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AFTERSCHOOL POTLUCK

Elmys Appreciates its parents and individuals



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Staff Appreciation Day!

Elmy's Special Services Afterschool Program hosted a Potluck held at the Day Habilitation Center, on June 28th where parents and individuals attended. Although a few parents cancelled last minute, the Potluck was successful, the parents that attended had fun and they had great food. The food was provided by Elmy's but staff and parents also contributed by bringing food, salads and snacks. Parents had a great times listening to great music, getting a chance to socialize with staff and myself. Individuals played 2 games of musical chair, the parents and staff joined in. The event was successful because it gave parents a chance to be involved and engaged. Looking forward to a bigger, better Potluck next year.

Elmy's Afterschool program which is located at 990 Dekalb Avenue at P.S. 81. The Afterschool Program is designed to provide assistance with homework, to encourage socialization, creativity and to provide a peaceful and free environment for individuals diagnosed with a developmental disability. The afterschool program offers activities that includes but not limited to: Handwriting improvements, arts and crafts and Culinary Arts Class.



On Wednesday, June 28, 2017, upper management wanted to express our sincere gratitude to all staff of Elmy's Special Services. Staff would arrive to pick up their paychecks, they were pleasantly greeted by colorful balloons and sparkly decor.

Once the staff received their paychecks, they were instructed to go downstairs where they could partake in a spread of Caribbean bites from jerk chicken, rice and peas, fish cakes and more.

There was even 2 beautiful cakes. The staff seemed to be having a good time and enjoy themselves.



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ESS STAFF APRECIATION DAY

Jewelry Making Class for Individuals

I invited Chaya Adler from Chic and Bling Jewelry to come and do a jewelry making class with our individuals. She brought all the materials, which included beads and semi precious stones. She set up the string and demonstrated how to make the bracelets. She provided all the materials, which included various metal and plastic beads as well as semi precious stones. Ms Adler demonstrated how to make the bracelets and the individuals created their own designs with some assistance from staff. Once the bracelets were completed, Ms Adler completed them by putting the clasps on and made sure they were secured them so they won't break or loose out. The atmosphere was one of creativity and relaxation. The individuals were all proud of their creations. All in all, it was an enjoyable experience for everyone.

The program runs Monday through Friday from 7am to 3pm. Individuals work on various goals and outcomes as well as volunteering at various worksites that are selected based on their needs and interests including nursing homes, schools, hospitals and other local businesses.



One thing I learned as Executive Director over the years here at Elmy's Special Services is the power of giving back. It strengthens community and furthers our progress as a people. Spending time, energy and building trust really goes a long way in strengthening community bonds.

When I think of this, I like to think of one of my favorite quotes by the great Muhammad Ali "Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth." By giving back we are saying thank you to the community that pushed and bore the seeds of our beginnings. I challenge you all to do one selfless act in your community and share. By helping one another we all win.

EXECUTIVE'S NOTE

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