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A MESSAGE FROM *Claudia*

They say a "busy" shop is a happy shop and we have certainly lived up to that adage this winter and spring.

We are grateful to Palm Beach State College for bringing their "Panther Care" initiative to Jeff Industries in April. Partnering with Found Care, a Day2Care bus and students and volunteers from the college, clients were treated to health checks, haircuts, dental care and personal hygiene information along with healthy food and nutritional information. It was an exciting experience for everyone involved.

We send out a big "thank you" to Extraordinary Charities for giving our clients gift cards for their use over the Holiday Season. We also want to thank Board member Mia White for sponsoring our clients' Holiday Party. We applaud their generosity and kindness.

Clients continue to attend smoking cessation and "Building Better Habits" classes in our conference room and help with our very successful food bank on Tuesdays. Truist Bank provided a Financial Literacy 101 class for our clients.

The Palm Haven Recovery Residence Program has proven to be very successful. This program offers clients with co-occurring psychiatric and substance abuse issues temporary housing. Residents participate in training activities preparing them for permanent housing. Residents who complete the program move into permanent housing.

The Palm Haven Housing homes are now over twenty years old and in need of updating and renovations. We look forward to starting a Capital Campaign to address these renovations.

We are very grateful for the continued support of local foundations for their generous grants in support of our agency programs. Funds awarded have helped us purchase training materials and pay modest wages to our clients

We also want to thank our customers who support our program by purchasing our products and the community employers who hire our clients.

Please follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

Stay safe and cool this summer! Thank you for supporting us!

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Meet *Jheanelle Smith*



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A Truly Unique Success Story

Smith experienced her onset of schizophrenia while she was a student at Palm Beach State College. She was admitted to the state hospital for treatment for one year. After she was discharged, her Mother recommended Jeff Industries to her because of the caring support and skills training that Jeff offers. Jheanelle loved learning and working in the embroidery, clerical and culinary programs. She has since moved onto a cashier position with Good Will Industries in Boynton Beach. There she has embraced the software that they use and is hopeful to eventually attend FAU and get her Bachelors in chemistry. In her spare time, she loves to watch movies.

We congratulate Jheanelle on her accomplishments!

Meet Our New Vocational Instructor

Stacy Schechter

Stacy came to Jeff Industries with a wealth of experience in working with special needs individuals. She heads the NEW marketing/media program and is currently revamping Jeff Industries' website with the help of her clients. Stacy also oversees the janitorial/maintenance program. Stacy hails from New York and holds a BA in Sociology from the University of Hartford and a MEd in early childhood and special education from Hofstra University. Stacy has also worked in this field in Orange County, NY with persons who are developmentally delayed. Stacy is a big New York Yankees and Jets fan!



Palm Beach State College "Panther Care" Initiative

Many thanks to Board member Dr. Suzi Duff, LMHC, for bringing the "Panther Care" Initiative to Jeff Industries in April. Dr. Duff is the department chair of Human Services and a professor at Palm Beach State College.

Students in various majors volunteered their services to the clients. Dental health students handed out dental supplies and spoke about dental health. A Day2Care bus provided showers for clients and Cosmetology students provided haircuts as needed. Human Services' students listened to those clients who wanted support and nursing students did wellness checks. FoundCare provided HIV information and Hospitality Management set up a food station and provided healthy food and information. Jeff Industries was happy to host this event and look forward to another visit from "Panther Care."

Top left photo: Panther volunteers (Clockwise from left) are Dr. Duff, Rosa, Michael, BreAnne, Joyce and Fati.

Around the Campus



Friends You Can Bank On

We would like to thank Truist Bank especially Kristina and Josh for coming to teach our clients about banking in our finance 101 class held at Jeff Industries.



We need your help!

"We are in need of another van for our agency and we are looking for a generous funder to help us purchase one."

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