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RE: Adult Day participants donate shredding to Jack's Aquarium



CRSI Adult Day Service participant's photo displayed on plaque.

Urbana: The Adult Day Services (ADS) program provided by Champaign Residential Services, Inc. (CRSI) is a program of choice for individuals living with the challenges of mental retardation or developmental disabilities (MR/DD) and for those who want to be involved in either recreational or vocational habilitation activities.

The program opened its doors in December 2006 when new state rules paved the way to provide options and choices in how people spend their day. A year later, the program has been a tremendous success and over twenty people have enrolled.

As part of the vocational habilitation program, ADS participants enjoy a working and learning environment that includes a paper-shredding service. According to Bill Adelsberger, chief ancillary officer, the amount of paper coming in for shredding is so large that finding a good use became important to everyone in the program.

A summer field trip to Jack's Aquarium and Pets sparked an idea. Participants and staff decided they would like to donate the shredding to the Ohio-based pet stores to be used for animal bedding. "We really want to be more than consumers", says Adelsberger. "We want to give back to the community for all the community does for us."



Summer field trip to Jack's Aquarium and Pets.

K'Ann Harry, co-owner and marketing manager of Jack's Aquarium and Pets which is corporately located in Beavercreek, is thrilled with the recycling arrangement and has agreed that special recognition be displayed at each Jack's location.

A plaque bearing a photo of ADS participants has been designed for twenty of the twenty-seven Jack's Aquarium locations that are within the CRSI service area. The plaques bear a message that reads: ***“These individuals are proud to provide pet bedding to Jack's Aquarium...The paper-shredding program offers these individuals an opportunity to donate their work to area pet stores for the loving care and comfort of pets awaiting adoption.”***