

MACKENZIE'S SUCCESS STORY



Meet Mackenzie. She is a very active young lady. She was born with Down syndrome, but she has never let that limit her options. She participates in Special Olympics, cheers, plays basketball, and participates in a variety of other activities that keep her busy and involved in the community.

The food industry has always held a fascination for Mackenzie. Her ability to seize chances when they were given helped her when she participated in School to Work during her final year of school. When it came time to choose an internship location, a meeting with the manager of the Alderbrook Resort and Spa Restaurant was scheduled. Aleiha, the manager, was so impressed with Mackenzie during the interview that she offered her an internship and later hired Mackenzie to work for Alderbrook.

Working in the restaurant three hours a day, three days a week, Mackenzie started out folding napkins and polishing silverware. She has advanced to setting and clearing tables, providing guests with water, helping other staff members as needed, and performing many other chores, all thanks to her excellent work ethic and ability to pick things up quickly. She has become a valuable member of the Alderbrook team.

When Mackenzie was asked what she most enjoys about her job, her response was “the people and getting to be with my fellow workers.” Alderbrook Resort and Spa has provided a very supportive environment for Mackenzie, and her fellow employees have embraced her as a part of their team. Mackenzie has been successful thanks to her consistent hard work; a team of compassionate, encouraging co-workers; and an organization that values people of all abilities.