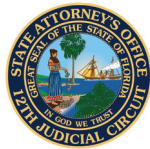




A TRANSITIONAL EMPLOYMENT FOR THE RECORDS

A hallmark of our Transitional Employment (TE) program is the care we take in courting the best possible employment partners. The qualities we look for include a strong culture of inclusion, integrity, and kindness. We also seek out well-established and respected businesses in our community; those that will stand out on a resume.



We could not have done better than our newest employment partnership with the State Attorneys Office of the 12th Judicial Circuit! We were warmly welcomed by Ed Brodsky, State Attorney and Jennifer Strawn,



(left to right) William McKeever, Cathy Dexter, Ben Burnside and Ed Brodski Esq.

Executive Director. Academy staff Ben Burnside, Cathy Dexter and William McKeever spent the morning with Tabitha Newman, Director of Human Resources, and completed the required paperwork and background checks to work as job coaches in the Sarasota County Courthouse.

Academy job coaches will join the records department in June as they begin learning the job duties, with hopes of placing an Academy member on the job later in the month. We are excited and grateful for this newest opportunity for our members and would like to thank State Attorney Ed Brodsky for being part of the solution in mental health!

WORKING AT SARASOTA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

By Laura Boyke

I have been an Academy member since September 2021 and have participated in the different teams. This year, I started thinking about getting back into the work force with Transitional Employment (TE). I was apprehensive because I haven't worked for 13 years! I was interested in a position at Sunset Cadillac and thought it was a good fit, but the job was offered to another member.



Laura Boyke

My disappointment didn't last long! William asked if I wanted to tour the supply chain department at Sarasota Memorial Hospital (SMH). We went to the hospital together in March and who was there but Academy staff Billy Elkins, who was working onsite! He was performing the job and showed me the facility. It didn't take me long to know it was just what I needed! I wanted to be a part of the SMH team and thought it would be exciting to work in a hospital.

I began in April, with Billy training me as a procurement specialist. My responsibilities consist of acquiring medical supplies and inventory for doctors and patients throughout the hospital. WOW! I am contributing to a greater cause that helps sick people become well. I have been on the job for almost a month and next I will train Academy staff Dalya Aponte-Sotomayor, my other job coach. I love the job and enjoy working with fellow employees and supervisors Mark and Dave. SMH is one of the friendliest work environments that I have ever encountered. And, most exciting, I just received my first paycheck!

Thank you, Academy at Glengary for having faith in me and supporting me in my transitional employment journey. I couldn't have done it without you!

BOUTIQUE MAKEOVER

By Chantel Gingerich

My closet at home is so organized that my clothes are color coded! You might say I'm a neat freak, but I just really love organizing closets! So, of course, I had a great time fixing up our Business Ware Boutique and starting to make it feel hip and new. I especially enjoyed working on it with Deb Studebaker, a volunteer who agreed to help us. We got along well and had fun going through the clothes together. I'd hold up an item and asked her if we should get rid of it, and we would decide if it was a yes or no.



(left to right) Deb Studebaker and Chantel Gingerich

Now that we're getting the shop cleaned up, we're thinking of a new name for it. We're also thinking of ways to promote it so that people buy more things. The clothes that we sell are donated, new or gently used "business casual" wear, for work or for interviews. I am happy to do this for the Academy.



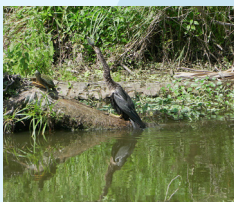
OUR F.I.T. ADVENTURE

By Maureen Flaig

This week we had fun being "F.I.T." together by taking a nature walk at Red Bug Slough. Based on that name I wasn't sure what to expect, but I was pleasantly surprised at the beautiful wooded preserve with several trails, waterways, shaded areas, small lake and fishing dock.



Stephen Anderson with other Academy Members



It was a perfect day for a walk: blue skies, sunshine and a light breeze. We chose a trail that at first led us to an open area with a small lake, where a flock of turtles swam over to greet us! We continued walking along a trail next to a creek, often stopping to admire

the wildlife around us – including a large Anhinga with a fish in its beak, a turtle sunning itself on a rock, statuesque white egrets wading in the water, and a Great Blue Heron standing still and silent in the reeds. I loved being outside in nature, but the best part, for me, was being able to experience all of this with other members by my side. I loved being together in a new environment and getting to know some of the members I don't see as often. Even the car ride was fun!



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Monday, May 8

- Morning Meeting - 9 a.m.
- Individual Team Meetings - 9:30 a.m.
- Newsroom Meeting - 11 a.m.
- Rima's Typing Workshop - 12 p.m.
- Graphic Des/Multimedia Team Meeting - 1:15 p.m.
- Bus & Tech/Culinary Team Meetings - 1:30 p.m.
- Gym - 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 9

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

Wednesday, May 10

- Morning Meeting - 9 a.m.
- Individual Team Meetings - 9:30 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, May 11

- Morning Meeting - 9 a.m.
- Individual Team Meetings - 9:30 a.m.
- Writer's Workshop - 11:30 a.m.
- Graphic Des/Multimedia Team Meeting - 1:15 p.m.
- Bus & Tech/Culinary Team Meetings - 1:30 p.m.
- Mission Meeting - 4 p.m.

Friday, May 12

- Morning Meeting - 9 a.m.
- Individual Team Meetings - 9:30 a.m.
- Graphic Des/Multimedia Team Meeting - 1:15 p.m.
- Bus & Tech/Culinary Team Meetings - 1:30 p.m.
- Spanish Workshop - 2 p.m.

HYBRID WORK-ORDERED DAY

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