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NES Connections

Illuminating Potential

Celebrating the people, moments, and memories that make **NES** Shine.



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Upcoming Events
Mark Your Calendar!

Lehi
Harry Potter Party
Oct 3rd @ 5PM

Vernal
Corn Maze
Oct 22nd

Vernal
Trick-or-Treat Street
Oct 24th @ 3PM

Layton
Trunk-or-Treat
Oct 29th

Vernal
Halloween Party
Oct 30th @ 2 pm

Roosevelt
Halloween Party
Oct 30th

Price
Trunk-or-Treat
Oct 30th @ 1 PM

Price
Fall Scavenger Hunt
Month of October

Did You Know?

At NES, we don't just support individuals in reaching their goals, we celebrate the journey along the way. Brandon recently reached an exciting milestone by purchasing his own 4-wheeler after years of working, saving and planning for his future. More about this story on **page 5**.



A special thanks to Latrica Franklin, Nicole Harvey, Amanda Long, and Cathy Davis for the submissions to this month's newsletter ♡



Client Success Stories

This October, we're ***shining a light*** on the incredible people we support and the potential that shines through in their everyday accomplishments.



Shining Bright at Work!

For more than seven years, Jason has worked as a groundskeeper at an apartment complex. Known for his positive attitude, reliability, and willingness to help others, Jason brings a smile and a good joke wherever he goes. His employer has nothing but great things to say about him, and Jason plans to continue working for many years to come!

Her Future is Bright

Alejandra is building independence and confidence! She recently started working at Ross, gaining valuable workplace experience while working toward her goals. She's also committed to a healthier lifestyle, making the gym part of her routine and going almost daily. Her dedication is opening the door to new possibilities!





Lighting the Way to Success

Gregory is making great strides toward independence! Over the summer, he worked with a job coach, applied to several restaurants, and was successfully hired at Slim Chickens in American Fork. Before starting his new job, Gregory completed his food handler training and passed with a 100%! He is doing an amazing job and building valuable skills for his future.



Staff Shout Outs

A little recognition for the staff who keep **NES** *Glowing*

Glowing Above and Beyond

Since joining NES in 2024, Amy, from our Layton location, has grown from staff into a dedicated house manager. Her organization, attention to detail, and willingness to help others make her a valuable leader. She works hard to support and train her team while always keeping the success of the individuals she serves at heart. We're lucky to have Amy on the NES team!





A Bright Spot at NES

Special shout out to Raymonica, who may be newer to our team, but has already made such a positive impact. She is attentive, caring, and does a wonderful job connecting with the individuals we support. Raymonica is always willing to help out wherever she is needed. We are so happy to have her as part of our team at the NES St. George location and truly appreciate all that she brings to our homes!

Staff Who Shine

Tierney has grown from Direct Care Staff into an outstanding House Manager. Her kindness, patience, and dedication shine through in the way she supports both individuals and staff. From teaching cooking and home care to encouraging new activities, Tierney brings out the best in everyone around her. We're grateful to have her on the NES Lehi team!



NES Happenings

Glowing moments and exciting things happening across **NES**.



The Lehi Day Program kicked off fall with a boot-stompin' Hoedown! More than 80 people joined the fun, with SLC NES staff teaching line dances and everyone two-stepping across the floor. With music, dancing, amazing food, and friends from the SLC Day Program, it was a day full of fun and connection. A big shout-out to Braxton Castro, CAP Assistant Director, and his team for making this party a success!



Our individuals in St. George have been actively engaged in a variety of activities and community experiences. Whether enjoying their favorite ice cream shops, exploring community businesses, state fair, shopping, pool parties, movies, or spending time with friends, each experience has created lasting memories!





Layton has been keeping busy with Zumba, community outings, and a special evening of dinner and dancing at the Monarch in Ogden. Individuals enjoyed getting dressed up, fresh hairstyles, manicures, pedicures, and haircuts.

Illuminating Independence

Hard work, smart choices and a little support are helping pave the way toward a more independent future.

For Brandon, buying a new 4-wheeler is about more than having a new ride. It is another step toward the independence he has been working to achieve for years.

Brandon has been part of **NES** at our Price location for more than eight years and has worked at Sutherland's for the past six. He has a goal of saving money for a down payment on a home of his own someday, and his hard work and determination continue to move him closer to that goal.

When Brandon decided he wanted a new 4-wheeler, he knew he needed to sell his current one first. With encouragement and a clear goal in mind, he sold it in just two days!

His new 4-wheeler is already helping him become more independent. He uses the trailer to haul loads to the dump, enjoys keeping up his yard, and hopes to eventually add a plow so he can help his neighbors during the winter. He is also excited about being able to drive his 4-wheeler to work.

NES Supports the Goal, Brandon Makes It Happen

At **NES**, we believe independence starts with meaningful goals. Through encouragement, support and opportunities to build skills, we help individuals work toward the things that matter most to them.

Brandon's new 4-wheeler is more than a purchase. It represents years of hard work, smart choices, and determination, and another exciting step toward independence.

Congratulations, Brandon!

