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We would especially like to thank the TND Family Foundation for making our dreams come true this year! The Foundation provided transportation in the comfort of private charter buses and allowed us the opportunity to experience life-changing adventures. From the bottom of our hearts, from every staff member and individual, we would like to say, THANK YOU!

Just this month alone we were able to take a charter bus to Jamie's Ranch, where some of us experienced riding a horse for the very first time. Did I mention there was a hayride, home-cooked burgers, and a petting zoo?! We also had the opportunity to take another charter bus to visit the Capitol in Austin and learn about the law-making process. We are exploring like never before and the smiles say it all! I can't wait to see where we go next!

A Look Ahead

Watch out for some fun activities in December

Christmas Parties

Nutcracker at the **Tobin Center**

Holiday themed Volunteer Events throughout

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Sussel Carreon COO of Day Programming

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Contact Information for Sussel Carreon: 361-243-9954

Supported Employment Department

Congratulations to Jose Anthony and Sabrina on their employment!





Meet the Team!



(Pictured above, from left: Mrs. Beatriz, Mrs. Elisa, Mrs. Lavonne, and Mr. Thomas) **The Supported Employment Dream Team!**

Special Shout Out!

A special shout out goes to <u>Mrs. Lavonne</u> for having two full VAT classes this month. Each class consists of six students that are working on their employment skills. Once the students finish they will be paired with a job coach and begin the job search activities. Great work, Mrs. Lavonne!

Story Time!

Jose's Story: Jose was recently hired by H-E-B as a Sanitation Specialist! Jose worked very hard by participating not only in VAT but also with his Job Coach, Thomas. Together they worked on resume building, cover letters, interview skills, and more. Jose was recorded for his first interview and went on to receive a second interview days later. Thomas and Jose practiced during those days which helped Jose gain the confidence to seal the deal. The preparation of VAT classes and hours with Thomas helps set our individuals up for employment success!

Sabrina's Story: Sabrina was hired as a merchandise associate at Burlington Coat Factory. Together with her job coach, Mrs. Bea, Sabrina worked to complete the necessary job search activities and practiced mock interviews for hours. Sabrina was able to land multiple interviews, always trying her best to overcome challenges. It was not an easy road. Mrs. Bea then assisted Sabrina with a phone interview, and after all of her many hours of practicing, Sabrina's dedication paid off!

In today's world, it is not easy to obtain employment. Securing a job is challenging and usually includes online and phone interviews, group interviews, recordings, second interviews, etc. Most people feel anxious about interviewing for a job, and for our individuals that anxiety can be hard to overcome. The process is not always easy and the struggles are real, but the hard work *does* pay off, and together we can be successful!





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We also had the opportunity to take another charter bus to visit the Capitol in Austin where we learned about the law-making process. Let's not forget when we rented a movie theatre for our individuals so they could watch Taylor Swift's Concert on the big screen. Everyone sang their hearts out and danced. We are grateful for our many blessings!

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Buc-ee's Trip!

Christmas Caroling

Christmas Parties!

Polar Express Movie Day

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