

Door of Opportunity Voice



Door of Opportunity, Inc.

“Ronald’s Lawn Care Service” by Kim Hill

We are delighted to announce that Ronald Garcia, with funding through Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, was able to start his own business. Throughout the last year, Ronald has been working with his DVR counselor and the Vocational Director to get his lawn care business started. There were many obstacles and set backs for Ronald, but with continued determination and support, he was able to open the doors of his business. Ronald attended several meetings, which included a Vocational Assessment Profile, this is a meeting that involves Ronald, a DVR representative, and the Vocational Director, the Service Coordinator, and the direct care staff to help Ronald and the team determine what would be a good job venture for Ronald to pursue. We then had a business plan made and submitted it to DVR for authorization. Ronald’s first application was denied, but he was not about to give up, so another application was submitted and it was a success. As of June 22, the

funding became available and Ronald was able to purchase his equipment and he’s now on his way to making his services available for the community to utilize. This is going to be a great business and we are happy to be part of it. Congratulations Ronald!!



Above: Ronald shopping at Home Depot
Below: Michael busy at work shredding paper.



“Patton’s on the Run” by Kim Hill

We are pleased to announce another business owner here at Door of Opportunity Inc. Michael Patton, with funding through DVR, has opened his door to offer his services to our community. Michael has been striving to have his own shredding business for the past 2 years. With many meetings

throughout the last year and a VAP, we were able to draw up and submit a business plan to DVR. Michael’s funding was authorized and he began to purchase supplies for his business. Michael chose his own business name and with his artistic talent, he designed his logo for his mobile shredding

business. Michael has already obtained his first contract with Lending Hands to destroy documents. Congratulations Michael !!

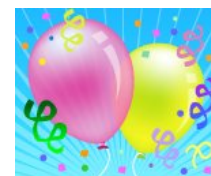


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Special Birthday Wishes:

- Cody Woodward 6/06*
- Jennifer Hensley 6/17*
- Jill Thurman 6/19*
- Eddie Araujo 6/25*
- Leah Smith 6/25*
- Sandie Lujan 6/26*



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Guadalupe Christian Camp Lends a Helping Hand by Kim Hill

A group of 81 high school students from West Texas and Eastern New Mexico Churches were doing community service projects from Carlsbad to Artesia. According to the camp leader Hunter Treat, their "Tangible" mission was to do "King of God Things" for the community. The first day of camp was to focus on Jesus, day two- on the Word, day three-Purity of Heart, day four-focusing on people and the last day was to wrap up on The Kingdom of God.

They worked in 3 nursing homes in Carlsbad and also at the CARC Farm. The other part of the group worked at Grammy's closet and here at Door of Opportunity Inc. They helped unload a

small trailer, helped stock the storage building with food and washed vehicles. The group of young adults were very helpful and couldn't have been more pleasant. We were very fortunate to have had them for the few hours they worked. May they continue to keep doing the wonderful work of God and keep inspiring us with their devotion.

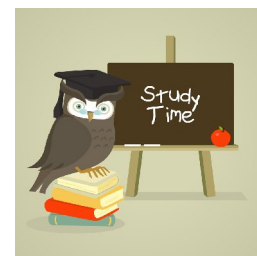


Guadalupe Christian Camp Group

Training, Training, Training by Leah Smith

With all the new employees hired by DOO, there have been some intense training sessions held. Employees are learning about many different aspects of service provision. Some of the classes held include: Activities of Daily Living, Safe Transportation, Positive Behavior Support Strategies, Rights & Advocacy, Communication & Choice Making, "How to be a Good Staff", Documentation, HIPPA, Pre-Service, Incident Report-

ing, Seizure Training, Nutrition & Food Storage, Individual Specific, Ergonomics, Gait Belt, Hoyer Lift, **JUST TO NAME A FEW.** Door of Opportunity upholds a very active training program and offers valuable information. Employees have been shadowing and being mentored by their supervisors and learning the "hands on" value of working at Door of Opportunity.



(Staff comment) "I have learned so much in the classroom. It really helped me understand what I am supposed to do on the job."

Goods and Service by Amy Grantham

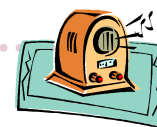


Individuals who are receiving DD Waiver Services have been able to receive a new service called "Goods and Services". With this service, the individual's team can determine and request items that need to be purchased in order for that individual's outcomes to be met. After the team has determined what items the individual needs, then the items are purchased and the Door of Opportunity is reimbursed for that expense through waiver money. It has

proven to be very helpful to many of our individuals, such as Michael P., Cody W., Cody F., Dustin G., Randy C., Charles M., and Ronald G.-just to name a few. Items that have been purchased to make "Dreams Realities" include: computers, furniture, cameras, Rosetta Stone Spanish speaking lessons, guitars, and even a Wii!! This service has enabled many of our individuals to purchase items that they may have never been able to buy and enjoy-

making their Individual Service Plan's come to fruition. Thank you State of New Mexico for having such a good idea and allowing us to take advantage!!

Be sure to listen to Door of Opportunity news on **Thursday mornings@8:20a.m.**



Incident Management by Leah Smith

Door of Opportunity has an active Incident Report Review Committee. A meeting was held on June 5th @ 8:30 am to review incident, accident, and behavior reports for the month of May. The next meeting will be held on July 10th @ 8:30. Employees are welcome to attend, especially if there are significant issues being addressed with individuals they work with. Dale Caley is the Incident Coordinator and Leah Smith is the Incident Reporting trainer. If anyone ever has a question about incident reporting, please don't hesitate to see Dale or Leah. Remember: "Individuals have the

right to be free from Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation."

The new 2010 Incident Management System Guides, posters, cards, and report forms will be disseminated on July 1, 2009. Training will be held at the next "all staff" meetings scheduled for July 28.



Check out Albert Anderson's movie review radio show on **Mondays@8:20a.m.** Tune in to AM 990 or view online@ www.ksvpradio.com



Relay for Life 2009 by Maria Chavarria

Door of Opportunity participated in the annual "Relay for Life" on June 5th & 6th. There were 4 individuals who spent the night at Jaycee Park. Maria Chavarria and Nicolette Knowlton helped guide the evening, along with several support staff. Team DOO sold 'suns' and 'luminaries' to raise money for the relay. The team also offered foot and back massages for extra

fundraising money. During the opening ceremony, John & Forrest were recognized for being survivors. They got a carnation and a Relay for Life teddy bear. More money was made when Todd Harper, dressed up as a lady and went to town asking for donations. He brought in \$200! The team cooked fajitas for dinner, walked throughout the night, and worked up a big appetite for breakfast on the grill. Pancakes, bacon, sausage, and eggs were



"It's amazing what can be accomplished when you focus on a person's strengths"



cooked for the team then sent home to rest. Fun was had by all!

People's Rights by Leah Smith

The People's Rights self-advocacy group has just about completed their year long cookbook fundraising project. In October of 2008 the group received 200 cookbooks from a cookbook fundraising company that was developed by Julie Thurman and artwork done by Billy Jacobsen. Recipes were gathered by self advocates and their family members. There are some really great food ideas in this book. As of June 2009, there are only 2 cookbooks left and almost

\$2000 made. What a success!! If anyone wants a copy of this great cookbook or wants to invest in Billy's artwork, come by Door of Opportunity, 108 South 14th Street in Artesia.

The next People's Rights meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2009 @ 4:00 pm. The meeting will be held @ the north side of Jaycee Park. Anyone who is interested in learning about self-advocacy is welcome to attend.



The Cookbook Fundraiser Was A Success!!



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Coming Out Next

Month!!!



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Happy Father's Day June 21, 2009

Job Fair and Open House 2009 written by Leah Smith



Door of Opportunity held a Job Fair on Saturday, June 13, 8am-12pm. After 2 weeks of advertising in the Artesia Daily Press and on the local radio stations, the job fair was a huge success. 32 applications

were accepted, and more than 20 people started working for DOO the very next week. Applicants were interviewed on the spot, drug tested shortly after that, and completed OMS Questionnaire. It was a successful day in more ways than one. In addition to the job fair, DOO hosted an open house to show off some of the art work completed by the individuals served. The KSVP country radio jammer was also on site playing music and letting employ-

ees from DOO speak to the community about their work experiences. Donuts, coffee and juice were served to visitors and applicants.

Many of the people visiting DOO on that day participated in a FREE CPR/First Aid Class offered by the clinical team. Original certifications were held at 8am and 10am. Re-certifications were held throughout the morning from 8-12. Some participants were current employees, some were new employees, and others were people in the community who needed the certification.

Door of Opportunity is growing and expanding. The job fair success has helped spread the word about the program and was a successful tool in bringing in a very talented group of new employees. Those employees are still going through their

training and shadowing with Direct Staff. We wish them all a very warm welcome!!

