



# ETC! newsletter

## Your Vision is Our Mission

### Let's give a shout out to natural supports and the best working environment ever!!!

S.D. visited Fat Cupcake with his job coach and asked to speak with the supervisor. After meeting with Jack (supervisor), S.D. was asked to come back in for a working interview. S.D. did such a great job Jack offered him a job starting at the SE 72<sup>nd</sup> Woodstock store in Multnomah County.

S.D. is now the dishwasher at all 3 of the Fat Cupcake locations! S.D. washes the dishes, maintains the dish pit, and takes out the trash at the end of his shift. S.D. utilizes Tri-Met Lift to get to and from work. Tri-Met also allows him the flexibility to get to all 3 locations of work as well. S.D. works 5 days a week, 4 hours per shift. He has recently had a change in his schedule, which has allowed him to work Monday-Friday.

His Job coach knew S.D. was going to need some specialized training to learn his dish washing job since S.D. is blind and needs to use his hands as his eyes. She worked diligently establishing a routine of him washing and touching each dish in the same order until he learned the routine. S.D. is also lucky enough to have the best team of co-workers behind him that are ready and willing to assist when needed. S.D.'s co-workers have kindly agreed to set aside all sharp knives. He washes them separately, so he won't accidentally cut himself.

S.D. likes the friendly atmosphere that FAT Cupcake offers. Everyone is kind and helpful, and he has gained many friends. S.D. also feels very thankful that he has natural supports from each of his co-workers, as well as the supervisor and owner of FAT Cupcake. S.D. tells his job coach often, "that this is the best work environment he has ever had the pleasure of working in."

When S.D. is not working, he plays the keyboard and is quite good! He likes to perform on Hawthorne in Portland in front of his favorite record store. S.D. has a passion for music and enjoys playing many different genres on his keyboard.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- D.C. — 7/1
- R.M. — 7/1
- R.S. — 7/6
- J.N. — 7/7
- J.S. — 7/7
- J.G. — 7/8
- A.V. — 7/11
- S.H. — 7/12
- C.Y. — 7/13
- P.A. — 7/14
- S.P. — 7/15
- A.C. — 7/18
- L.H. — 7/20
- P.S. — 7/21
- J.F. — 7/23
- C.C. — 7/25
- J.S. — 7/25
- E.W. — 7/26
- R.M.-M. — 7/28
- J.U. — 7/29
- A.M. — 7/31
- K.D. — 7/31

### New Employment Path and Small Group Job Opportunities

\*Fulcrum Logistics- Marine Drive

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