



# HENRY FORD HEALTH<sup>SM</sup>

## West Bloomfield Hospital

### Project SEARCH Newsletter

WINTER 2023 EDITION

#### Upcoming Events

- January 16 – No Project SEARCH – MLK Day
- January 19 – ½ Day
- January 20 – ½ Day
- January 24 – In Person Open House 10:00 am – 11:00 am Demonstration Kitchen (DK)
- February 1 – Early Release Day
- February 7 – Employment Mtg.
- Feb. 15 – In Person Open House 10:00am – 11:00 am (DK)

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#### Project SEARCH Interns Complete 1<sup>st</sup> Rotations

"Wow!" "The time went by so fast." "We're really finished with our first rotations." "I've learned so much." "I'm really glad to be here." "I was scared at first, but I love it here." "Can we stay?" Common phrases we heard from interns during the last few days of their first rotation experience within the various departments. The foundation of confidence the interns have gained has been life changing for each of them. We are grateful for the amazing team members from the following departments who welcomed the interns; **Endoscopy, Patient Transportation, Environmental Services, Henry's Dining, Supply Chain Management.** Thank you!



## Your Next Rotation will be...

It was an afternoon filled with excitement and anticipation on December 19th as the interns received where their second rotation assignments will be within the hospital. Christina Trivett, Business Liaison and Volunteer Services Department Supervisor along with Rose Taylor, Volunteer Services Coordinator handed out the assignments. The interns will be working with the following department teams: ***Endoscopy, Acorn / Birch 2 GPU, Supply Chain –linen distribution, Henry's Dining / Environmental Services, and Surgical Processing.***



## Did You Know...?

Did you know that globally, 1 out of 7 of us lives with some type of disability? And of those, 80% are invisible. This represents **one billion** people living with a non-visible disability. **Source: Hidden Disabilities** According to the CDC (10/28/2022), 61 million adults live with some type of a disability (visible or non-visible) in the United States, this is 1 out of 4. Just because you don't see it, doesn't mean that it is not there. Non-visible disabilities includes illness or disease that impacts a person's day to day life, just as visible disabilities do. The JAN Network (Job Accommodations Network) creates a paradigm for normalcy of disability, as evident by the data, most people will experience some form of disability or a disability during their lifetime. ***"Be kind for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle."*** Ian Maclaren

To continue sharing information and raising awareness for normalcy of disability, the Project SEARCH interns this year created a "Pumpkin Patch" during the hospital pumpkin contest week to, ***"Plant change, carving opportunity."***







The purpose of Project SEARCH is to prepare young adults with disabilities for success in integrated, competitive employment. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. legacy inspires each of us to live and work in a life of kindness, acceptance, diversity, equity and inclusiveness. Let us..."Be bold enough to use your voice, brave enough to listen to your heart, and strong enough to live the life you've always imagined." **Unknown**

*The words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr...*

***"All Labor Has Dignity"***

***"Our goal is to create a beloved community and this will require a qualitative change in our souls as well as a quantitative change in our lives."***

