-12.

During this three-day event, students learn about God and experience the gospel through prayer, activities, camaraderie and open discussion. Those who have participated in previous years have been enthusiastic about the format.

"Overwhelming is the best word to describe it," said Action Adoption Counselor Sarah Reiter of her experience in 2012. "To see that many people realizing God's love for us was just amazing."

The retreat was inspired by *A Walk To Emmaus*, an experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation adopted by the United Methodist Church that begins with a three-day short course in Christianity. Compared to *A Walk To Emmaus*, WWJ is more casual and informal, but the concept is much the same.

"The idea behind WWJ was to make it less structured than *A Walk to Emmaus*, so we could meet the need of our young adults with disabilities, who are more comfortable in a more informal setting," said Providence Place Chaplain Carol Williams. "Before I worked for Providence Place, I volunteered as an American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter for the event and I was hooked."

A Walk With Jesus offers 12 talks, group activities, good time for singing and prayer, all meals, a range of other activities and some fun surprises.

Chaplain Williams is looking for volunteers to help before, during or after the event to pray, share their own experiences, interpret ASL, clean, cook, serve snacks, run the Power Point presentation and help in many other ways.

Helping as a volunteer would be great as would helping financially by donating online at <http://www.provplace.org/donate-now/>, or via mail at 6487 Whitby Road, San Antonio, TX, 78240.

For more information, visit our website at <http://www.provplace.org/wwj/> or contact Chaplain Carol Williams at 210-696-2410 ext. 123 or carol.williams@provplace.org. ■

Walk with Jesus participants and volunteers gather for a group photo in front of the Providence Place chapel at the end of the retreat.



Bridges Out of Poverty Makes Community Connections

On December 5, Providence Place offered its new workshop, *Bridges Out of Poverty*, to social workers, Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) counselors and other professionals working in the social service field.

The goal for the class is to deepen personal understanding of poverty and resulting economic stability, choice making, planning and developing a future story for clients being served by social service agencies.

"It was great to be part of our first training open to the community," said Judith Bell, Interim CEO, who taught the class. "Helping others interact more effectively with their clients is important to us."

Bridges Out of Poverty was first offered to Providence Place employees during Providence Place U leadership training. It was so successful that Judith decided to open the workshop to area social workers.

"I became a trainer of *Bridges Out of Poverty* years ago and I thought it was an important session to share," she said. "It empowers professionals working in the social service field and it also helps them to work more

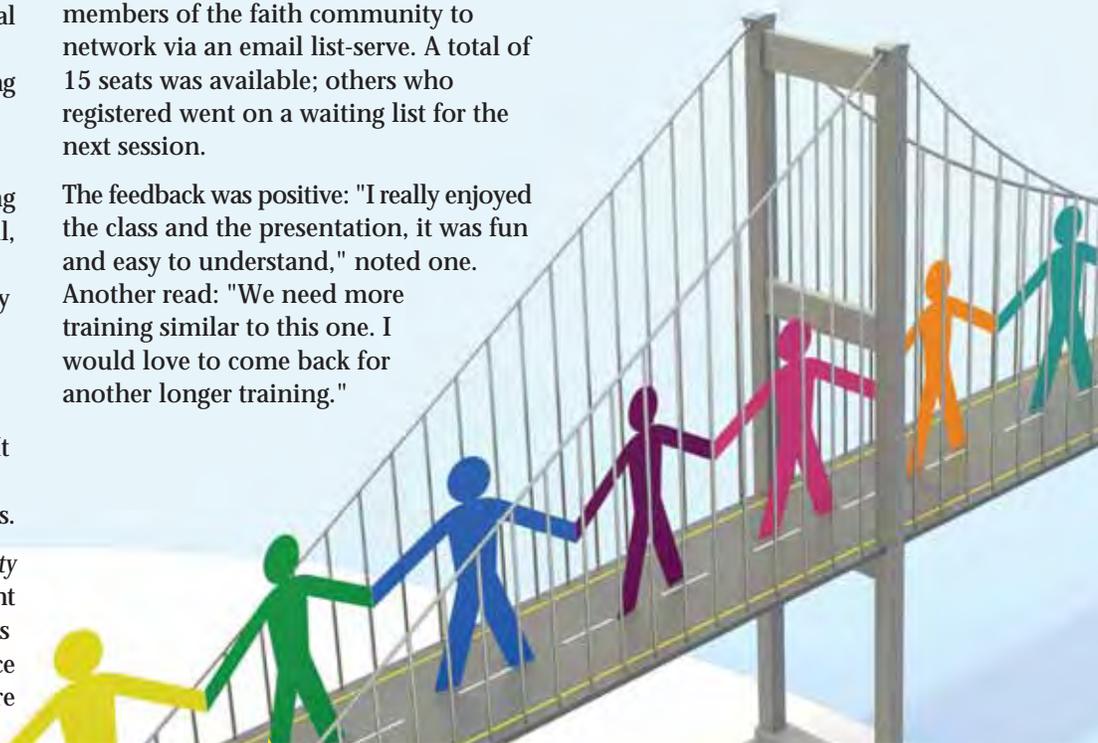
efficiently. I think the more you know, the better you provide."

Providence Place promoted the successful event through Bexar Necessities, a United Way electronic bulletin board that allows nonprofits, universities, hospitals and members of the faith community to network via an email list-serve. A total of 15 seats was available; others who registered went on a waiting list for the next session.

The feedback was positive: "I really enjoyed the class and the presentation, it was fun and easy to understand," noted one. Another read: "We need more training similar to this one. I would love to come back for another longer training."

For Providence Place, the class represents great new potential to help more people and to raise awareness about other services offered to the local community on campus.

For more information, contact us at 210-696-2410 or at info@provplace.org. ■



Star Achievers *(continued from page 1)*

Jasmine Nelson for consistently giving your best effort and always having a positive attitude.

Kevin Hormozi for being an example of how hard work can really help you to change the way you handle situations; for being a great example of how you can be independent even though you may still be working 'on stuff.'

From left to right: Ardele Johnson, Riane Deaton and Aaron Stewart hanging out after the Star Achievers event.



Ryan Semian for working very hard during lunch duty to master cleaning glass and being able to do the job completely without help; for your great attitude and constantly striving to do a good job.

September 2014

Lauren Kocich for maintaining a positive attitude while searching for a job; for showing initiative in ideas of how to look for a job.

Derek Alexander for constantly being willing to help and maintaining a positive attitude that encourages others to be positive.

Aaron Stewart for being recognized by the WTC crew for working hard, showing initiative and taking ownership when you make a mistake.

Schlyer Baker for making the right choices when in a difficult situation.

Devin Salinero for your willingness to try new things and for making steady progress.

October 2014

Chris Brazil for handling yourself very maturely and staying out of drama; for being a great example to the students.

Darin King for showing a high level of motivation and for your willingness to go the extra mile to help.

Juan Lopez for showing greater concentration and improvement in WTC.

Leo LaCross for a really good attitude on lunch duty and at the Boerne work site; for taking instruction very well and focusing on the job at hand.

Riane Deaton for always having a positive attitude and a smile on your face.

November 2014

Zach Galindo for working so hard learning a new job, continuing to take direction well, improving work in WTC and showing more motivation. *(continued)*



talent

"Let It Snow" Is Tops at Annual Talent Show

"Before coming here, when I was in high school, I wanted to sing and be part of the choir. But even though I really wanted to, I just wasn't able to do it," said Devin, who pushed himself to become a performer at the last annual Wanda Poppell annual talent show on December 4 at Providence Place. "I had decided to concentrate on storytelling and my cartoons because I was too shy to be in front of an audience."

However, since Devin came to Providence Place, his behavior has changed. Even though he's still anxious, he's calmer, more positive and has expanded his horizons. Even though he continued to draw and to write stories, his best personal success to date came at the talent show.

"I wanted to do it because it was fun and I wanted to show my friends my talent," said Devin. "I was excited to be part of it, a bit nervous but not really. When the song started, I just went with it. It was an awesome experience."

His willingness to be outside his comfort zone paid off big time as he received thumbs up from everyone that day with his interpretation of "Let it Snow" by Michael Bublé. It brought loud cheers from the audience and recognition as the top winner.

"Devin was fantastic," said Charles Morris, CHI Education Training Manager. "When he first came here, he didn't want to be part of anything much and was always on the sidelines. Now, he is participating in different projects, and got out there and won the talent show. I'm so proud of him." ■



Ashley Berthe for being willing to help others; for being courteous, patient and staying on task.

Alberto Castillo for honesty, willingness to work hard and timeliness.

Joel Williams for your willing, patient and kind attitude, a great example to others.

Nick Garza for working hard to reach your goals and overcome your struggles.

December 2014

Emma Coates for working hard on your social skills and being flexible when asked to change rooms.

Yeaker Scott for always having a positive attitude and showing a desire to do well in the program.

Daniel Fleischmann for being diligent in finding a job and staying positive during the process.

Nick Thompson for working hard to reach your goals and being more open to feedback.

Avry Kitchen for being better at accepting feedback and working to have a positive attitude.

January 2015

Garrett Rankin, Leo LaCrosse and Robyn Johns for "holding down the fort" during the last week of the holiday, and making the best of having to return a week early.

Joshua Goodwin for staying over the holidays because your work required holiday coverage; for his true work ethic.

Jacob Obermeyer for working almost the entire holidays at your job at Ford Company and showing your employer how important this job is to you.

Manny Rubio for staying for the holiday to close out one job and begin another, for showing you were dedicated to starting with a good attitude. ■

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