

### **Employee of the Quarter**



Tyrone Gaither is this quarter's Employee of the Quarter. Tyrone received this recognition because of his excellent job performance and for always going above and beyond what is required. Tyrone often spends his personal time helping the individuals he works with find new jobs and he has an excellent job-placement record.

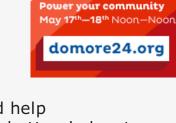
Tyrone is an asset to our team and we are fortunate to have him share his expertise with New Horizons.

Read below for one of Tyrone's success stories.

Congratulations, Tyrone. Job well done!

## **Do More 24 Fundraiser Helps New Horizons**

Thank you to everyone that contributed during the Do More 24 campaign (May 17 to May 18). Through the generosity of our donors, we raised almost \$500 for our organization. These donations allow us to provide our participants with meaningful activities in the community.



Your Do More 24 gift is priceless to the execution of our mission and those that we serve. It's not too late to make an impact and help #ReclaimKindness. Simply click on the donate button below to make your contribution today!

# Department of Rehabilitation Services (DORS) - Spotlight on an Individual

Tyrone Gaither, Employment Coordinator

The Waldorf Division of Rehabilitation Services "DORS" office referred Mathew Fogel to New Horizons in September 2016 for work

readiness boot camp to assist with employment development skills. Mathew performed well in New Horizons' boot camp and DORS recommended him for employee development services.

Mathew's disability is Aspergers, which affects how he socializes with people. He is very intelligent and loves to read. Mathew's appreciation for reading made it natural for him to comprehend employee development skills and he always volunteered to respond to questions when other classmates were reluctant.

Previously, Mathew had worked at grocery stores where people noticed his disability and it made him feel uneasy, which did not lead to work success. As his employment coordinator, I focused on convincing Mathew that he is normal and that no one is perfect. I took every opportunity to highlight the skills he possessed, in particular he likes helping others and stocking. During the job search, Mathew noticed a position with Pride Industry. I assisted Mathew with completing the employment application. Pride's human resources department contacted him for a job interview and I was able to help prepare Mathew for interview success. He informed me that the human resources officer that screened him initially was very professional. The same human resources officer also conducted the personal interview and made Mathew feel at ease. Mathew was hired as a full-time material handler at a warehouse at Joint Base Andrews; he still works here full time.

#### **Practice Makes Perfect!**

We believe that mock interviews are a great way to help people prepare for the real thing. That's why we take the time to have everyone in our Job Readiness Program go through this process before heading out for their first interview. We recently had the pleasure of giving a mock interview to Travaughn! He did a fantastic job and is now completing his GED.



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