

### JOB SITE OF THE MONTH

## Treehouse Cafe...revisited

One year ago, Treehouse Cafe was featured as the first "Job Site of the Month," and for good reason: Treehouse was one of Kingsway's original Community Based Instruction (CBI) job sites back in 2005.

Kingsway students continue to work and learn at this location, doing a number of tasks, such as cleaning tables, sweeping, dishwashing, restocking the coffee station, and wrapping baked goods. Student Nisa J. worked at Treehouse Cafe when she first entered the CBI Program a few years ago. As students rotate through a variety of structured learning experiences, students like Nisa revisit and practice familiar routines when they return to past sites.

An example of this includes food preparation. Nisa has sharpened her skills and is back at Treehouse putting those skills to use.

"Nisa follows a recipe and is able to independently prepare baked goods, such as scones, muffins, cookies, and monkey bread," says Theresa Monaco, Kingsway job coach. "She also assists in the cooking area while taking direction from site staff."

During this visit, Nisa is working with Treehouse employees Haleigh and Peaches, as everyone gears up for the lunch rush. It's time to make vegan sausage patties and Nisa gets her instructions from Haleigh.

"Nisa does a great job," says Haleigh, "I explain what she needs to do, then she's ready to work on her own." As instructed, Nisa scoops out the vegan sausage mixture and forms the patty in the baking pan. She listens carefully, asks questions and focuses on the job at hand.

Nisa is at ease working in the kitchen and clearly enjoys it. "I like making the sweet things the best," she says. Later in today's visit, Nisa prepares monkey bread with direction from Peaches.

While Nisa works in the kitchen, Emily R. is busy in the dining area filling in supplies at the coffee station and trimming the paper used to wrap sandwiches. A patron walks by and says



Top: Nisa J. prepares Monkey Bread under the guidance of Treehouse employee, Peaches; above: Emily R. keeps the coffee station stocked.

### An old friend drops by the Treehouse!



Kelsey Byrne, a 2012 Kingsway graduate, was spotted at the Treehouse Cafe with some friends from Luke's Place, where she works. She's doing great and wants everyone to know, "I miss Kingsway!"

to her, "Nice job!" and Emily smiles proudly.

"The staff and management are fantastic with our students. They really understand our mission," says Ms. Monaco, who has been a job coach for seven of her 13 years at Kingsway. "The particular tasks that are assigned go hand-in-hand and are appropriate for each student's capabilities."

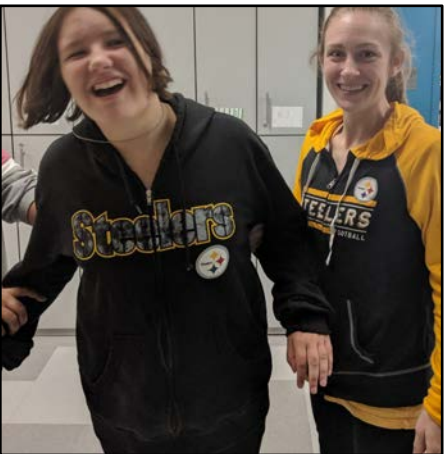
It's been 14 years since this cozy cafe became one of Kingsway's first CBI job sites. Many thanks to owners Randy & Tina Van Osten, as they continue their partnership with Kingsway. ♦

# The Photos of September

## Football, apples and Back to School



*E-A-G-L-E-S! Fridays are for favorite football gear. By coincidence, the Eagles seem to be the most represented! Above: aide Grace Smith with Parker T. Below, teacher Betsy Allemand with Genny S.*



*Being an Eagles fan is not a requirement to join in the fun on Football Friday! Staff member Emily Coughlin, right, and Emily R. share a first name and a love for the Pittsburgh Steelers!*

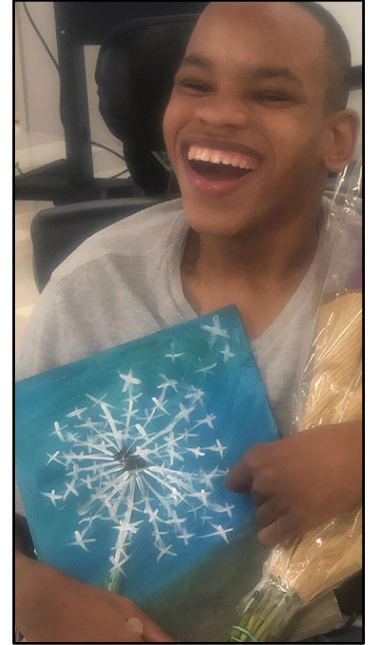


*Matthew P. plays it cool on the first day of school.*



*Ms. Allemand's Elementary class is off to pick some apples at Duffield's Farm. More photos on next page.*

**See Photos of September from the Adult Day Program on the back page!**



*Guy H. summons his artistic side during the first trip of the school year to Painting with a Twist. That smile says it all!*



*Another fall classic: Back to School Night! Above, the Perez family arrives to meet Fonsi's teacher and learn about his class.*

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## CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT

# Work Readiness Class cuts ribbon on The Snack Shack

The ribbon has officially been cut on Kingsway's newest in-school business venture: The Snack Shack. The students and staff in Rose Neufeld's Work Readiness Class are responsible for this corner shop, which sells snacks, coffee, tea, and baked goods, as well as Kingsway gear.

This class works in shifts, either in the cafe or the Snack Shack.

"I enjoy watching my students master different skills," says Ms. Neufeld, "particularly their social interaction with customers."

Some of the day-to-day routine includes pricing, stocking, ordering inventory, packaging, setting up and running the cash register, greeting customers, and cleaning up the shop.

"Most importantly, students work on teamwork skills to provide students and staff a positive experience while visiting the school store and cafe," says Donna Stone, occupational therapist.

Like any successful business, The Snack Shack looks for ways to attract customers and keep them coming back, as well as working in concert with other classroom projects.

"We will be featuring items to be sold from the Tools for Life domain [a class that focuses on the safe use of household implements]," says Ms. Neufeld. "Reusable coffee cups, which can be refilled at a discounted price, will be ready soon. Every five purchases equals a free coffee," says Ms. Neufeld.

Sounds like good business! ♦



*Photos from Top: Ms. Neufeld's class makes it official: the Snack Shack is open for business! Above: Jada works the coffee station; right, Gabby C. checks out her customers with a smile; center of page, one of the shop's treat displays.*

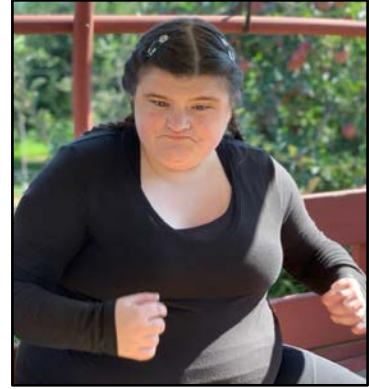


## Apple-picking time!



*The temperature may not line up with the calendar, but it's September nonetheless and time for some autumn fun! Last week, Ms. Allemand's Elementary class visited one of south Jersey's most popular family destinations: Duffield's Farm Market in Sewell, NJ. Photos, from left: Philip O., Jessica O. with occupational therapist Carolyn Seagrest, Amira N., and Genni S.*

## Adult clients celebrate fall--from apple picking...



Another fall classic: Johnson's Corner Farm! From left: Victoria and Danielle; the group arrives with Cameron leading the way; Liesl enjoys the day!

## ...to applesauce!



When life gives you apples...make applesauce! From left: Devin stirs in the cinnamon; Caitlyn, Emily, DSP Gisela Lorde, Devin, and Sydney (seated); Sydney's turn to stir.

## Home & School Update



> **HSA Membership** is open to any family or staff member. Dues are \$10 and entitle you to a free Kingsway magnet. Members are welcome to join our monthly conference calls and get involved!

> **Secondary and Alumni Halloween Dance** - October 25 (7 pm to 9 pm)

> **Trunk or Treat for all Students** - October 26 (5 pm to 7 pm)

> **Leisure Cart Donations** – deadline is November 15.

> **Wawa Hoagie Fundraiser** is a year-around fundraiser. For \$4 you will get a coupon for a free WaWa Shorti Hoagie (Retail Value \$4.59) and HSA will earn \$1 for each coupon purchased.

> **Box Tops** – Please send in Box Tops and install the app, so HSA can continue to earn money.

> **Passariello's Dine Out Fundraiser** – Thanks to everyone that participated! We earned \$348.35.

Wawa and HSA membership flyers went home recently. If you need additional flyers, please contact Erica at 856-545-0800.



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