

Rowan Vocational Opportunities Cabarrus Vocational Opportunities Winter 2020 Newsletter

RVO Life Skills Class to Patterson Farms



The Life Skills Class at Rowan Vocational Opportunities went on a field trip in November to Patterson Farms, in Mount Ulla,

North Carolina. The field trip was called, “Pumpkin Patch Day.” Classroom students and staff enjoyed the following activities: puppet show, barnyard tour, tractor-drawn wagon ride throughout the farm and picking their own pumpkin. After the field trip, the class enjoyed their lunch picnicking on the farm. Everyone enjoyed the trip and they want to return in the spring to pick strawberries. Thank you to Patterson Farms for a wonderful day!



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CVO Community Project to “Our Fathers House”



CVO made many children happy this year with their annual “Give Back to the Community” project. This year’s toy drive recipient was "Our Fathers House" which is an outreach of the Co-operative Christian Ministry for homeless women and children in Cabarrus County.

RVO Innovations Department News

We made it through the holidays but not without some exciting news to share. We spent some time in December learning about the ocean and the exciting, mysterious wonders under the sea. We took a trip to the Sea Life Aquarium where we enjoyed seeing many fish and sea creatures and even got to touch a Cookie Starfish. We had a great time expanding our knowledge with their “Behind the Scenes Tour” learning about the aquarium and fun facts about marine life.



In other news, in an effort to give back to the community, the Innovations Department at RVO always chooses a charity to share some holiday cheer. This year we chose Prevent Child Abuse Rowan. The generous participation was wonderful. We collected many toys and even bicycles. It was a heartwarming experience to witness the smiles on the faces of our team’s individuals as they brought in their donations; feeling good about their acts of kindness. It was a wonderful experience caring and sharing!

Tara Seaford Named RVO Innovations Manager

By: Wilson Cherry



Congratulations are in order for Tara Seaford, who was recently promoted to Innovations Program Manager at Rowan Vocational Opportunities. Tara is a veteran Direct Support Professional with over ten years of working with individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities. She has successfully completed numerous courses and trainings and is uniquely qualified to assume her new leadership position. Tara is a graduate of East Rowan High School. When she is not working, she enjoys photography, singing and helping others.

Vocational Rehabilitation Meetings

At the beginning of January 2020, Vocational Rehabilitation counselors met with clients at RVO and CVO to discuss possible career interests outside of the workshop. These meetings are held annually with clients at RVO and CVO and is a state requirement.



Salisbury Academy Brings Joy to RVO

By: Wilson Cherry



A festive Christmas party brought joyful celebrations as students from Salisbury Academy provided games, gifts, karaoke and refreshments to the clients at Rowan Vocational Opportunities, Inc. Heather Coulter, who teaches 7th and 8th grade, coordinated the event along with Wilson Cherry, Director of Community Affairs at RVO.

“Our consumers and staff are truly appreciative of this wonderful gesture,” said Gary Yelton, Executive Director at RVO. “Through this experience, our students get just as much as our RVO friends do, if not more. It’s really an excellent expression of the true meaning of Christmas,” said Coulter.

CVO in the Kannapolis Christmas Parade

CVO clients and staff enjoying the Kannapolis Christmas Parade.



RVO Staff Learns American Sign Language



Nine RVO staff members voluntarily signed up to take an American Sign Language class for six weeks at the Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Agency of Davidson in Lexington, NC. Staff members were excited about this opportunity because it would enable them to communicate with several of our clients at RVO who are deaf and hard of hearing. The class has enabled the staff members to learn together in a relaxing environment and fellowship at the same time. Once staff members return to work, they practice their newly acquired signing skills with clients at

RVO. The clients who are deaf and hard of hearing have been thrilled to be able to communicate better

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 1, 2020—New Year's Day Holiday/Facilities closed

January 20, 2020—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday/Facilities Closed

April 10, 2020—Good Friday Holiday/Facilities closed

May 25, 2020—Memorial Day Holiday/Facilities Closed

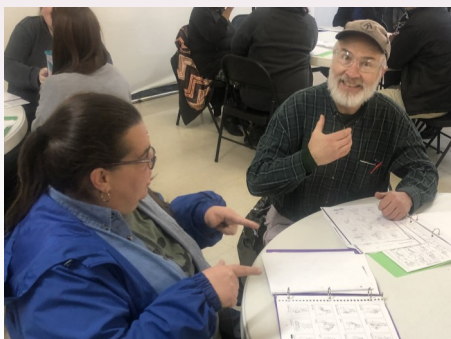
July 3, 2020—Independence Day Holiday/Facilities Closed

September 7, 2020—Labor Day Holiday/Facilities Closed

November 11, 2020—Veteran's Day Holiday/Facilities Closed

November 26-27, 2020—Thanksgiving Holidays/Facilities Closed

December 24-25, 28—Christmas Holidays/ Facilities Closed



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Rowan Vocational Opportunities, Inc. provides opportunity and training for adults with disabilities to develop work habits and skills leading to employment. Rowan Vocational Opportunities, Inc. also provides these consumers with daily living skills to increase independent functioning at home and in the community and in a diverse and inclusive environment.

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