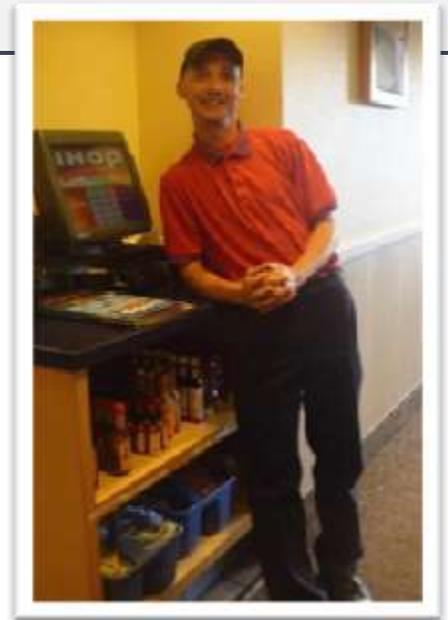


Success Story:

Shawn

Over 15 years ago, Shawn's parents came to the Rochelle Center looking for a place where their son could thrive. They wanted him to be able to live and work as independently as possible.



Shawn was placed in the Rochelle Center's production center to be evaluated and learn the necessary skills to obtain community employment. With the help of the Rochelle's staff, Shawn was hired in 2007 to work at the Green Hills Regal 16. His job included ushering, taking tickets, hanging signs and cleaning up the auditorium after the movie was over.

In August of 2011, Shawn changed job and started working at Bagel Works & Perks in Brentwood. His duties included cleaning the lobby, washing dishes and food prep. Shawn also helped with catering jobs. He would assemble boxed lunches and load them into the catering truck. Upon arrival to the catering site, Shawn would unload the truck and distribute the boxes to various departments. Unfortunately, Bagel Works & Perks closed their doors and Shawn had to find a new job.

Due to his work experience and assistance from the Rochelle Center, Shawn did not have to wait long to find another job. In July 2013, Shawn was hired as a dishwasher for the weekends and holidays, at the International House of Pancakes (IHOP). Shawn likes the feeling of being more independent & loves the extra money he earns. Not only is Shawn happy with his job but so is his employer. IHOP manager, Christina, stated that "Shawn is doing a good job, has a great attitude and is willing to help out where ever needed. When Shawn was asked, what the best part is of having a job? He stated: "working at IHOP is like having a home away from home and I'm even learning Spanish!" Shawn likes to save the extra money he earns to go fishing and take camping trips.