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# THE ENTERPRISER

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*It is the mission of Milestone Centers Inc. to provide quality, life-enhancing services that promote wellness and the development of human potential to persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities and/or behavioral health challenges.*

*Milestone's Prevocational Enterprise Program provides assembly and packaging services to local businesses and provides Community Participation Supports Services with a vocational focus to adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.*



Milestone Centers  
will be closed on  
**Thursday, July 4**  
in observance of  
Independence Day

## Celebrating Independence

The Fourth of July is a day which marks the anniversary of America existing as a sovereign, independent nation. Historically, striving to enjoy true independence has presented unique challenges to Americans with disabilities. While Americans with disabilities have gained much more independence over the last few decades than was seen throughout history, we are still making progress today. On federal and state levels, there are currently initiatives and goals to help people with disabilities obtain more independence. These initiatives focus on providing more opportunities for people to go **out** and participate, enjoy, and contribute to the community during the day rather than depend only on the activities/opportunities brought to them **inside** of a program's building.

The Milestone Prevocational Enterprise Program continues to be excited about this movement toward more independence and celebrates these initiatives as part of our recognition of Independence Day. We are happy to announce that the Prevocational Enterprise Program continues to search for opportunities to participate in community activities offered to everyone in the program. Our time in the community is spent by engaging in activities alongside members of the community. We have established relationships with more than 20 locations with several community members and businesses where we engage in activity together on a regular basis, to learn about the needed skills to develop friendships and to work at the business.

Milestone Centers recognizes the strides that the United States has made for increasing independence for people with disabilities and is excited to contribute to even more strides via daytime opportunities to actively participate in and contribute to the community. The Prevocational Enterprise Program is proud, on this Independence Day and *everyday*, to carry out the mission of our agency in providing quality, life-enhancing services that promote wellness and the development of human potential to persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities and/or behavioral health challenges.

The Enterprise Program wishes you a safe and happy Fourth of July!



## Feature Enterprise Community Member



This month we feature Wayne. Wayne was chosen for always showing a commitment to Social Responsibility (which is the idea of working together) by positively participating in activities offered in the community and in the program! Wayne is a member of Nicole and Kayce's group and will be celebrating his third anniversary

of joining the program this month. Nicole describes Wayne as a very helpful and a positive member of the program.

Wayne likes coming to the program to earn a paycheck and to spend time talking to his friends. He also enjoys going into the community with the program where he can meet and make new friends. When he is not at the program, Wayne likes to listen to music and has proven his knowledge of music by naming the artist and year that a song came out when he hears it on the radio. He can also name many television shows. His favorite color is green and like so many of us he enjoys eating pizza. We have learned that Wayne would love to learn more about being a chef and opening a restaurant. Wayne wants to continue coming to the program to earn a paycheck and continue going into the community!

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This month we feature Amber, who was chosen for recently showing more of a commitment to Emotional Intelligence (which is managing feelings so that you don't hurt yourself or others) by making the choice to let the Milestone Direct Support Professionals ask for her help before giving direction to her peers. Amber is a member of

Nicole and Kayce's group and has been with the program for 13 years! Nicole sees Amber as a positive and friendly member of the community. She is known to always come in with a welcoming smile and a positive attitude.

Amber likes coming to the program, where she can work to earn a paycheck and spending time with her friends. When she is not at the program she loves to listen to music by her favorite group, 98 Degrees, or watch her favorite movie *Amazing Spiderman*. Amber enjoys doing word searches and would love to learn about photography! We have learned that her favorite food is BBQ Hot Pockets and her favorite drink is Mountain Dew. Amber wants to continue coming to the program to continue to spend time with her friends in the program and in the community and to continue earning a paycheck.

## Community Participation Corner

Over the past few years Milestone Prevocational Enterprise Program has been creating opportunities for our clients to get out and establish relationships with members of our community. For the month of July, we have some exciting outings planned! We will visit one of our favorite locations, a local nursing home, to spend some time with our friends by socializing and helping with fun activities of their choosing. During our visits we have made many friends with the residents and have been told they look forward to our visits. We also enjoy the relationships we have established at a thrift store, where we socialize with the staff and customers while learning important skills needed to work there!



If you have or know of any locations that would be interested in having us come for a visit, please contact our Community Participation Specialist, Keri Robinson, at 412-374-9052 or [krobinson@MilestonePA.org](mailto:krobinson@MilestonePA.org) today!

# Around the Enterprise

Independence Day is July 4<sup>th</sup> and there are lots of fun ways to celebrate! Jalen is excited to go to a parade and watch the fireworks, Wendy, Kelli, Jessica L., and Amber are all looking forward to watching the fireworks. There will be many cookouts to celebrate the holiday. Robert, Jim L., Diondre, Justin, Brandon, Ata, Mary, Tim, Christiane, Mike, Brandi, Parriz, Brian, and Michele will all be enjoying some food and fun at cookouts! David W. is planning on going to church on the Fourth of July, while David K. is excited to spend time with his Dad and Paul will be having fun with his family for the holiday. Bikelle, Joel, and Kristi are all looking forward to having some fun to celebrate.

With summer in full swing, there are many vacations and camps planned. Cheryl, Jean, James H., and Hope are all excited to go to camp; Steven S. looks forward to swimming when he is at camp and Sean is excited to see his friends at camp. Bobby is planning a trip to Niagara Falls, Donna is attending her sister's wedding in South Carolina, and Becky is looking forward to some fun times while traveling with family. Shaquala is also looking forward to vacationing on a long trip. Jeanine, Tanisha, and Christiane are excited to spend time with their families. Craig is going to enjoy dinner out with his brother and Wayne will be spending some time with his friends.

Kennywood is truly a favorite spot in Pittsburgh! MaryAnn is excited for Italian day at Kennywood while Karishma will be going with her family. Jay is planning on having some fun at Kennywood and John plans on going on the Fourth of July. Mareena is excited to go to Cedar Point with her sister. Jessica H. and Kim are both excited to spend some time in the pool swimming. Brittany and Nathan will both be going to Pirate games. K.J. is excited to go to a baseball game and see the fireworks and Allen will be watching baseball games. Steven R. is already getting excited for Steelers training camp later in the summer. Kartik plans on seeing the new Toy Story 4 movie in a nice cool theater and Melissa is looking forward to trying her luck at the casino!

We hope everyone gets to do something fun this summer!



## Production Corner

In June the Prevocational Enterprise Program continued working on some of our regular jobs. We worked on assembling marketing kits, cleaning binder sleeves, and tagging sunglasses. We look forward to continuing to provide quality work to the companies we do jobs for.

**If you have any questions or any assembly/packaging needs, please contact David Reese at 412-848-4846 or [dareese@MilestonePA.org](mailto:dareese@MilestonePA.org) today!**

## Direct Support Professionals Search

We continue to search for motivated people to join our dedicated team of Direct Support Professionals to help us increase our community participation opportunities for our clients. If you or someone you know would like to join our team, please visit our website to learn more about our available positions and to submit your resume at <https://www.milestonepa.org/careers/current-openings>