

# Vocational Visions

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS  
WITH DISABILITIES SINCE 1974

For the past 45 years, Vocational Visions has continued to serve the needs of adults with disabilities in Orange County. We help to enhance our community by developing the talents of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities by creating pathways to employment, life-long learning and social inclusion.

This year has been filled with so many positive events occurring in each of our seven unique programs. Our programs vary from employment programs where Vocational Visions supplies a job coach to assist when needed to having our employees assist with daily living skills such as feeding and toileting. Each of our programs play such an important role to the lives of all of our clients, and we want to share the great highlights of this year.



**DTAC Pala**



**Supported Employment**



**ADP**

## Supported Employment (SE)

The Supported Employment program gives clients the chance to work in a local business and earn a paycheck while being fully integrated in the community with minimal assistance from a job coach. Marc currently works at Stater Brothers where he started as a Courtesy Clerk with duties such as bagging groceries, sweeping, and cutting vegetables and fruits for the Deli. He is always very flexible and never complains when he gets switched to a different task. He kept this position for 12 years until recently where management promoted him to be a Merchandiser and he received a raise. His main goal is to maintain a stable employment relationship, so his parents are very happy about his current employment status.

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## Adult Development Program (ADP)

The ADP Program is a community based program where our clients can work, volunteer, or go to school. When one client began in this program, he was more on the quiet side while he went to Saddleback College and worked in a group in janitorial at Mission Viejo Parks. He currently works for Fuddruckers as an intern and is working towards being a direct hire and permanently working there. He was given a sloppy joes recipe by his Community Coach and made the recipe independently at home. One of his goals is to be as independent as possible, so making this meal made him so proud of himself. He has now made excellent relationships with his peers who have like interests through his time at Vocational Visions.

## DTAC Pala

The DTAC Pala program is a partial site based program with an employment component as well as the development of life skills and other leisure activities. Three clients in the program have been regularly volunteering at the Pretend City Museum where they are eager and hardworking. The museum staff appreciate the time our clients spend there. Knowing this is a volunteer job, they bring out the best in themselves to give back to the community and they do it with a smile on their faces. As they go about handing out flyers and organizing museum displays, they're always enthusiastic about fulfilling their duties.

## DTAC Alambre

DTAC Alambre is partial site and partial community based and focuses on living skills development and behavioral development for clients with behavioral challenges. About a year and a half ago, Mary began in the program as a highly skilled, ambulatory, non-verbal and shy young woman. In her first couple of days here, she refused to eat her lunch. Support staff soon realized that she just did not like to eat her lunch in a public setting. Now, not only has she fed herself at lunch, but also, she is eager to engage herself in various types of activities with other staff and participants. Her parents are especially happy to witness these positive changes she has exhibited while coming to Vocational Visions.



## Emeritus (EM)

Our Emeritus Program focuses on skill retention and leisure activities where many are either aging or work is not their main goal. When Brittany used to come to the program, all she wanted to do was sit in the kitchen, refusing to come upstairs. If she did come upstairs, she would want the exact same spot and either play with her dolls or write on paper for most of the day. When our staff, Maya, began to work with Brittany, she would plan ahead activities that Brittany could be part of. She would interact and provide fun experiences for her. Maya has worked very close with Brittany to get her to do activities now such as going to the store to shop for supplies, volunteer at a site cleaning tables, getting to enjoy the OC Zoo to ride the train, and to play games at Boomer's.



By making a donation to Vocational Visions, you help us continue to live our mission so that we can continue to serve those that mean the world to us. It is the season of giving, and we hope you will make a gift to Vocational Visions using the enclosed envelope, or make your gift online at [www.vocationalvisions.org](http://www.vocationalvisions.org).

All of us at Vocational Visions wish you happy holidays! Thank you for your continued support to Vocational Visions!

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joan McKinney".

Joan McKinney  
Executive Director

## Health Related Services (HRS)

The HRS Program is targeted to those who have restricted health conditions where we provide skill development, social interaction, nursing services, and sensory stimulating activities. These clients have fewer opportunities in the community because of health restrictions, so when an opportunity to volunteer at Pretend City came up, both Alan and Robert jumped at the opportunity to represent the HRS program there. They are both greeters and welcome people while handing out make believe time cards and money. Typically, they will greet over 100 children, parents and teachers. They enjoy their "work" and look forward to going every Thursday.



## House of Champions Clubhouse

With our Clubhouse program being a place for leisure and fun interactions with peers, it is a great place to make new friends. Recently, a parent called asking for her daughter to try out Clubhouse because she was always looking for a friend. When she joined Clubhouse, she had such a blast and made tons of new friends. Her parents were also able to have a date night for the first time in years thanks to their daughter joining Clubhouse!

