

Andrew's Success Story



Meet Andrew. He has encountered many challenges in life due to being born with cerebral palsy and epilepsy, but he faces life head on. He has a natural ability to connect with others and lights up any room he is in.

In his last year of school, he participated in School to Work and was eager to find a job in the community. The pandemic, however, put his plan on hold for a couple of years. With the aid of his career consultant, Andrew resolved to continue honing his skills during this time.

When Andrew decided it was safe enough to venture out into the community in search of a job as a greeter, he and his career consultant made several trips to Home Depot. After a number of meetings with the management team, Andrew was offered a job as a Home Depot greeter. While he started out as a greeter, Andrew has progressed to being able to respond to customer inquiries about where items are located in the store.

The fact that Andrew has a job that makes him happy and allows him to interact with others makes his mother, Marti, happy. She shared, “Andrew has been working at Home Depot as their greeter since July 2022. He works three hours a day, four days a week. I could not have envisioned a more perfect opportunity for him. Andrew is an extremely social person and excels at interacting with people of all ages and backgrounds. The sense of accomplishment and self-worth that he gets from brightening everyone's day is immeasurable. He's made friends with other staff and repeat customers. That he is forging his own path and finding some independence. . . priceless.”

Some of Andrew's Home Depot co-workers expressed, “Andrew is such a joy to have as a co-worker. He always makes us smile and laugh,” and “Andrew brightens the day of his co-workers, is a great greeter, and customers look forward to seeing Andrew.”