

*Chris & David with Sean R. at Bohemia's Car Parade*



*Camie celebrating the reopening of Day Programs*



*Bohemia Day Hab crew*



## **DSP RECOGNITION WEEK!**

### *Annex*

David S. and Chris W. are Vocational Evaluators in AHRC Suffolk's Annex, providing vocational assessments to individuals who express interest in securing community employment. When the Agency was forced to close its doors due to the pandemic, David and Chris donned new hats each day.

Without hesitation, they grabbed cleaning supplies and began sanitizing in both the Annex and Bohemia buildings. They delivered much needed supplies (PPE, food and mail) to AHRC residences on a daily basis, along with Day Hab lessons and projects to keep individuals engaged. David and Chris brought supplies to the homes of individuals and their families in need. They even went food shopping for families who could not do so for themselves. At present, David and Chris are performing the duties

of the Program Coordinators which includes developing Staff Action plans, conducting reviews and coordinating services with Care Managers. They provide technical support to those families whose loved ones need assistance signing into My Choice Virtual Day Hab and are happy to help wherever and whenever needed! Camie B. is another amazing asset in our Annex. Camie has had a number of titles over the years and when the pandemic hit, Camie never missed a beat! She took on the responsibilities of reaching out to families on a daily basis. Her phone calls became legend as she provided emotional support to families who were struggling with the stress of the restrictions of pandemic life. She was often heard saying throughout the day, "Hi Mom. It's Camie. How are you? Is there anything we can do for you today?" One parent even reached out to Executive Director Paul Torres to let him know how impressed he was by Camie's concern and efforts. Camie participated in the Reopening Plan committee and jumped onto the My Choice Virtual Day Hab wagon, reaching out to her contacts in the community. She had the Chief of the Hauppauge Fire Department speak to all of our Virtual Day Hab individuals and it was a great success. Elvis is even going to be making an appearance thanks to Camie's efforts. Camie can multi-task like no other. She is organized, dependable and defines what it means to be a Team Player.

### *Bohemia*

Although the past 6 months have been very difficult, different & life changing the heroes in our Bohemia Day Hab have truly amazed everyone. Everyone has played such an essential role and done so much more than can ever be expected, it is hard to think of just one story or one individual staff member to highlight. Bohemia DSPs have helped out wherever needed, and have done anything and everything to keep programs running and the individuals in Day Hab engaged and involved. So many DSPs have gone above & beyond and even though these staff members were incredible before, seeing all that they've done and are always willing to do is a true testament to both them and AHRC Suffolk. For their immeasurable effort and incredible commitment, we want to say Thank You all for just being YOU!

# **HEROES WORK HERE!**