**Success Spotlight**

Moving Forward’s residents have many vocational success stories. Each of our residents work hard to learn job skills, volunteer, gain work experience, become job ready, and gain competitive employment. This month, ‘Momentum’ is shining a spotlight on one of our very hard working and successful residents:

**Jake H. is the ‘Momentum’ employee/volunteer of the month!**

*Here is Jake’s “success story” in his own words:*

“In 2018 I started working with the Napa Silverados. It is a baseball team in Napa. They are an independent league team, meaning they are not affiliated with Major League Baseball. I was hired to work at the information booth and to supervise the kids at the “Kids Zone”. Later, I also helped sell merchandise. I really enjoyed working last year!

This year, (Moving Forward Community Resource Manager) Barbara, and I talked with the new owners. We were not sure if I was able to get a position working with the Silverados again this season. This year is a little different than last year, but I am happy to work at the games again this year. I have a lot of fun working with the team! I am trying to get the word out for more people to come to the games.

It is a fun time and really exciting to watch professional players play baseball up close. To anyone that likes sports, or just having a good time, I recommend coming to a Silverados game this year!”

Here are some reasons to come to a game:

- Less expensive than a major league game. (10 dollars for a ticket)
- Nice environment. (good for families and kids)
- Food and beverages (Food trucks at the stadium and a snack bar)
- Merchandise to buy. (hats, sweatshirts, t-shirts)
- VIP tickets, and season tickets that let you sit behind home plate.
- After the game you can meet the baseball players, and they sign bats and balls for fans!

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**“Summer Games” By: Hannah P.**

This was my first time going to Summer Games and it was so much fun! I stayed in the dorms at UC Davis with another athlete.

Coach Suzy helped me with my strokes throughout the season and before my races.

I am very happy with my performance. I got a Gold medal in backstroke and butterfly. I got a silver medal in freestyle.

I feel great and can’t wait for next season!

Congratulations, Hannah!
“Aladdin Remake is actually a Jasmine Remake!” - by: Rachel S.

In the film industry, Disney animated films from the past are now being remade into live-action films. This month, I’ll be discussing the differences between the original animated film and the live-action film of Aladdin.

In the live action remake, there are huge differences compared to the animated film. In the remake, the genie was portrayed as more rambunctious and livelier. Thanks to advanced technology, (the animal characters) Rajah, Iago, and Abu looked extremely real. The music was more modern, with hip hop influences, and there was a ton of singing and dancing. The biggest difference is the portrayal of Jasmine. It was great to see her portrayed as someone who stood up for herself and her beliefs and refused to stay silent in the background. In the original film, Jasmine stayed within her palace for most of the movie.

In my opinion, the live action remake is my favorite. The music was fantastic. As was the portrayal of Jasmine as a modern woman. Will Smith did a great job as the genie and, in my opinion, lived up to everyone’s expectations.

Review: See this modern update of a Disney Classic!

“Books and Cooks” by: Hannah P.

The book we just finished in book club was called “Lucky Broken Girl” by Ruth Behar; based on her true story. It was about a girl named Ruth who moved from Cuba to Queens, New York. She gets into a car crash and hurts her leg. She must stay in bed for 8 months and it is very hard for her because she can’t see friends or go outside to play. She can’t drink without a straw because she can’t sit up. Her cast comes all the way up to her chest, so she must depend on her mom to help her with everything. She learns how to draw, paint and type to have some things to do. A teacher comes to her bedroom and helps her get through the 5th grade.

I enjoyed cooking food in the Moving Forward cooking class that related to Ruth’s Cuban family’s meals. What I learned is that she survived, and the message was to never give up hope!

Chicken and rice, mango turnovers, curried cauliflower, and fried plantains.

“Moving Forward - Very Eventful!”

Many great outings are being offered at Moving Forward each and every weekend. To view the activities and outings that are being provided for our residents each month, keep up to date with our monthly calendar of events on our website:

Event Calendar

Moving Forward residents and staff enjoying the weekend activity to Benicia CA.