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Inkster Resident Shows Lawmaker That Hard Work Pays Off

Inkster, MI – October 1, 2017 – “I love my job and am so happy to be part of a team that appreciates me,” says 26 year old Inkster resident, Jerome Singleton, who works at First Choice Windows. Jerome, who receives support from Community Living Services, has been working there for over a year and just loves his job. He is also happy that he was recently selected to show off his hard work as part of the Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council’s “Take Your Legislator to Work Day” in which state Senator David Knezek (D) of Dearborn Heights visited him on the job just recently.”

Senator Knezek was excited about the day. “I love opportunities like this. I get the chance to see hard work and perseverance pay off. ”

Jerome’s employment was secured through a collaborative effort between Community Living Services, Michigan Rehabilitation Services, the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority and Services To Enhance Potential. “He worked as an unpaid intern, learning how to run all of the machines until the company felt he was ready to bring on board as a paid employee,” said STEP Job Developer Kim Keezer.

“We are very pleased with Jerome’s progress and this wonderful opportunity to show state legislators that people with disabilities are hard-working individuals, that should receive the same kind of paid employment as others in the workforce,” said MRS Vocational Rehab Counselor Lisa Bartley.

Michigan Governor Rick Snyder declared October as “Disability Employment Awareness Month.”

Community Living Services is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that provides support and services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, and Kent counties. MRS provides specialized employment and education-related services and training to assist teens and adults with disabilities in becoming employed or retaining employment.

