



*Marisol from Knickerbocker  
at our Bay Shore residence*



*Mike from  
Lakeland*



## **DSP RECOGNITION WEEK!**

### *Knickerbocker Day Hab*

Marisol C. has been working at AHRC Suffolk's Bay Shore residence since our Knickerbocker location temporarily closed its doors during the pandemic. Marisol (along with another Day Hab staff and individuals) spent so much time planning a virtual talent show with the individuals from the home. It was a huge success and was enjoyed by many on Zoom. Marisol's energy is infectious; she ensures that everyone is always happy, engaged and having fun. Every day she brings new ideas to individuals with fun crafts and projects like teaching them to make face masks out of clean socks, working with them to create a montage of their art work, and at the moment working on a top secret activity with the individuals to present on Zoom (date TBD)! She is always cooking with individuals and having them try new things and loves to make them dinner too. She has been pulled to work in various houses and has always stepped up to the plate to provide support where help is needed. She is energetic, fun and has made such a connection with the individuals in the houses; they light up when they see her and we are lucky to have her supporting the individuals in our program.

### *Lakeland Day Hab*

Michael D. is a Lead Community Integration Specialist in AHRC Suffolk's Lakeland Day Hab program. When programs first shut down due to the pandemic, Michael didn't hesitate and went straight to our Oakdale 1 residence to provide Day Hab services. He took the task seriously -not only providing quality services and activities to the residents, but also communicating any absences, Medisked challenges, and the need for supplies, etc. As an avid guitar player, Mike began providing weekly "Music With Mike" sing-along sessions in the residence. He also went above and beyond to stay in regular contact with some individuals from Lakeland who were home with their families and missing him. For a brief period of time, Mike had to be out and upon his return was assigned to a different residence but it wasn't long before Oakdale 1 specifically requested he be reassigned back to them. He was the first one to sign up to provide his "Music With Mike" via the My Choice virtual Day Hab program and started doing that from the residence on a weekly basis. Now back in Lakeland's Day Hab program, Mike continues to do "Music With Mike" weekly for the My Choice Day Hab members, as well as for the individuals in program. Additionally, he has taken on the task of providing daily transportation to and from program for a number of individuals, which means his day at work begins earlier. He puts AHRC families at ease knowing that their loved ones are in good/safe hands. He's organized, reliable, friendly and always willing to help in any way.

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