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Renata and Leslie out for a walk

The impact made by residential program manager **Renata MulderGrant** doesn't go unnoticed. In the Lifeworks home where she works, the residents are vocal about her enthusiasm and uplifting spirit.

"She takes us for walks and she has a smile on her face," said Peter. "We enjoy our time like when she takes us out to the Honey Dew and brought me to buy new sunglasses." "She has lots of work, but she always takes time for the fun stuff too...we like her a lot," said Leslie, praising Renata for taking them on a summer field trip to Plymouth that included a whale watch.

Renata loves the connections she's made with the residents. "Along my journey I have met such beautiful souls" she said, adding that "helping someone who just happens to be non-verbal has never been a barrier to building a strong connection with someone."



Michele checking on program participant Michael

Teacher/Counselor **Manny Depina** is a comforting and reassuring presence at a Lifeworks home in Canton. Over the last four years, he has developed a special connection with the residents, some of whom are non-verbal but whose facial expressions often delight Manny.

"The best part of my job is spending time with the residents," Manny said. "I know I'm at work, but it doesn't feel like a job. I enjoy what I do every day."

Direct care staffing shortages have affected Lifeworks. Manny has really stepped up and filled in wherever needed, and without hesitation.

Michele LaBonte started as case manager in 2005, advanced to the role of program coordinator supervisor in the Autism Support Center and after completing nursing school, she now serves as a nurse for the Abel Therapeutic Day Habilitation Center and Connections. Michele shares her well-rounded experience and knowledge of Lifeworks with the individuals we serve and their families. She embodies Lifeworks and truly enjoys the individuals we serve.

"I've enjoyed the flexibility provided by Lifeworks," she said. I started my career at Lifeworks on a whim right out of college and ended up loving what I do. There is so much room for growth. I love working with families and there are so many different experiences and opportunities in one great agency."



Manny with resident Richard

David Foulk



JJ hard at work at SimpliSafe

David Foulk, a case manager at Lifeworks Employment Center in Norwood, has worked for Lifeworks for over 30 years. His dedication to supporting the people we serve is unwavering and at the same time he is outstanding at making sure the people we serve meet the needs of their employers.

Dave works with them to develop both their job skills and the support skills necessary for them to be successful. "It's helping people get to the next level of independence, seeking solutions, accommodating both employer and employee," he said.

JJ, an individual served by Lifeworks who works at SimpliSafe, said he's very happy to have Dave's help with his employment. "He helps with so many different things like transportation, you name it, he helps with it. Dave is a great job coach and I like him very much."

Spread the Word... Our Team is Making a Difference!

You can impact the lives of the persons we serve by ensuring that the resources are available for us to continue to provide the highest quality of care and services.

Help strengthen our team with a donation to Lifeworks. They work tirelessly to provide supports and services to all the wonderful people we serve. In the past year, we've been able to provide increased salaries and bonuses to our employees, many of whom are direct care support staff. We'd like to do more. Donations to our Annual Fund from supporters like you provide the much needed additional funds to support the persons we serve, their activities, and their trips and additional staff supports that are needed, but not covered by revenue we receive from the state or federal governments.

You can spread the word about the impact that our staff and services have on your loved one and in the communities we serve. Your voice is instrumental, and we are counting on you to help us make a difference! Give today and let your friends, family, and colleagues know that their support is needed too.

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