

Tracy's Triumphs

How United Way of Brevard and Brevard Achievement Center changed Tracy's life for the better.



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In May of 1990, a 29-year-old woman made a visit to the Brevard Achievement Center (BAC) with a desire to learn lifelong skills. Tracy was born with PKU disease, a condition which resulted in developmental delays. But that didn't stop her. For nearly three decades, she has been a dedicated participant in Brevard Achievement Center's Adult Day Training Program and the Supported Living Program. Here, she invested herself in learning life skills such as self-care, self-advocacy and basic job and computer skills.

So what was Tracy's ultimate goal? Working in the field of childcare for her community. Her next step to achieve this goal was gaining acceptance into the BAC Industry Readiness Training Program. This multidisciplinary, structured program is designed to offer individuals with differing abilities the opportunity to transition into community employment.

Her hard work paid off when she was offered an On-The-Job Training opportunity at Parkhurst Academy, a faith-based private school in Melbourne. Even though Parkhurst did not have any open positions that would be a good fit for her, they made the decision to create a new position where she could excel.

Tracy was ecstatic to accept the permanent community-based employment as the official School Aide. She currently works 15 hours a week, 5 hours per day for 3 days. Some of her responsibilities include supporting students' safety by helping in the car loop for drop-off, assisting children during lunch and classroom activities and other deep cleaning duties.

Without your support, Tracy may not have been able to land her job at Parkhurst Academy. Every step of Tracy's Triumphs are supported by your help. Thank you.

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