

Kim Kalkhoff:

Inclusion Connection is involved with the Ticket to Work Program through the American Dream Employment Network, known as ADEN. Our purpose is to connect employees and employers together to find perfect matches. We match the employer with what their needs are, and the employees with their skills and abilities for success.

Patrick Mosser:

And it's a great job to have. We ship, we load all the packages in the truck trailer to ship to the customers, and we are helping saving lives.

Kim Kalkhoff:

So, Patrick and I met, and we talked about his skills, his interests, his abilities, and together we connected him with VGM.

Andrew Billerbeck:

So, it was pretty evident right away with Patrick that he brought a positivity that you don't see from a lot of people.

Peter Sullivan:

Patrick has been here three years. He's someone who comes in every day with a smile on his face, great attitude, gets along with people.

Andrew Billerbeck:

He kind of livens the place up. So that was the number one reason we brought him in. And then another reason is about after two weeks, we realized, "Man, Patrick's a really, really hard worker." We work every last Saturday of the month. Patrick will ask the first week of the month if we're working that last Saturday, and I'll say, "Yes," and he'll ask, "Hey, can I work the entire time?"

Peter Sullivan:

If somebody has been gone, he has just jumped in full force to fill in their position as well as doing his job on top of that. He's always been willing to go above and beyond what we expect him to do.

Andrew Billerbeck:

Patrick is the first to cheer for people, he's the first to say, "Hey, you're awesome." I bet once a week, Patrick will tell me I'm awesome.

Patrick Mosser:

We have great employees and you got to have a positive attitude every single day you come to work. If you have a rough day or anything, there's someone who'd be cheering you on.

Peter Sullivan:

He definitely tries to cheer people on and cheer them up throughout the day. He can tell if somebody's either stressed, having a bad day, and wants them to feel like they're doing a good job, and making sure they're happy and having a good time at work.

Kim Kalkhoff:

The benefits of the Ticket to Work program for Patrick is that it provides him support through Inclusion Connection to work with his employer to make sure he has long-term employment success.

Patrick Mosser:

Lot of great benefits. They give you enough hours, and we also have great insurance, and there's a lot of great things from Inclusion Connections.

Kim Kalkhoff:

The Ticket to Work program's goal is for Patrick to have substantial gainful employment, and we have found that at VGM.

Andrew Billerbeck:

VGM benefits from having another hard worker in the building.

Peter Sullivan:

And also, I think it helps us as well, immediately, like learning how to interact with people with different needs than we have. Honestly, it gives us a whole new perspective on life and work in general.

Kim Kalkhoff:

The Ticket to Work program and Inclusion Connection and VGM is that we all work together. Patrick has found success. Patrick is learning to be substantially on his own and growing. He's almost working full-time hours now.

Patrick Mosser:

My long-term goal is to hopefully get promoted. It's going to be a long process to reach that goal, but the opportunities are there.