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DAY OF CARING 2022

This year the Sky Point team volunteered with the United Way's Annual Day of Caring. We were partnered up with Habitat for Humanity's ReStore located here in Fort Wayne. We spent the day assembling furniture in the ReStore warehouse that was then placed in their showroom for the public to purchase. ReStore sells new and gently used furniture and home items and uses the proceeds of those sales towards Habitat for Humanity's mission of building houses and increasing homeownership for those in need in Allen County.

You can visit the ReStore location at 4747 Lima Rd. Fort Wayne, IN 46808

Written By : Angela Weaver

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LOCAL FALL FUN

- **Fort Wayne Children's Zoo Wild Zoo Halloween-** October 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 29-30
- **Kuehnert Dairy Fall Festival-** 6532 W. Cook Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46818
- **Amazing Fall Fun-** 3150 CR 43, Waterloo IN, 46793
- **Cook's Orchard-** 8724 Huguenard Road, Fort Wayne IN 46818
- **Kurtz Produce-** 14212 State Road 37, New Haven, IN 46774
- **Ridenour Acres-** 2935 E. 200 N, Angola, IN 46737
- **Haunted Castle and Black Forest-** 8965 Auburn Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46825
- **Fright Night-** Downtown Fort Wayne, October 15th

DSP APPRECIATION WEEK 2022

Written By : Emily Martin

In September, we proudly celebrated our Direct Support Professionals (DSPs)! DSP Appreciation Week is an annual event that took place September 12 -16, 2022 **THANK YOU** to all of our wonderful DSPs for all your dedicated hard work, patience, and kindness! DSPs play an essential role in encouraging and maintaining the health and wellness of individuals and fostering their personal growth, independence, and development of life skills. In honor of that week, we delivered fun gift bags in person. We are thankful for everything our DSPs do to support individuals with ALL abilities across Northeast Indiana.



Mackenzie, Megan, Laurie, Francis



Thanh, Jaclynn, Wayne, Emily



Lori, Allen, Chukila, Angela

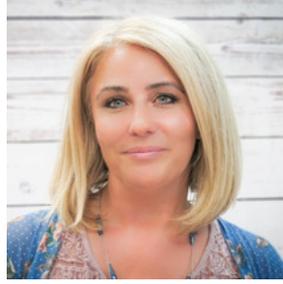
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WAIVER SERVICES SPOTLIGHT

From the beginning, Sky Point has been proud to offer Waiver Services to individuals on the Family Supports Waiver (FSW) and Community Integration and Habilitation (CIH) Waiver. These waivers were created by the State of Indiana to allow an alternative to individuals who were previously placed in institutions and state hospitals. These waivers allow individuals with disabilities to receive the support they need to live full and enriching lives in their homes and communities. Each waiver offers a wide variety of services, tailored to meet the needs of each individual. Below you will see the services that Sky Point offers for both waivers:

SERVICES OFFERED:

- Behavior Management (BMAN)
- Participant Assistance and Care (PAC)
- Respite Services (RSPO)
- Residential Services (RHS, non-24/7)
- Day Habilitation- Individual (DHI)
- Extended Services (EXT)
- Family and Caregiver Training
- Transportation (TRNO)



Sky Point allows the opportunity for those who are receiving Supported Living services to have a Preferred Caregiver serve as their staff. A Preferred Caregiver is a staff that the individual chooses to provide services to them. This could be a parent, grandparent, aunt, friend, teacher, former staff, and more! Not only does this benefit the individual as they already have a relationship with the Preferred Caregiver and feels comfortable with them, but it can also benefit the Preferred Caregiver. A parent serving as staff now gets the opportunity to earn an income without sacrificing the care of their loved one. To learn more, visit skypointindiana.com or call 260.492.9334.

CLIENT CORNER: MEET JACOB

As the calendar turns over, the days get shorter and the temperatures get colder. The progression of the seasons brings with it inevitable change. But not all changes are bad, a fact that Jacob knows all too well.

For the first part of his adult life, Jacob lived in various group home settings, but never felt truly at home there. He did not feel his voice was being heard or that he was treated as a unique individual. Several years ago, he decided to make a change. He moved back home and came to join the Sky Point family in 2019. With his step-mom Ashley as his staff, he has set out to turn things in a new direction. Jacob works on a variety of skills during his services including money management, communication, cooking and cleaning, and managing his medication - all with the end goal of getting his own apartment and a factory job working on the line.

He is heavily involved in Special Olympics and even went to state last year for 3 events, including basketball.

In his own words, he is “happier, more mentally stable” and “more social now, than I was when I lived in a group home”. When asked what was one thing he would like people to know about him, he replied “I’m a very kind, sweet person”.

Help us celebrate this quarter's spotlighted individual, Jacob!



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Sky Point Social Services is committed to support individuals with ALL abilities in reaching their fullest potential by providing the care and services that will enable them to live enriching lives in the communities where they are valued and respected for their abilities and contributions



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