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HOMETOWN LOVE

Our local Subaru retailer, Sarasota Subaru, is sharing the love by choosing the Academy at Glengary/Bradenton as their hometown charity for the 19th annual Subaru "Share the Love Event." This is a unique opportunity to support mental health recovery by purchasing or leasing a new Subaru. For every transaction, Subaru Foundation and Sarasota Subaru make a donation to the Academy. This year's event runs from November 19, 2026 to January 4, 2027. Visit Sarasota Subaru at 7611 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34231, or call them at 941-925-1234.

Video available: Academy director William McKeever, sat down with Sarasota GM Tim Reeher for a chat about our partnership with Sarasota Subaru. Please take a look: **www.Academysrq.org/subaru**



(L to R) Academy director William McKeever, Member Emily Letson, Subaru GM Tim Reeher and his Sales Team



WARM WELCOME TO ERIC REED

by Eric Reed



I was an AP student in high school until 2020. But then my last 2 ½ years of high school were online because of the pandemic. It was basically like an independent study, so classes didn't have any set times. I was just kind of floating around without any structure and with no one pushing me or having expectations of me. Also, I already struggled socially and that did not help matters.

My psychiatrist recommended the Academy to me because she thought it would help me build community and give me a routine. At first, I had no interest in it. But eventually I realized that I was going to therapy every week without making any progress. So, I agreed to take a tour.

I was immediately taken by how welcoming everyone was. I really liked the culinary team and when I first became a member, that's where I contributed my time. Now I also work in the business & technology team because computers are within my comfort zone. That's not to say I'm not learning a whole bunch of new things, like working in Canva to make flyers.

I wake up earlier now and have more structure to my day. I usually get to the Academy around 11:30 and stay until close to 5 pm. That's more structure than I've had in a long time. It's also really helped with isolation. I've met a lot of kind people here and look forward to getting to know everyone better.

When I'm not at the Academy, I play electric and acoustic guitar. That's my main hobby. I'm hoping my time here helps lead me to finding my eventual career path so I can be productive and support myself.



Financial Sustainability for Clubhouse Programs workshop group from all around the country



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A NATIONWIDE ENDEAVOR

by Paul Hennekes

Academy Director William McKeever and I led another financial sustainability workshop, this time with colleagues from Kansas, Michigan, Oregon and Texas. Andrew Schonebaum from Fountain House United also joined us in leading this important training.

Speakers discussed our Ambassador Program, building relationships with community and foundations, measuring and driving outcomes, the role of the Board of Directors, and county funding. Academy members and staff also contributed to this training by sharing how we support our financial sustainability through fundraisers, tours and marketing materials. Our Board of Directors, Ambassadors and family members build awareness by inviting guests and demonstrating our open-door policy. In addition to sharing our knowledge, we also learn a great deal from our colleagues.

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