

RICHARD (JUNIOR) PLESMID



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JUNIOR'S STORY

With his job coach supporting his goals, Junior began his official job at the truck stop on April 20, 2017. He works once a week on Fridays, completing several different types of tasks like cleaning bathrooms, emptying garbage cans, picking up trash along the truck stop's curbs and other general means of upkeep. Since the truck stop is always open, Junior is able to stay on the schedule year-round—sometimes, he even works holidays if they fall on a Friday, which offers a unique perspective on what it means to be a truck driver. In other words, Junior has learned that a truck driver's work doesn't stop for holidays, as products always need to be shipped, transported and delivered.

Already, Junior has found great fulfillment in his job, enjoying the chance to simply meet new people and make new friends. He particularly enjoys talking to all of the truck drivers who pass through. According to Junior's boss, he is a great man who is funny and loves to crack jokes. Junior is also a family man and truly values spending quality time with his family.

In his spare time, Junior golfs with the Special Olympics – a hobby he began in June – and he loves to shop until he drops. He also collects the patches that firefighters wear on their uniforms and proudly displays his collection in his room. "I like fire trucks and semi-trucks and have a collection of patches from all over from fire stations," said Junior. "I love to spend time with my sister and family on holidays."

GCBDD'S COMMITMENT

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