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## OFF TO A GOOD START

Today starts my third week at Sunset Cadillac in the Transitional Employment program. Everything, aside from some small computer glitches which I.T. had to sort out, has gone very well. I am still excited about having been chosen for this position. Academy staff Vanessa Alcantara went with me to the onboarding day which covered all of the safety-related and Human Resources information. My job coaches, Vanessa, Idanes Paredes, and Joanne Campbell have worked with me daily to get me trained for the job. I feel at this point that I am fitting in quite well though only half of the job has been presented to me so far. The job involves scanning orders from the body shop and the service department. So far, I have only processed body shop orders. I am looking forward to covering the entire scope of the position. Everyone at Sunset Cadillac is extremely nice and has treated me well. It is the first time I have experienced having a job coach and it really is very nice to have the support.



Naomi Treece with her first paycheck from Sunset Cadillac.

## WELCOME Danielle LaHurd

Hello, my name is Danielle. A family friend recommended the Academy. I am so glad they did. The people are warm, welcoming, and friendly. My reason for coming to the Academy is to learn some new skills and definitely for me it is a lot for socialization. I have enjoyed the people I have met so far and continue to look forward to coming. I really enjoy working on the Arts team. Some of the things I love to do in my free time are going to the gym, taking my dog to the dog park and spending time with family.



Danielle LaHurd

**>>>SAVE THE DATE!<<<**



**LIVE STREAM**  **3rd Annual Telethon**  
**Sept. 29, 7-8 p.m.**  
[AcademySRQ.org/Live](http://AcademySRQ.org/Live)

## A NEW DAY

by Rebecca Wolfson

Sunrise, sunset. Sunrise, sunset... oh, sorry about that... I really need to turn off the music in my head! I was just thinking about the Transitional Employment I just completed through the Academy. I was a file clerk at Sunset Cadillac of Sarasota for the last nine months. It was really quite perfect for me. I worked three hours, three days a week. That might not sound like much to the average person, but I'm not really the average person. And this was not your average job. I got to work at my own pace (and I really got a lot of important work done!) I always felt physically and mentally well at the end of the day.



Rebecca

Everyone at Sunset Cadillac, especially Steve Montanaro, was so welcoming and helpful to me. And my Academy support team, Joanne Campbell and Idanes Paredes were amazing.

So, now I have handed the staple remover to Naomi Treece, and I wish her much luck in her reign of the transitional job at Sunset Cadillac. I will now work with the Academy to find a new, permanent position. I will most likely visit the Academy more frequently as I bid Cadillac a fine farewell.

## THE PILLARS OF CLUBHOUSE

by Candy El-Azzaoui

This week, William McKeever and I partnered with Clubhouse International on Zoom to present a PowerPoint entitled "The Clubhouse Model: Recovery Through Work, School, Housing, Friendships." We were invited by Mental Health America Palm Beach County. Joining us in presenting was Jack Yatsko, Chief Operating Officer with Clubhouse International.

With a well-rehearsed presentation of PowerPoint slides, William and I presented to an interested audience. We shared information about what the Clubhouse model, Academy at Glengary specifically, has to offer those with a mental health diagnosis.

I spoke about my own journey including my past, present and hope for the future, and how the Clubhouse has changed my life for the better. I shared how adults can come here, feel safe, and learn skills through our different units (Business & Technology, Graphic Design & Multimedia, Culinary Arts) that they can use with future employers.

There was a Question & Answer period after our discussion. I think it came across that we also can relax, have fun and develop friendships at social events.



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All events take place on-site at the Academy and through the Zoom app. Watch Slack for Meeting ID and Password.

### Monday, August 30

Morning Meeting - 9 a.m.  
Individual Team Meetings - 9:45 a.m.  
Ambassador Luncheon Planning - 11 a.m.  
Graphic Des/Multimedia Team Meeting - 1:15 p.m.  
Bus & Tech/Culinary Team Meetings - 1:30 p.m.  
Graphic Design/Multimedia Workshop - 3 p.m.

### Tuesday, August 31

Morning Meeting - 9 a.m.  
Individual Team Meetings - 9:45 a.m.  
Academy Meeting - 1:30 p.m.  
Individual Team Meetings - 2 p.m.

### Wednesday, September 1

Morning Meeting - 9 a.m.  
Individual Team Meetings - 9:45 a.m.  
Newsroom Meeting - 11 a.m.  
Menu Planning Meeting - 11:45 a.m.  
Graphic Des/Multimedia Team Meeting - 1:15 p.m.  
Bus & Tech/Culinary Team Meetings - 1:30 p.m.  
Wellness Wednesday Workshop - 3 p.m.

### Thursday, September 2

Morning Meeting - 9 a.m.  
Individual Team Meetings - 9:45 a.m.  
Multimedia Projects Planning - 11 a.m.  
Graphic Des/Multimedia Team Meeting - 1:15 p.m.  
Bus & Tech/Culinary Team Meetings - 1:30 p.m.  
Telethon Planning - 3:30 p.m.

### Friday, September 3

Breakfast Buffet and Morning Meeting - 9 a.m.  
Individual Team Meetings - 10 a.m.  
Super Chill Free-write Writer's Workshop - 11 a.m.  
Graphic Des/Multimedia Team Meeting - 1:15 p.m.  
Bus & Tech/Culinary Team Meetings - 1:30 p.m.  
Spanish Workshop - 3 p.m.

### Wednesday, September 29

Academy Telethon - 7 p.m.

<<<< HYBRID WORK-ORDERED DAY >>>>

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