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OCTOBER IS NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

Upcoming Events

Improv for EVERYONE!

We are pleased to partner with Edge Theatre's Constellation Project, creating inspiring environments for young adults to build together and uplift each other.

[Intro to Improv](#)
[Friday, October 16](#)
[5-6:30 pm](#)

[Intro to Comedy](#)
[Saturday, Nov. 14](#)
[1-2:30 pm](#)



Guys Night Out

Guys Night Out - Planning Ahead!

Mac Phillips has recently started TL2C's Guys' Night Out. Their first outing was dinner at The Landmark in Northbrook. The second outing was at Dave and Buster's (above picture) in Vernon Hills. The "guys" ate dinner together, laughed, and played games!

Mac said that the group has been amazing and it has been the willingness of every member of the group to try new things and step outside of their comfort zone. When he asked if anyone would like to play mini-golf, one of the guys said, "I have never done it, but I can try it." Every guy has their preferences, but they are willing to try what other guys prefer as well.

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- [Girlfriends Group](#)

- [Movie Night Out](#)

- [Yoga & Healthy](#)

[Supper Club](#)

Pitching In for our Community...

TotalLink is proud to support the Northbrook Chamber of Commerce's yearly meal-packing event. This year we had a team of TL2C Employment Specialists, Board Members, a Volunteer, and a Job Seeker. We were a lively, productive team that helped the Chamber complete a day-long goal of packing 50,000 meals!



All Smiles at Eggemeyer & Graham

Allissa B. was hired at Eggemeyer & Graham Orthodontics in Wilmette as an Orthodontic Assistant Auxiliary in June.

Creating an Inclusive and Profitable Workplace

Keynote presentation by workforce diversity champion and author Randy Lewis followed by an employment round-table on broadening your workforce by hiring people with developmental disabilities



Author of "No Greatness without Goodness: How a Father's Love Changed a Company and Sparked a Movement"

Free Registration
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Thursday, October 8
9.00am - 10.30am
Walgreens University
Six Parkway North
Deerfield, IL

[Click here for Registration!](#)

TL2C to Host Unprecedented Disability Employment Panel

Honoring National Disability Employment Awareness Month

TotalLink2 Community is proud to host a Disability Employment Panel through an investment of the Illinois Council on Disabilities. The Panel will be held on Thursday, October 8, 2015, from 9 am - 10:30 am at Walgreens University in Deerfield, IL. "EVERYONE WORKS! Creating an Inclusive AND Profitable Workplace for People with Disabilities" is the first ever program of its kind on the North Shore and is expected to attract a wide range of area employers and families of those with developmental disabilities.

The Panel will be led by keynoter Randy Lewis, author of *No Greatness without Goodness*, and former Vice-President of Walgreens. He will share how one idea sparked a groundbreaking and inclusive method for improving productivity, efficiency and opportunity at Walgreens distribution centers.

"We're proud to have him on the panel and know that he will inspire and inform everyone who attends." says Janice Weinstein Executive Director of TL2C

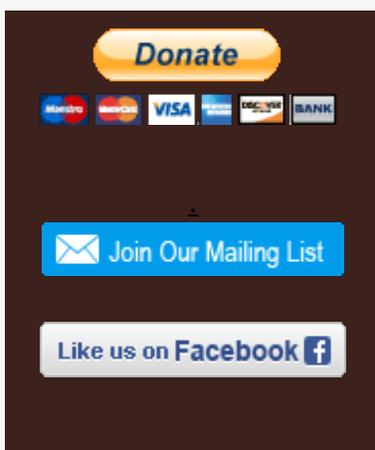
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Marcello Dives Right In!



She is excelling at her new position and has quickly increased her workload from 6 to 10 hours per week with the possibility of adding more hours soon. About her job, Allissa said, "I love learning new things every day and the people are so nice." Elsa, Orthodontic Assistant said, "Allissa makes my job easier and we love her friendliness and easy-going attitude." Congratulations, Allissa!

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Marcelo A. is an Evanston Township High School graduate who recently started working for the High Ridge YMCA in Chicago. Marcelo works assisting with daily housekeeping.

His Supervisor, Carlos Martinez says, "Marcelo is always excited and ready to work. I have never seen him without a smile. Such a great worker." Marcelo sets up/takes down the equipment needed for the Silver Sneakers Class. The class enjoys seeing Marcelo every day and say he "is a great worker and such a pleasure to see."

On days when Marcelo isn't working, he spends his days at Arts of Life program where he is able to create and sell his artwork. "I love art," Marcelo shared, and has shown at the Whole Foods in Northbrook. Marcelo also works at his family's business, Bucephalus Bikes. There he assists with projects, inventory and organizing. With his two jobs and the Arts of Life program, Marcelo has a very complete schedule. He is "happy" to go to work and he enjoys being able to "make money."

We are proud to announce the EveryoneWorks! Initiative is creating sustainable outcomes.

Three and half years ago, TL2C received an investment from the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities in partnership with NSSD and Griffin-Hammis Associates to use a set of best practice

strategies called Customized Employment to help people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families find and maintain employment. The investment and partnerships opened our doors to help so many young people find meaningful community employment and allowed us the opportunity to share what we learned by facilitating trainings.

Within a short period of time, members of our community joined together, to share in the many successes of our jobseekers! Just think what the next three and half years will bring! Thank you to the eager and talented job seekers we work with, their families, our innovative business partners large and small and dedicated stakeholders including the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities, Northern Suburban Special Education Cooperative and the Department of Rehabilitative Services.

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