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Loving the Great Times!

Hello family and friends,

So many great times packed into one month! As always, we had a lovely time at our Annual Valentine's Day Dance. We exchanged Valentine's cards, danced, and played games. This year, we even crowned a Valentine's Day Dance King and Queen!

February is rodeo time in San Antonio, so we held our own Cowboy Breakfast and took trips out to the San Antonio Rodeo. Throughout the month, we enjoyed a musical at The Majik Theatre; learned about Groundhog Day and Black History Month; worked on our financial literacy skills with Frost Bank; and leading up to the Super Bowl, we celebrated with Football Spirit Day! In honor of National Random Acts of Kindness Day, we held our second VIA Appreciation Day. Our individuals showered our VIA drivers with handmade thank you cards, juice, and muffins. Some of our drivers even wanted pictures!

Recently, two exciting renovation projects have been in the works, made possible by generous donations. We can't wait to share the results with you! Our goal is to have both projects completed in March. Keep an eye out for our "Grand Reveal" pictures on Facebook. By the way, the newsletters are now on Mission Road's website! Visit www.mrmsat.org and click the "Community" tab to view all our newsletters. See You Soon!

A Look Ahead

Watch out for some fun activities in March

Zoo Trip

Corpus Christi Trip!

Easter Party

Grand Opening of our NEW GYM!

Don't miss any of the fun moments. Scan to follow us on Facebook!



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The Power of Three

The Supported Employment Program uses the *Power* of *Three* to help job seekers throughout the employment process. The *Power of Three* includes the individual seeking employment in the community; a job coach, who is employed by Mission Road; and an employer who recognizes the job seeker's potential. Working together, the individual, their job coach, and employers secure the right jobs for our job seekers.

Individuals in our program rely on the *Power of Three* to find, get, and keep jobs. We also recognize our individuals' need for <u>long-term support</u>. It's the long-term support our job coaches provide that helps our individuals maintain their jobs and independence. Working together with the employers is just as important. Employers and job coaches work together to help ensure our individuals' continued success, and we strive to keep communication open between all three parties involved to ensure safe, positive working environments.

Special Announcement Community Employment Luncheon

It's almost time for our Annual Community Employment Luncheon!

This LIVE and IN-PERSON event will be hosted at the Witte Museum, where we will honor all of the hardworking people who are successfully employed through our Community & Job Coaching Program! Visit <u>www.mrmsat.org</u> to reserve your ticket and table!



Symbols of Success!

Each year, we select a Symbol of Success to honor at our Community Employment Luncheon. This year, for the first time, we've chosen to honor TWO people!

Our Symbol of Success is someone who has proven very reliable, has an outstanding work ethic, and always displays a good spirit when going to work. It is so incredibly hard to choose just one person for this award, so this year, we decided to honor both Karen and Jessica!

Karen Hodge (pictured above, left) has been working at The Great American Cookie Company for the past 10 years! Karen is a member of our Legacy Program and is such a dedicated worker. We are so proud of you Ms. Karen and can't wait to celebrate you at our Luncheon!

Jessica Godina (pictured above, right) has been working for The McDonald's Stagg Restaurant Office for 19 and a half years! Talk about commitment and dedication. It is no wonder she was also chosen as our Symbol of Success. She is a role model to her peers, and we are incredibly proud of Jessica!

We are so excited for this event and to celebrate both of these young women and all of the hardworking people in the Community Employment Program!





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Wow! This month has been jam-packed with so many activities. We'd like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to Mrs. Amy Kipnes, for taking our Club 8706 out to lunch at the delicious Olive Garden! Our ladies in the Jewelry Club meet every Monday and work to put beautiful necklaces and other jewelry together, never missing a day.

February is always a fun month, but this year we got to celebrate back-to-back holidays, Mardi Gras and Valentine's Day, together in the same week! We had our Annual Mardi Gras parade walk around the campus with festive jazz music playing and King Cake for everyone to enjoy to top it all off. Next was our Valentine's Day Dance and it was so much fun. We danced with all of our friends in the pavilion. With the great weather we had in February, we were also able to take advantage and spend some time outdoors flying kites and planes. We walked around campus to boost our health and even enjoyed a great Rodeo Day.

Plus, we played giant Connect Four and had fun with lawn games in the gym as country music played from our speakers. We did a Boot Scootin Boogie dance and ate hotdogs together as we said goodbye to February. We can't wait to attend next year's Rodeo and make our festivities even bigger!

See you soon!

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Easter Celebration

Theatre Boot Camp!

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