



High Hopes Clubhouse

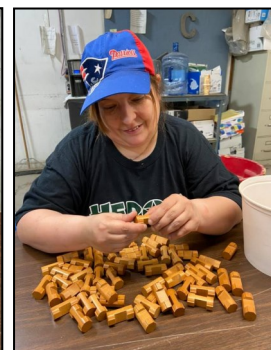
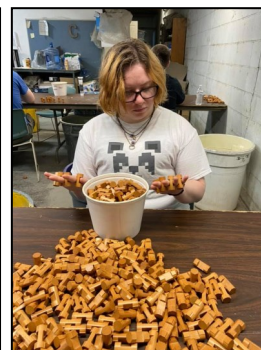
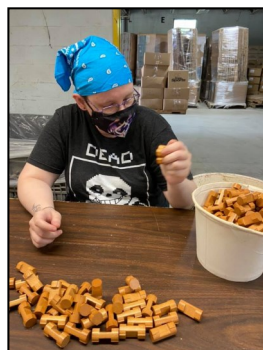
The Road to Meaningful Employment

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Summer 2021

Pride Manufacturing Welcomed as Newest TE Job Site

In May, the High Hopes Clubhouse community was thrilled to welcome Pride Manufacturing in Burnham as its newest group-Transitional Employment site. Four days a week, five Clubhouse members and a job coach travel to the factory for a day's work performing quality control on classic Lincoln Log toy building blocks. In one recent shift the High Hopes crew inspected and sorted 51,192 Lincoln Logs, shattering the previous productivity record. Pride Manufacturing also produces golf tees, cigar tips, and other ancillary items.

Kess, a member who is working there stated, "I enjoy the job's pacing, being able to predict how long it will take me to complete a bucket and try to meet and surpass my previous goals. The big snack area is a plus too."



Damon's Beverage & Redemption Partners with High Hopes Clubhouse

High Hopes was ecstatic to welcome Damon's Beverage and Redemption of Waterville as a community partner providing two Transitional Employment positions. James and Perry (pictured below) were very excited to be the first members to join this new establishment. Damon's Beverages has a long history in bottle returns in the Augusta area and in the past couple of years expanded to the Waterville area. Our positions are on the redemption side where colleagues perform accuracy checks utilizing state of the art recycling equipment.



Education Updates

High Hopes members are pursuing many different education opportunities through local programs and schools such as Adult Education, Kennebec Valley Community College, and the University of Maine at Augusta. Areas of study include basic literacy, information technology, and early childhood education. Several members are preparing

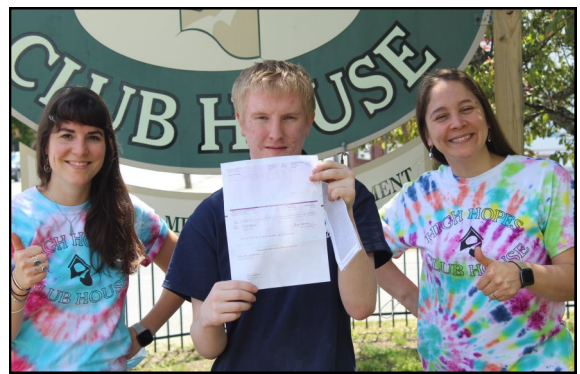


for the HiSET exam which provides adult learners with credentials of equal value to a high school diploma.



Employment Updates

- ◆ James S. completed his TE at Save-A-Lot
- ◆ James D. completed his TE at the Humane Society
- ◆ Izaiah P. tried the position at Save-A-Lot
- ◆ Destiny W. and Sandy Z tried the position at the Humane Society
- ◆ Wendy B. completed the KBH sanitizing position
- ◆ Tiffany is working at KBH Waterville
- ◆ James S. and Perry K. are working at Damon's Beverage
- ◆ Charles D. and Zack F. are working at the Humane Society
- ◆ Tony L. is working at Save-A-Lot
- ◆ John H. is working at KBH Skowhegan
- ◆ Shelley, Kory, Kess, Jill, and Dom are working at Pride.



San Antonio Visit

In early May, High Hopes Clubhouse welcomed two colleagues from San Antonio Clubhouse in Texas for a visit to learn more about our employment program. Will and Johnny spent three days participating in our work-ordered day, working alongside our staff and members in each of the units. They got to attend our first Employment Dinner since 2019! We also took this opportunity to learn about their Clubhouse. Their colleagues back in Texas were able to give us a virtual tour of their building, including their hydroponic garden.

When reflecting on their visit, Will and Johnny were impressed by the tight-knit relationships within our Clubhouse community as well as the structure of our work-ordered day. In a follow-up email they had this to say about their experiences:

“It was an exhilarating experience, refreshing and grateful for the opportunity to visit another clubhouse. Thank you for having us.” Johnny R.

“I had a great time getting to know other people from other clubhouses and it’s great seeing how you will see everyone work together to get things done no matter what city or state you go to that has a clubhouse. Johnny and I could not have asked for a better experience while visiting Village Clubhouse and High Hopes Clubhouse. Thank you all.” Will A.



Crystal Clubhouse Visit

At the end of June, we had seven colleagues from Crystal Clubhouse in Gardner Massachusetts join us to learn more about our work-ordered day. Their crew was enthusiastic about making improvements to their Clubhouse after accreditation. We were happy to share our experience and how we operate our Clubhouse. We look forward to keeping in contact with them and hearing about what changes they decide to implement.



Boundary Training Seminar

Kathleen Paradis, a community educator with the Sexual Assault Crisis & Support Center, presented in-person at the Clubhouse about establishing and setting personal boundaries. This interactive seminar involved several members in roleplay scenarios, to help provide clarity. We look forward to more in-person presenters in the near future for our membership.



Avi and Barbara in one of the roleplay scenarios

Community Connections

High Hopes members and staff celebrated Earth Day on April 20th with a Waterville Community Clean-Up in an effort to beautify our neighborhood. The group worked thoroughly till our dumpster was full. This has been an annual tradition that we plan to continue.



One in 5K

This year we were able to volunteer to help out with the One-In-Five 5K. Unlike last year, the event was virtual due to the pandemic. On April 25th, we handed out bottled water and held up signs to encourage the participants as they ran for the finish line.




Clubhouse Moments



Clubhouse Statistics

Membership: 164
Average Daily Attendance: 49
Members in Education: 7
Transitional Employment sites: 9
Group Transitional Employment Placements: 10
Members working in Supported and Independent Employment: 46

High Hopes Clubhouse
Fiscal Year Earnings 2021



Transitional Employment: \$77,764.80
Supported Employment: \$390,046.30
Verified Working Alumni: \$718,079.00

Total:
\$1,185,890.10



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