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SEARCH
SPOTLIGHT

A NEW WAY FOR
SEARCH TO
COMMUNICATE WITH
THE IMPORTANT PEOPLE
WE SERVE AND
THE IMPORTANT PEOPLE
IN THEIR LIVES



HARVEST TIME



IS A
SOCIAL TIME
AT SEARCH!



Eat Your Heart Out!

Finding ways to get individuals excited about meaningful, skills-building activities is something that all of our programs strive to achieve on a regular basis. Our Lincoln site has found a great way to inspire that excitement.

Every week, a group from Lincoln goes to the Lincoln Square Farmer's Market and purchases fresh produce. They turn these healthy, local ingredients into delicious meals and snacks. The benefits of this process are numerous. It is a sensory-awakening experience to shop for and prepare the groceries. Motor skills are applied throughout, and the individuals are rewarded for their work with the food they've prepared.



Enjoying the Farmer's Market

A Different Kind of Summer Vacation

Over the summer, our No Boundaries program in Evanston welcomed Melissa, who wants to apply her interests in clothes and sales to pursue a job in retail.

Melissa was selected for an intern position through the Mayor's #onesummerchicago program, which offers summer employment and internship opportunities to Chicago area

youth and young adults. To enhance her work skills leading up to her internship, she participated in a four-week No Boundaries session at our Evanston location. There, Melissa improved her computer, email and organizational skills. She has applied these skills to creating her résumé, which will now include her experience at No Boundaries.

Making Health a Priority

In a 2010 address to the National Restaurant Association, First Lady Michelle Obama stated, "Together, we can help make sure that every family that walks into a restaurant can make an easy, healthy choice."

Restaurants continue to make efforts to live up to this standard, but there is also the responsibility of the consumer to make those healthy choices when eating out. At our Kensington site in Mount Prospect, we are providing education and experiences for our Search "family" to fulfill this responsibility. There, the Ladies Lunch Group eats at local restaurants at least



twice a month where they are assisted in making healthy choices from the menus.

With the additional dietary and nutritional restrictions that many of the people we serve have, this is a critical lesson to reinforce and something that Search takes very seriously.



Vis Arts Gets Adventurous

Visibility Arts has been a part of Search for almost a decade and a half. In that time, this focused fine arts program has reached almost every individual in our agency in some way. This exciting

program is constantly evolving.

This quarter, the Visibility Arts group at our Lincoln site has been learning a variety of printmaking processes. They have applied their skills to silk screening, mono printing, linoleum cutting and more.

The most adventurous prints were made using an octopus. In a process modeled after the traditional Japanese method of printing fish known as Gyotaku, the artists created unique, unmistakably-octopus prints.



Hard Work Pays Off

As the dust settles from the recent move of Planet Access Company from Waukegan to Des Plaines, the individuals who remain in Waukegan have also settled



back into their routine. This includes participating in active treatment curriculum, community outings and paid work - a high priority for many of our Waukegan program participants.

Although the bulk of the paid work made its way down to the new Des Plaines site,

there are still plenty of opportunities in Waukegan. One of these is our Medikmark job, which supplies our program participants with the materials to assemble, shrink wrap and bag medical supply kits. These vital supplies are used by medical professional across the country.

Everyone loves this meaningful work and truly appreciates the paycheck they earn from it.



Mark enjoys saving his money - watching his bank account grow and grow.

FALL IGNITE

As we near the end of a phenomenal Summer Ignite schedule, it is time to look ahead to our Fall Schedule! To enroll, contact Maggie Davidson at mdavidson@search-inc.org

Tuesdays in LINCOLN SQUARE

October 6th - December 15th
(4:00-5:30PM)

**“Exploring the Community:
Photography”**

Thursdays in MOUNT PROSPECT

October 8th - December 17th
(4:00-5:30PM)

**“Books & Plays Club: A Xmas Carol”
&
“Life Strategies: Goal Attainment”**