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Mill Neck Services' Consumer Bowls a Perfect Strike in New Job

Recently, staff from Mill Neck Services for Deaf Adults gathered to celebrate consumer Giuseppe Avella's new job at a Suffolk bowling alley. Prior to his current position at AMF Commack Lanes, Avella worked in the cafeteria at Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf for a year and a half. Among those who extended their good wishes was Devin Turney, an Employment Consultant at Mill Neck Services' Day Habilitation, who has known Avella for the past 3 years.

During Avella's employment at the Mill Neck cafeteria, Turney was his job coach, allowing her to closely observe his organizational skills and clear focus on tasks. When she learned about the position of "runner" or "lane attendant" available at the bowling alley, she immediately thought of suggesting Avella for the job. "The job required someone to make drinks for customers and deliver them, as well as food, to the tables. It also required making coffee, refilling condiments, assisting with restocking the refrigerator and freezer and keeping areas clean," Turney said. She added that the new position entailed many of the same tasks Avella was responsible for while doing kitchen prep at Mill Neck.

Avella's new job came about during Henry Streich's shopping trip at the Target across the street from the bowling alley. Streich, the owner and general manager of Commack Lanes, was checking out at the register where a Mill Neck consumer, assisted by a job coach, was training as a cashier. Turney said Streich was, "very impressed with the hard work of our consumer and the professionalism of the coach. He knew he had the perfect job for one of our people, so he left his

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number.” A meeting was arranged with Avella and Turney, subsequently leading to the job offer at the bowling alley and Avella’s acceptance of the position.

According to Turney, “Giuseppe is doing great! He fell right in with his coworkers and is completing all the necessary tasks.” Though Avella admits that at times the job can be challenging, he readily smiles when asked how he likes his new job and says how much fun it is. Streich adds that his new employee picked up the work quickly and he is very pleased with Avella’s job performance.

Established in 1986, Mill Neck Services has placed more than 1,000 Deaf, hard of hearing or otherwise disabled workers in over 400 businesses operating on Long Island. If you or someone you know are looking for loyal, long-term employees and want to reduce recruitment/turnover costs, call 516-922-3818 to find out about hiring a qualified person who is Deaf. Mill Neck Services is part of the Mill Neck Family of Organizations, which also includes Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf and Mill Neck Manor Early Childhood Center. For more information about any of our programs and services, please call 516-922-4100 or visit www.millneck.org.

Photo Caption:

Giuseppe Avella, seen here with Mill Neck Employment Consultant Devin Turney, is wished the best of luck as he leaves Mill Neck for his new job at a Commack bowling alley.

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