

BACKGROUND

The mission of the Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities is to help local individuals with developmental disabilities live, learn and earn in the community. One of its clients, Trace Waldbauer, has worked at Hamlet Retirement Community in Chagrin Falls for the past two months.

TRACE'S STORY

When Hamlet Retirement Community was looking for an employee, they contacted the Metzenbaum Center. Thanks to his resume and relevant work experience, Trace was hired in September as a dishwasher. Without him, said his supervisor Wynn Jeter, there would be no food service.

"Trace is a great employee," Wynn said. "He is reliable, always on time and he keeps us laughing through the stressful days. He's an important part of our team."

Trace is responsible for washing all dishes, pots and pans, stocking the storeroom on delivery days and keeping the dishpit clean. He works three days a week and his coworkers always look forward to seeing him.

"When I interviewed him, he seemed like he would be a good employee, and he's become one of our best," Wynn said. "He's been a great fit and I wish I had more employees with his constantly positive attitude."

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, Heinen's and Sajar Plastics, LLC.

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

