

Greenleaf In Action- Our "Why" Personified

An open letter from Missy,
a participant's mother:

I've often heard the cliché "People come into your life for a reason." I've encountered so many people on my son Noah's educational journey where this phrase has proven itself. However in this last phase of his journey, I've never believed it more.

From the moment Marck said hello to us at Project SEARCH, we were both more at ease - Noah's anxiety seemed to immediately disappear. Marck gave us an overview of his role, and what Noah could expect from him. With each word Noah's face lit up with excitement.

Then Marck looked at me, and I knew he saw right through me - even behind my mask.

"Mom, it will be ok. I can see the worry in your eyes. You will be amazed at what he will do. And I promise you I will take care of him."

I was amazed at what Noah did over the course of the year, from learning to navigate the hallways to receiving the designation of "most artistic fruit cups" from the Head Chef in his last rotation. He could report back from break and lunch ON TIME. He could advocate for himself when he needed help. He could learn new skills without fear knowing he could do it, even if not on the first try.

But none of that amazement would have happened without Marck as he did indeed take care of Noah. From the job coaching to constructive feedback and constant encouragement that "You can do it Noah. I know you can. YOU just need to believe you can." And he did.

Thank you Marck, for all that you did for Noah and me. We are forever grateful that "People come into your life for a reason." We are incredibly blessed that you came into, and are now a part of, ours.

Best,
Missy

Special Points of Interest

- Thank you everyone who donated to our fundraiser for our Resource Center. We were able to raise over \$3,000!
- Congratulations to our Employee of the Quarter- Betty Gensel



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New Staff Spotlight

Angie DeWitt returns to Greenleaf as a Job Developer. She enjoys working with people to assist them achieve their goals. Angie comes from a multifaceted background and brings those experiences to Greenleaf.

Serina Leonard joins a Job Developer. She recently graduated with a degree in English from Central State University. While pursuing her degree, she was involved in academic honor societies such as Sigma Tau Delta and Alpha Kappa Alpha, where she was involved in enriching her campus community and society at large.

Elizabeth Pinder joins as a Job Coach. She attends OSU and is working towards a Bachelor's in Geography. She plans to graduate in December. Elizabeth loves hanging out with her cat, knitting, crocheting, reading, and going for walks.

Alex Roe joins Greenleaf as a Job Coach. He will be attending Wittenberg University. He plans to major in Special Education/Early Childhood Education. Alex has experience teaching from 7 internships across Dublin City Schools shadowing teachers, leading small group assignments, assisting and instructing the classroom.

Angel Yonek joins Greenleaf as a Job Coach. She has had previous experience working with ODD and is looking forward to working with the Greenleaf Team.

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Participant Spotlight



Brendan

Brendan says his job is important to him because he "likes meeting new people/friends."

Brendan's employer says "He's the best! He always checks in for what to do next, and does even more than what's expected of him."