IMPRESSIONS

"Project SEARCH is an impressive and unique program designed to help young people with disabilities identify individual talents and skills which allow them to become productive members of the community workforce. Thomas Hospital has had the privilege to be a host site for Project SEARCH for the seventh year. It has been an honor to have these students as part of our team for the betterment of our community."

Ormand Thompson III

President, Thomas Hospital

"We couldn't be happier with our Project SEARCH interns. They have made a tremendous contribution to our department. I am truly impressed by their positive attitudes, adaptability and eagerness to come to work every morning."

Quanthia Asberry

Manager of Materials Management, Thomas Hospital

"Project Search has been one of the biggest blessings to Maggie and to us. It has given Maggie opportunities such as job training, social skills and communication skills in a work environment setting that most likely could not have been achieved any place else. It has challenged Maggie in the best way and we as parents are seeing tremendous results in her

such as being more independent, mature and responsible. In some ways it has also challenged us as parents to see Maggie in a different light and to feel more secure in allowing Maggie to become a more productive young adult. We realize the tremendous effort both the staff of Project SEARCH and Thomas Hospital have put into this program and we are very grateful for this wonderful opportunity. We believe it is a win-win situation for ALL involved. Thank you!"

Steve and Rhonda Reed Parents of a Project SEARCH Baldwin County

Intern

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Preparing young adults today... For the challenges of tomorrow.

INDEPENDENCE

It is the mission of Project SEARCH Baldwin County to empower young adults with disabilities to achieve maximum independence through an innovative combination of on-site internships and classroom curriculum. Project **SEARCH Baldwin County is based** within Thomas Hospital in Fairhope, Alabama, where interns learn and apply transferable skills in a variety of departments. As a part of Infirmary Health's iHelp initiative, participants in Project SEARCH Baldwin County have the unique advantage of obtaining valuable skills and experience before joining our local workforce.



Project SEARCH Baldwin County interns participate in a series of three ten-week internships in order to maximize the variety of experiences and transferable skills acquired. Internships are specifically tailored to bring tangible value to participating departments throughout Thomas Hospital while providing a valuable service to interns. Young adults are matched with host departments based on existing skills, interests and opportunities for growth. These specialized internships, coupled with classroom curriculum, are the key to meaningful, competitive and integrated employment opportunities.

INTERNSHIPS

EMPLOYMENT

The desired outcome of Project **SEARCH Baldwin County is** meaningful, competitive and integrated employment for all participants. From transitioncentered classroom curriculum to innovative internships, participants are given the tools and experience to succeed in an increasingly competitive job market. After gaining meaningful employment, **Project SEARCH Baldwin County** participants receive on-site job coaching in order to insure a smooth transition into the new workplace.



