



SPOTLIGHT PROGRAM: Project SEARCH

Hasdgar Brambila joined as an intern in our Project SEARCH program in September 2016. When Hasdgar first started in the Project SEARCH program at Waukesha Memorial Hospital he was very reserved and hesitant to communicate with others. His English was broken and he didn't ask many questions or reveal much about his personality. During his second rotation with the program he served as a visitor patient escort and did mail delivery to all departments. These things allowed him to open up with coworkers, patients, and Project SEARCH staff. He was welcoming as they came into the hospital and he greeted all with a smile. He also formed lasting connections and friendships with consumers and hospital staff. The goal of the program is to secure employment for the interns. Working closely with Project SEARCH Career Specialist, Charlene, Hasdgar has done just that! As Hasdgar was in Project SEARCH he was asked to also do a Temporary Work experience (TWE) at Marriott. Charlene made sure to tailor his Project SEARCH goals to that of the TWE. He was able to work on areas of concern in the program as well as on the job. She also worked with him on his transportation needs making sure he knew who to call and when. Hasdgar was hired in March of 2017 at the GE Marriott condos as a house person is doing a fantastic job!

"Hasdgar has been doing really well. He understands the job and often looks for extra work when he gets done early. There were a few weeks where he took it upon himself to switch loads of laundry without being asked. I have seen a personality change with Hasdgar. He was so quiet and now he truly enjoys working here (he says because it is easy and likes the outdoors) and has opened up a lot. "

Nicole Kuranda
Room Operations Manager
GE Healthcare

Project SEARCH is a successful collaboration between area organizations, Easterseals, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, local school systems, long-term support agencies, and the interns and their families. The primary goal of the program is to secure competitive employment for people with disabilities.

Interns are selected through an application process. Participants complete three internships in various hospital departments from September through June. Each internship lasts 10 weeks and allows interns to learn competitive, marketable and transferable skills.

Project SEARCH Host Sites

