



JOB SITE OF THE MONTH

HomeSense makes perfect sense

The warehouse area at HomeSense, a local home decor store, is a busy, bustling place. Amid the stacked boxes, shelves, and bins stand three hard-working Kingsway students.

"Their tasks typically include assembling lamps and processing merchandise," says Job Coach Theresa Monaco. "They enjoy assembling the lamps, as it is hands-on. They start with parts and are rewarded with a finished product. They also enjoy unpacking merchandise to be processed. They love seeing what's in the boxes."

Ms. Monaco is pleased with their progress, as she instructs students to focus on both the hard and soft skills of each task. Miranda, Korinne and Trevor work together on a multi-step process that requires team work and problem solving. For assembly, students need to remove plastic from the lampshade, place the shade onto the lamp properly,

and screw in the lightbulb. Students then remove plastic from the harp, take the finial off the harp and screw the harp back into place after the lampshade is in place. In addition, students observe their environment and maintain a neat working space, removing all packaging materials while working in close proximity of one another.

Although the assembly of lamps is the obvious task, working together and accepting direction/critique from their job coach and site supervisors is instrumental in development of their skills. As students demonstrate confidence in their knowledge of the task, Ms. Monaco promotes independence while fading support.

"The students work hard and are really focused. They take their responsibilities seriously and enjoy themselves too. I couldn't be more proud of them." ♦



Korinne screws on the finial to the top of the lamp, as Job Coach Theresa Monaco observes.



Three members of the HomeSense management team asked to get a photo taken with our students! From left: Sabrina, manager; Miranda, student; Amanda, manager; students Korinne and Trevor; and April, manager.

For the love of love: Valentine's Day at Kingsway



The day of love brought a variety of activities to Kingsway, giving students the opportunity to have fun, create gifts, and test their motor skills while having a great time! Photos, from left: Nick aims and reaches that heart; Jeffrey holds his heart in his hands; Josh offers his heart; Julianna concentrates on her Valentine's Day creation. More photos on pages 2 and 4.

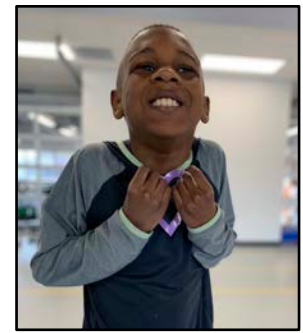
Photos of February: School Program



Jennifer Dovi's music class threw "snowballs" at the big gathering drum to explore sound and celebrate winter. The students could throw the snowballs soft or hard and still make a sound without hurting anyone or anything! Left, Julia, and below, Hailey, give it a try.



Valentine's Day at Kingsway is always a feast for the heart! Above, left: Aide Heather Neal, Emily, and Aide Gerrell Mosley-Brown share a moment. Above, center: Kianna works on a Valentine's Day craft. Above, right: Jackson carefully paints a special gift. Far right, Mukasa offers a heart and a hug. Right, Mary proves she can wear anything and look marvelous!



IN THE CLASSROOM

Office Occupations students keep Kingsway running smoothly

Need a copy? A sign laminated perhaps? Or maybe you're out of paper towel and disinfecting wipes. The students in Kelly Harris's Office Occupations Career Center have those tasks covered and more.

"The overarching goal here is to help make the students independent," says Ms. Harris. "We strive to enable the students to run the office themselves."

The students work on typical office tasks, such as lamination, sorting, stocking shelves, copying, delivering supplies to classrooms and office areas, and shredding.

On Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, students deliver classroom supplies to each program throughout the building. On Thursdays and Fridays, students

shred and restock warehouse supplies and review and maintain printer supplies throughout the building.

There are times when business is a little slow, in which case students work on simulated tasks that occur within a typical office environment. "The students are always busy," says Kathi Ahern, Teacher Assistant.

"There's a lot to keep track of and to focus on," continues Ms. Ahern. "The students do a great job."

"I enjoy watching the students become familiar with their tasks," says Ms. Harris. These are tasks that are ultimately helping students transition to the Community Based Instruction Program (CBI), where students are placed alongside coaches to support their progress. ♦



Griffin collects shredding.



Jeffrey works on filling an order.



Jake, with Aide Mr. O'Brien, delivers supplies to classrooms.

Exciting plans for March at the Adult Program



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We are very excited about our March calendar as we have two special events coming up. On Friday, March 13th, we will host guests from the South Jersey Food Bank for a healthy eating presentation. They will teach us about how to prepare healthy food and--best of all--enjoy a taste of the foods prepared. We hope this presentation gets everyone

thinking about the different types of food we eat, and how we can make healthier choices when we eat at home and out. To see more about this event, visit: <https://foodbanksj.org/health-and-wellness/>.

Our second event will be on Monday, March 23rd. We have partnered with the Farm Sanctuary in New York for a program on farm animals and how to treat them humanely. The highlight of that presentation will be a Virtual Reality (VR) Experience in which we will get to wear VR Headsets and virtually interact with animals. Given our urban and suburban environments, the opportunity to visit and interact with farm animals will be an interesting and fun experience for all.

This event will also introduce us to VR technology, an innovation we will surely see more of in educational and entertainment settings. Learn more about the Farm Sanctuary here: <https://www.farmsanctuary.org/humane-education/>.

These partnerships are primarily educational, but also entertaining. The individuals we serve not only have a fun experience, but are also afforded the opportunity to sharpen their life skills. ♦



Some of our Adult Program clients ventured out to Philadelphia's Insectarium and Butterfly Pavilion recently and found that bugs and butterflies are very interesting creatures! Above, Annette Morales, LPN, learns about the metamorphosis of butterflies along with Jimmy.

Insectarium and Butterfly Pavilion: Taking the "ug" out of bugs!



Liesl strolls by an iguana in favor of a hunt for butterflies!



Melanie, right, gets to know a spider up close and personal! Her love of animals clearly does not end at insects. She is under the watchful eye of an Insectarium employee.

Needed for community project!

- ♦ Empty pill bottles (labels removed)
- ♦ Empty toilet paper rolls
- ♦ Empty water bottles
- ♦ Empty tissue boxes
- ♦ Old socks and blankets (laundered)
- ♦ Empty (and rinsed out) plastic water and soda bottles



These are used to make items for the Animal Welfare Association, and other projects.

Please send to Kingsway marked **"For Adult Program"**

Thank You!



Photos of February: Adult Program



Some of the Adult Day Program crew proudly show off their Valentine's Day artwork.



A very special visitor: Our nation's first president spent time with our Adult Program clients, telling stories of his past, his Mt. Vernon home, and life in his time (photo, left). He even showed everyone how to play a popular game from his youth--pass the hoop (photo, center). When he's not busy educating groups as the father of our country, he is busy being Mr. Cicalese, Katie's father (photo, right).

Home & School Update



Thanks to everyone that attended the **Applebee's Pancake Breakfast**. We had a record 111 people attend and earned \$400!

Gertrude Hawk Chocolate fundraiser with free school delivery ends on March 5. Orders can be placed online with home delivery until April 5. www.gertrudehawkfundraising.com. Group Code is 711219. All proceeds will be used to provide yearbooks for all students.

St. Patty's Dance on Friday, March 13. Elementary from 5:30 to 6:45 pm and Secondary and Alumni from 7 pm to 9 pm.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact us at klchsa.nj@gmail.com!



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