



Monthly Moments-August 2019

Creating Opportunities of Success For First Responders

For many years, directors at Morgan Autism Center have provided valuable training to local police officers, corrections personnel and other first responders. These hands-on trainings help first responders recognize autism and increase the chances of positive encounters and outcomes during crisis interventions. Following a training by our Executive Director, Brad Boardman, over 100 police and corrections officers visited several classrooms on our campus to observe student and staff interactions as well as learn how to make quick assessments in the field. After their visit, several of them returned to their positions as first responders.



A Very Special Variety Show

Our Variety Show has become an exciting tradition that marks the end of another incredible school year at Morgan Autism Center. Our students and clients get an opportunity to showcase their talents which range from singing a favorite song to choreographed dance performances. Each act is unique and a beautiful representation of the diverse and special individuals we serve. On August 16th, families and friends joined us for this exciting day, which began with a touching plaque dedication that was made in memory of a very special and musical staff member, Jim Spelman. Jim was a beloved member of the Morgan Autism Center family for over 30 years and played such an integral part in our Variety Shows - we miss him dearly!



The rest of the day was filled with one-of-a-kind performance and lots of smiles. Thank you to our staff for supporting students and clients during their creative and engaging acts, and to our family and friends for celebrating with us!

Tasty Treats in the Adult Program

This summer has been an exciting time for Morgan Autism Center. A group of clients from our Adult Program had the chance to visit a family member's home to pick juicy plums from their orchard. For many years, our Community Integration Program has provided clients with unique and fun learning opportunities out in the community. After picking plums on their outing, clients washed the plums, cut them up, and took out the pits. Back at the Adult Program, they worked together to make sweet and tasty plum-filled baked goods. Everyone enjoyed the yummy treats and the fruits of their labor.



Creative Learning in Room 5

Themed summer activities in Room 5 have been engaging and creative learning experiences for our older teens. Students have hiked to camp, gone on a safari, and soared through outer space all in the comfort of the classroom. A safari-themed game of Jeopardy was such a hit, it is now a favorite class activity. Teachers in Room 5 even organized a fun event called "MAC-chella" that included music, a photo booth, and glow sticks for all students on campus.



"I wish people knew how magical Morgan Autism Center is. It's a place of hope, warmth, and joy. For a child like mine it's priceless. The whole staff goes above and beyond their job description." -Theresa Oller, school program parent