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NES Connections



Growing Together

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What's Happening Across NES

Aug 3	Health and Well-NES Competition begins	South Valley
Aug 6	BBQ (see flyer)	South Valley
Aug 7-8	Booth at International Days and float in the parade (see flyer)	Price
Aug 18	Movie Day Valley Fair Mall @ 4 pm	Salt Lake
Aug 21	Cinema Day @12 pm (see flyer)	Box Elder
Aug 28-30	Dinah "SOAR" Days Balloon Festival (see flyer)	Vernal
Aug 28	Fishing at Murray Pond @ 4 pm	Salt Lake
Sept 25	Homecoming Dance @6 pm	Orem

Did You Know?

Employment opportunities are changing lives! More than **72** individuals across 12 NES offices are currently working in the community with support from our **Employment Services Team**. These opportunities help individuals build independence, confidence, and meaningful connections while achieving goals they once only dreamed of. (See Ashlie's story on pg. 2).



A special thanks to **Cindy Borba, Ben Wasinger, Dillon Gleed and Dawn Jacobs** for the wonderful submissions to this newsletter!





CLIENT SUCCESS STORIES

Growing Together This Summer 

Healthy Habits, Big Wins

Brittany has been working hard to improve her health through positive changes to her diet, exercise, and daily routines. She has inspired her roommates to join her through workouts, walks, and cooking healthy meals together. Brittany recently celebrated losing 14 pounds and lowering her A1C to 7.1%, showing the incredible progress she has made toward a healthier lifestyle.

Baking Up Success

Doug has made great progress toward independence by maintaining positive daily routines, improving his health, and increasing his daily walks. He enjoys helping his peers and takes excellent care of his guinea pig, Padame. To buy Padame a new cage, Doug organized a successful bake sale and earned enough money to reach his goal. Staff continue to support Doug as he builds healthy habits and greater independence.

Thriving at Work

NES is proud to celebrate Robert's three-year employment anniversary at a grocery store. Since joining the team in 2023, Robert has become a valued employee, helping greet customers, bag groceries, and create a welcoming environment. With support from his NES job coach, Robert has built confidence, independence, and meaningful workplace connections while showcasing his dedication and positive attitude.

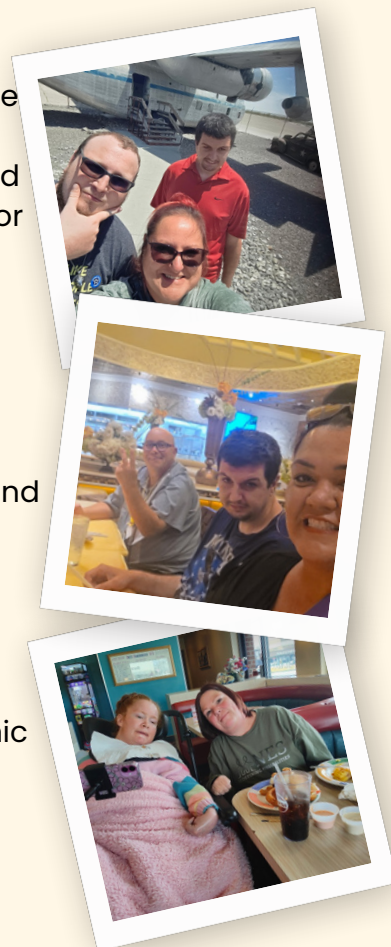
NES Employment Services Success

Through NES Employment Services, Ashlie found lasting success with a customized housekeeping position at a local furniture store. Employed since 2023, she quickly became independent on the job and continues to help keep the store welcoming for customers.



NES is proud to celebrate the outstanding efforts of three incredible team members from our Roosevelt location who went above and beyond to create a memorable experience for our valued clients. Iliana Llamas, Rose Miller, and April Genessy demonstrated exceptional planning, creativity, and dedication by organizing and executing a fun, exciting trip to Wendover that left participants energized, connected, and grateful for the NES community.

Highlights of the trip included scenic travel, exciting opportunities to enjoy Wendover's casinos, and plenty of time for individuals to unwind and build stronger relationships with the NES family. Whether it was thoughtful scheduling, handling last-minute adjustments with grace, or adding those special personal touches that made the experience truly special, this dynamic trio made the entire event seamless and enjoyable. At NES, we believe that experiences like this strengthen our individual partnerships and reflect the heart of our organization. The hard work, enthusiasm, and attention to detail shown by Iliana Llamas, Rose Miller, and April Genessy exemplify the kind of teamwork and care that sets our company apart.



Militza Latronico brings warmth and kindness to NES South Valley every day as our Front Desk Receptionist. As the first face many see, she creates a welcoming environment through her patience, compassion, and willingness to go above and beyond. Thank you, Militza, for making NES a brighter place for our staff and individuals!



We appreciate the Price Day Service team who creates meaningful opportunities for individuals to stay active and connected through community outings, local adventures, and engaging activities. From exploring Price-area destinations to enjoying crafts, games, and social activities, staff support individuals in building independence and meaningful connections.



NES HAPPENINGS

Adventures in Motion

For our South Valley location, this summer has been all about getting outside, having fun, and experiencing new things! We have a group of individuals that have been learning about public transport and how to utilize it safely. The day program was able to go and visit an airplane museum and had the workers teach them about each plane. We had two individuals that were able to go on their first trip to a rodeo with their new host home.



A Sea of Smiles

The Roosevelt Day Program recently enjoyed an outing to the Loveland Living Planet Aquarium in Draper, Utah. Participants explored marine exhibits, learned about sea life, and enjoyed a day filled with discovery, connection, and fun.

With support from NES staff and caregivers, individuals were able to fully participate in this meaningful community experience that promotes independence, social connections, and lifelong learning.



Finding Fun Around Every Corner

Our individuals in Price have enjoyed a summer full of community adventures, including the Greek Festival, Scofield Days, car races, swimming, shopping trips, and local dining experiences. They recently started a community challenge and scavenger hunt, encouraging teamwork, exploration, and new experiences. These activities help build confidence, strengthen friendships, and create lasting memories.

