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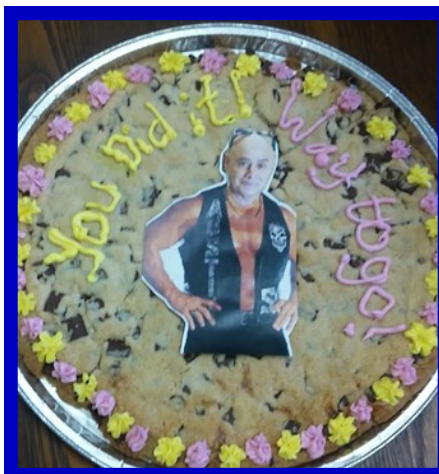
Michael. Sharing a Journey with Friends



Michael is a beloved client of Mission Road Ministries. He lives semi-independently in one of our three apartment complexes serving adults with IDD (intellectual developmental disabilities). Michael is also a valued & respected member of the hard working team in our campus kitchen.

Michael was diagnosed with cancer in early January. After four week-long sessions of chemo, spanning three months, May 25 was finally Michael's last day for "therapy."

A member of the Mission Road staff was by his side every, single moment - explaining the diagnosis; the treatment regimen; reassuring him through anxious times, and making certain his recuperation was complete, comfortable and explained in a way he could easily understand.



Toby Summers, Mission Road president & CEO, brought Michael home in style. Michael smiled and waved from the passenger seat of the bright, red Corvette as his loving Mission Road family, friends, neighbors, fellow clients and staff alike, all lined the way, waving colorful, handmade signs amid music, laughter and joyful cheers!

He even received a personalized cookie cake to remind him that 'Stone Cold' Michael is the strongest guy we know. Join us in continuing to pray for Michael's health and happiness for years to come!

Get to know *Anna Metaxas*,

Children's Program Director for Mission Road

Where did you grow up? *Corpus Christi*

Who was your favorite teacher and why? *Ms. Obermiller was my Honors English teacher my junior year. She was not my favorite teacher at the time, but she taught me the most important skills that I still use today, how to use proper grammar and how to write.*

What are your top 3 favorite movies? *Uh, this is a tough one. If I had to pick three they would be Rent, Sixteen Candles, and Pretty in Pink*

Where is the most beautiful place you have ever been? *Rockefeller Center all done up for Christmas, but my most favorite place to be is the Frio River.*

If you could only eat 3 foods for the rest of your life, what would they be? *Pizza, enchiladas, ice cream*

If you could be an Olympic athlete which sport would you compete in? *I would pick either swimming or gymnastics (those are my faves to watch)*

What is the most courageous thing you have ever done? *Taking care of my parents at the end of their lives.*

What is the best piece of advice you have ever received? *I should have listened to this advice when I was young, but my dad would always say, "Don't be in such a hurry to grow up."*

What is your favorite thing about working at Mission Road? *Everything! The kids are my reason for being here. They make my day, even when they are having a tough day. I know each day that I've made a difference in at least one person's life, either with a hug as they climb off the school bus in the afternoon or a high five for having a good day.*

What was your favorite toy growing up? *I had a stuffed monkey, the kind that had a banana for a thumb. His name was Michael. I carried him everywhere and called him my brother!*

What accomplishment are you most proud of? *Getting to where I am in my career. I never really knew what I wanted to be when I grew up. All I knew was I did not want to be a teacher. Interestingly enough every professional role I've played, I've been an educator of some sort. Like I mentioned above, I love that I'm able to make a difference in someone's life even if it feels like a small thing at the time.*

What do you hope for the future of Mission Road? *I hope that Mission Road will continue to grow, enhance existing programs and create new programs as research recommends. There is such a need for quality care like ours for people in our community living with IDD and the families who love and care for them.*



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