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QFI Dayton Introduces Our New Vocational Crew

Quest for Independence Dayton is pleased to announce that our Vocational Program is up and running with huge success!! We currently have 4 full time employee consumers and 4 part-time employee consumers! QFI Dayton had been anxiously awaiting for work to begin and now it is in full swing.



We are excited about the present opportunities that we offer here at Quest for Independence. We currently have successful contracts with Warehouse Direct and Shred-It. Our Warehouse Direct Contract allows our individuals to learn and/or practice their skills in checking orders when they arrive, packing shipments/orders together and making sure that each order is delivered to the correct person in a timely manner. We also contract with Shred-It where employee consumers build storage containers and re-string bags for storing the secured shredding. Quest for Independence also has Janitorial work, landscaping, van detailing, and clerical work.

Our Dayton, OH Vocational Crew are quick learners. It did not take long before each employee consumer was working some on each job and they were very excited when they picked up their first paycheck! The best news is, Quest for Independence Employee Consumers our earning minimum wage for their work, which makes the paycheck even better! We are very proud of the jobs we have created and successful contracts we have obtained so far, and Quest for Independence is always looking for more businesses to build positive working relationships with to increase our participants skills and independence! If you have any ideas or see how Quest for Independence can work with your business we would love to hear from you!



QFI Tri-County Welcomes New Day Program Director: Watoiya Williams

























cating for those who need the supports that they need. I have a beautiful 15 ½ year old daughter, Deasia, who I love very much. I enjoy traveling whenever I get the opportunity. Some places that I have traveled to are: Nassau Bahamas, Orlando, Miami, Gatlinburg, Chicago, St. Louis. I plan to travel to Washington DC, Virginia Beach, Jamaica, Haiti, and Grand Cayman Islands this year.

Do you have any pets, and if so, what are their names?

I do not currently have any pets but I enjoy them very much. I'm thinking about getting a dog when my daughter goes away to college in two years.

Watoiya, tell us something about yourself:

I've been working with individuals with developmental disabilities since 2001. I have a BA in psychology. I worked for Butler County DDS for about 7 years as a Habilitation Coordinator and SupportCare, INC. for about three years as a Program Director. I enjoy advo-

| July, 2011 | | | | | | |
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|  <p>Tri County Quest for Independence</p> | | | | | 1 Independence Day Crafts  | 2 |
| 3 | 4 Closed Independence Day  | QFI 5 Picnic in the Park  | 6 Cooking Class  | 7 Square Dancing  | 8 Swimming at the Y  | 9 |
| 10 | 11 Monster Golf  | 12 Movie Day at QFI  | 13 Birthday Party  | 14 Picnic in the Park  | 15 Wii Bowling Tournament  | 16 |
| 17 | 18 Mall Walk  | 19 Library  | 20 Ice cream Social  | 21 Square Dancing  | 22 Swimming at the Y  | 23 |
| 24 | 25 Jungle Jim's  | 26 Eden Park  | 27 Cooking Class  | 28 Picnic in the Park  | 29 Field Day  | 30 |

Dayton QFI Went to the Zoo

On May 25th QFI Dayton visited the animals at the Cincinnati Zoo! This was an outing that each individual has anticipated for a long time and we finally were able to head south and experience their wild kingdom. QFI had a great time visiting the elephants, giraffes, flamingos, and bears. We spent the entire day there and everyone loved it and had a great time! If you would like to check out other fun outings that we go on or our vocational crew please contact Jennifer Lemons at 937-280-2000.



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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|--|---|--|--|---|
|  | Lets | Celebrate | Our | Independence | 1 Mall walking  | 2 |
| 3 | 4 Independence Day QFI is Closed For the Holiday  | 5 Grocery Shopping Library  | 6 Cooking Day  | 7 Square Dancing  | 8 William Howard Taft Birthplace Museum  | 9  |
| 10  | 11 Grocery Shopping  | 12 Movies and Popcorn  | 13 Cooking Day  | 14 Bowling  | 15 Day at the Park  Weather Permitted | 16 |
| 17 | 18 Grocery Shopping  | 19 Library  | 20 Cook out at QFI  | 21 Square Dancing  | 22 Going to the Pool!  Weather Permitted | 23  |
| 24 Parents' Day  | 25 Grocery Shopping  | 26 Eat out at a Restaurant  | 27 Cooking Day  | 28 Game and Movie Day at QFI  | 29 Nature Walk  Weather Permitted | 30 |
| 31 | | | | |  | |

JULY 2011


| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|---|--|---|--|
| | | | | 1 Go to Fairport Mardi Gras  |
| 4 th of July  QFI closed Have a safe holiday | 5 Library  Everyone must get a book!! | 6 Volunteer Day  Making kites | 7 Cook-Out at the Beach  No lunch needed Bring a drink! | 8 Baseball at Painesville  Participant Council Meeting |
| 11 Men's Day  Crawford Auto Museum Admission \$8.50 | 12 Library  Concert at Holden Arboretum | 13 Volunteer Day  Mentor Kids Have Talent Show | 14 Backyard games  | 15 Figure Skating Show  |
| 18 Ladies Day  Manicure's | 19 Library  Little Mountain Heritage Festival | 20 Volunteer Day  Out to lunch Hometown Buffet Bring a cold lunch!! | 21 Flying Kites on the Beach  Bring a cold lunch!! | 22 Baseball at Northcliff  Public Library Book Sale |
| 25 Mentor Lagoon Nature Preserve  Bring a cold lunch! | 26 Library  Little Mountain Heritage Festival | 27 Volunteer Day  Walk at the mall | 28 National Milt Chocolate Day  Make chocolate covered strawberries | 29 Community Garage Sale  |

Enjoying the Outdoors

We are so excited to see the nice weather as we make plans to spend as much time outdoors as possible with cook outs, walks, trips to the beach and the lagoon. The ladies have been busy planning our prom while the gentlemen are having a good time playing any sports they can in the back yard. Washing the vans seems to be one of the highlights so far this summer with our favorite activity being finding rocks at the beach and painting them. It is amazing to see how creative everyone is with the shapes making them into flowers, animals, and cars. Northcliff and Painesville played their first baseball game in Painesville on June 3, 2011. We had a really good time and are looking forward to the next game at Brooklyn. It was really nice to meet the participants and staff from Northcliff. July looks to be just as exciting with outings to a Mardi Gras Festival, Kids have talent show, Figure Skating show, Heritage festival, the lagoon and whatever else we can squeeze in.

Yes we do like to have fun but we do some serious work and learning as well. The wonderful staff has made each of the participants “educational folders.” Each folder is very specific to the individual and contains worksheets and learning papers that each participant has chosen to work on. The folders include math, reading, letters, money skills or address and phone number.

Have a very happy and safe 4th of July from all of us in Painesville.!



Summertime Fun at QFI Northcliff

QFI is proud to announce its inaugural baseball game. Participants from both QFI Northcliff and QFI Painesville met in a friendly game of baseball. Players were able to take in a game, meet new friends, and start a tradition that will continue throughout the summer. Outings are a very important part of Quest For Independence. Outings range from park visits, shopping trips, museums, Cedar Point, to even touring Brown's stadium. Not only do participants enjoy accessing the community, but it is great share experiences with friends new and old. Outings are just a part of the great experiences QFI has to offer. Quest for independence has great vocational and habilitation opportunities to learn new skills, meet new people, and have a great experience, all at the same time. We welcome you to stop by to see the great things we are doing, and we are sure to see you while we are out and about.



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  |  |  |  |  | 1 West Side Market |  |
|  | 4 4th of July QFI Closed | 5 QFI Closed Vocational Program Open | 6 QFI Closed Vocational Program Open | 7 QFI Closed Vocational Program Open | 8 QFI Closed Vocational Program Open |  |
|  | 11 Hinkley Park | 12 Movie Outing | 13 Rainforest Exhibit | 14 Picnic In the Park | 15 Recycling Center |  |
|  | 18 Huntington Beach | 19 Library Outing | 20 West Side Market | 21 Zoo Outing | 22 Park Outing |  |
|  | 25 Garfield Nature Center | 26 Amish Country | 27 Art Museum | 28 Splash Park | 29 Pet Store Visit |  |

Star Struck

The inaugural talent show was held in May and was a huge success. We had around 20 acts perform and “wow” the crowd! There was freshly popped popcorn to welcome the guests...mmmm...it smelled so good. The acts varied from country vocal solos to group performances of vocals and dance. We also enjoyed several piano solos, stand-up comedy and guitar playing. The participants surprised the audience by bringing them into the show by having them dance and sing during some of the acts! We are very thankful for the huge success of the show and the many guests that came from ViaQuest administration, FCBDD, APSI, family, friends and other providers. We are also extremely proud of all of the partici-

pants for practicing almost every day for a month preparing their big day... we cannot wait for next year’s talent show! Summer work contracts are up and running and the vocational crew is doing a fabulous job meeting all of the job needs. We have been washing vans, built a large quantity of Shred-It consoles for a last minute deadline and have been preparing for some upcoming landscape and painting jobs. QFI is always in need of workers as our contracts are calling and we definitely need the help. If you want to earn a paycheck, we want YOU! Call us today at 614-212-6148.



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| | | | | 1 | 2 | |
| 3 | 4 CLOSED CLOSED CLOSED ENJOY!!! | 5 ice cream (\$3.00) park | 6 park games | 7 bring lunches to the park | 8 movies out (\$2.00) | |
| | 1 Grocery store (park) | 12 cooking class (grilled cheese) | 13 arts and crafts | 14 cookout or takeout | 15 motor cycle museum (\$7.00) | |
| 17 | 18 LIBRARY | 19 park fun and games | 20 bowling (\$3.00) | 21 scavenger hunt | 22 franklin park conservatory | |
| 24 | 25 Grocery store (park) | 26 strawberry short cake & | 27 BBQ IN THE PARK | 28 ice cream social | 29 movies out (\$2.00) | 30 |
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| | | | | | 1 DVD Movie and Popcorn | |
| | 4 QFI Closed | 5 Local Metro Park | 6 | 7 Team Game Day | 8 Mall Walk | |
| | 11 Bowling | 12 Grocery Store | 13 Cooking Class | 14 Fun Stuff | 15 DVD Movie and Popcorn | |
| | 18 Queen | 19 Participant Council Meeting | 20 Dairy Queen | 21 Team Game Day | 22 Coffee Shop | |
| | 25 Lunch In Park | 26 Grocery Store | 27 Cooking Class | 28 | 29 | |

Happenings Around Twinsburg

QFI Twinsburg would like to send out a very special thank you to Taff Price. Mrs. Price is the mother of participant Aaron B., and a blessing to QFI Twinsburg. She is always volunteering her time to assist us with fun activities for those we serve. She has given our participants anger management classes; calming strategies, and most recently given an art and music therapy class. Mrs. Price and her husband have even opened their farm up to our participants to visit. Our participants love and cherish her and the staff appreciates her involvement with the participants we serve. We here at QFI Twinsburg have truly found An Angel Among Us in Mrs. Taff Price.



They are The Few - the Proud - the Perfect Attendance Club:

1. Vince H. – 4 months in a row
2. Justin M. – 4 months in a row
3. Dave L. – 4 months in a row
4. Don M.
5. Mario C.
6. Victor D.

Please join me in giving Vince, Justin, and Dave a round of applause for achieving 4 months in a row of perfect attendance. Great job guys!!

Employee of the Month:

QFI Twinsburg is proud to announce Victor D. as our employee of the month for the second month in a row. Victor came in first place with a total of 100 pts. In second place was Deangilo S. with 71 pts. In third place was Karen C. with 67pts. Great job to all!





QFI Insider



QFI Location Guide

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