



Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities' Kristen Schoenwald Finds Successful Career at Walmart

BACKGROUND

The Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities mission is to help local individuals with developmental disabilities live, learn and earn in the community. One of its clients, Kristen Schoenwald, has found a successful full-time job in the community as a sales associate at Walmart in Middlefield.

KRISTEN'S STORY

Kristen was hired from Walmart's general pool of applicants. She made it through the initial application process and then a three-part interview in order to secure her job. Her main responsibilities are to monitor the phone lines and asset protection in the dressing rooms.

Kristen's supervisor is Jeremy Horne, the store manager of Walmart. He says that she is a wonderful addition to the Walmart team.

"Kristen brings a diversity of thought to her role, she is detail oriented and passionate," he said. "Her passion for making sure the customer is satisfied is something that I look for in my other employees."

The best part of her job, Kristen says, is having friends at work.

"I have a few friends here and I love having people to talk to while I work," she said. "The job can be challenging, because it is corporate America, but I have an occupational coach from the Metzenbaum Center who helps me understand how to be successful. They've really helped me out when I've needed it."

GCBDD'S COMMITMENT

The Geauga County Board is committed to finding employment for the individuals we serve by partnering with private providers and local businesses. Several businesses have embraced this idea, including the Weils of Bainbridge, Hamlet Village, Giant Eagle, Pizza Hut, Kuhnle Brothers, White House Chocolates, Bob Evans, Drug Mart, University Hospitals Geauga Medical Center and Heinen's.

If your businesses would like to partner with the board, call 440.729.9406.



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