



Parent Briefs

ADULT PROGRAM UPDATE

JOB SITE OF THE MONTH

ST. PADDY'S DAY/FIELD TRIPS

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Job Site of the Month

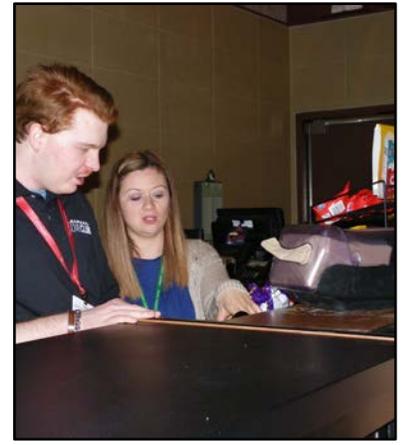
Cinemark: New job site, new experiences

There's something about the smell of a movie theater. It must be the buttery popcorn that takes you back to the excitement of seeing a film on the big screen. And then there's the crunch of popcorn under your shoes and the sticky seats--but wait, not on our students' watch! The spacious and beautiful Cinemark movie theater is a recent addition to Kingsway's roster of job sites, and has quickly become a favorite. As always, Kingsway's students take their work seriously.

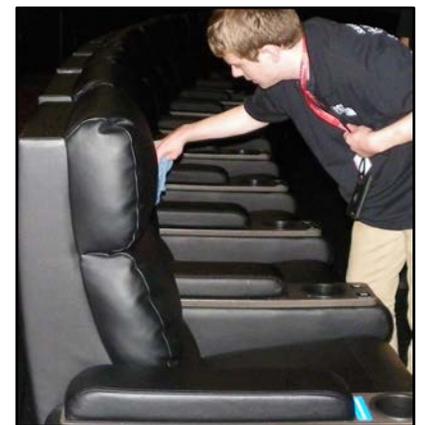
Auhnonda, PJ and Joey take to their tasks immediately: sweeping up, wiping down seats, straightening and restocking concession displays and cleaning countertops and arcade games. Students also have the opportunity to practice social skills when they greet guests, take tickets and show guests to the correct theater--helping to make the movie-going experience a pleasant one for film fans.

The magic of the movies was not lost on Joey, who is subbing for Sara on this day. "The silver screen," says Joey, looking up at the massive screen with a smile. Nearby, PJ gets right to work wiping down the extremely comfortable-looking theater seats. With the supervision of his one-to-one aide, DJ O'Brien, he is focused and works methodically cleaning each part of the seat.

Meanwhile, Auhnonda moves about the lobby with confidence and determination, wiping down concession counters, sweeping up bits of popcorn and wrappers and polishing away fingerprints from the arcade video games. "I like this job site," she says. "It's work but it's fun too."



Clockwise: Auhnonda sweeps up the concession area; job coach Lisa Daniel shows Joey how to organize the snack displays; PJ keeps those comfortable seats nice and clean; Auhnonda, Joey, PJ and Ms. Daniel, take a quick break for a photo.



"It's a very good job site for us," agrees job coach, Lisa Daniel, who started at Kingsway two years ago as a one-to-one aide. "The staff is friendly and helpful and the students have a different experience here." This is the first movie theater job site for Kingsway, and one that includes more interaction with customers.

This is the last day of the marking period, so it's on to a new job site for both students and staff. A new job site, new skills to learn and goals to meet. ♦

Adult Program Update

By Philip Rodriguez
Chief Operating Officer

As many of you now know, Kingsway Services, Inc. (KSI) is the arm of the organization that is responsible for the development of an Adult Program for post graduate services. The KSI Adult Program is patterned on Kingsway Learning Center's (KLC) highly successful Community Based Instruction Program, which includes a unique blend of facilities-based programming while taking advantage of both business and recreational partnerships in surrounding communities. Unlike most other programs in the area which tend to focus either on facilities-based programming or on community based vocational and recreational activities, KSI's Adult Program will utilize both and create opportunities that are individualized to the specific client needs.

In partnership with a very small number of KLC graduates and other clients not currently being served, the KSI Adult Program operated a pilot project that provided individualized programming while allowing KSI an opportunity to develop programs, policies and procedures. We selected these families both because of their familiarity with KLC's school program and because we know they would be honest in their comments and

critiques on our initial efforts. We thank those families both for their commitment to Kingsway and their honesty in providing program input.

In addition to these initial efforts, we have also been fortunate in recruiting Pat Horgan to become the Program Director as we ready ourselves for the grand opening of the full program. Pat comes to us with a wealth of experience in areas that include program start up, ongoing operations and engagement with the NJ Division of Developmental Disabilities, a critical relationship for adult programming. With regard to that last point, Pat has recently completed the facilities review for our Haddonfield Campus and the process went very well indeed. Just a couple of I's to dot and T's to cross, but the facility was seen as absolutely perfect for the type of program we have in mind; one that will provide unique and active facilities-based programming while also being able to take advantage of the welcoming community of Haddonfield and access to communities farther afield--using our own vehicles as well as the NJ Transit transportation hub just down the street at the Haddonfield PATCO Station.

Please stay closely tuned as Pat provides future updates on the opening of the Adult Program. We are close!

From Our Home & School Association

- **Move-a-Thon** is scheduled for May 22. More information coming soon.
- Red Robin Fundraiser in April--details coming soon.
- Wawa shortie coupons are available for purchase all year long. Please contact Stefanie Mis for an order form at smis@kingswaylearningcenter.org.
- Send in your Box Tops for Education and help earn money for KLC. For participating products, please go to: <https://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/participating-products>

Fun at the Discovery Museum!



Painting donuts at Main Street Art!



And the Please Touch Museum!



The Photos of March

St. Paddy's Day Magic--First Dance in Voorhees!



Above, from left: Elementary students enjoyed festivities early, followed by our older students.

Far right: it's always great to welcome back Kingsway alumni. Students enjoyed music, refreshments and friends. Thank you, Home & School Association, for making Kingsway's first dance in Voorhees a great, fun success!



Wearin' o' the Green!



Prize Donations Needed!

Kingsway's 23rd Annual Golf Tournament is coming up on Tuesday, May 21!

Our auctions and raffles for this event bring Kingsway between **\$7000 - \$9000!**

Here's how you can help:

(Remember: ALL proceeds from this event benefit programs for Kingsway's students)

- **Does your employer (friend or relative) have company tickets to sporting events?** A donation of 4 tickets to a Phillies game has brought winning bids of \$300-\$500, depending on location of seats. A parking pass is a big plus!
- **Do you know a retail shop owner who would donate an item? (jewelry, fine crafts, tech devices, etc.)**
- **Can you or a friend donate a \$25-\$50 gift card to a South Jersey or Philadelphia area restaurant for the "Dining Out Package"? Or would you be willing to request a donation next time you are out to dinner? (fine dining, casual dining, pizza, ice cream, etc.)** Flyers available upon request.
- **Do you know anyone with season tickets to the theater? (A pair of tickets matched with a restaurant gift card makes a great, high-bidding "Date Night" package)**
- **Phillies, Eagles or Flyers gear. Signed? Even better!**
- **A weekend at the Jersey Shore or Poconos (timeshare or other property) for a getaway package**

You get the idea! All donations are deeply appreciated and donors are acknowledged in our Program.

Silent Auction (10-12 baskets or individual items)

These are the themes for this year's themed gift baskets. Please consider making or seeking donations. Our students are working with staff to put together and decorate the baskets!

Wine
Chocolate
NJ Wine Trail
Kids Crafts
Car Care

Coffee & Tea Lovers
Taste of Italy
Don't Skip Breakfast
Family Fun Night
Spa Day

Please contact Stefanie Mis, Community Relations Specialist, about pickup/drop off of donations, or with any questions: 856-428-8108 or smis@kingswaylearningcenter.org.

Thank You!



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