

## Parenting Potentials

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#### **Special Holiday Issue**



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As we gather to celebrate this joyous holiday season, let us take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to the remarkable individuals and organizations whose unwavering dedication uplifts and empowers children with special needs.

Their selfless acts of kindness and commitment truly touch our hearts and profoundly impact the lives of so many families. Each effort, no matter how small weaves a tapestry of support and love that enhances the development and confidence of these incredible children.

Together, we can create a brighter future for every child, filled with hope, support, and endless potential.

#### **HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE**

Link to the Guide

# NEW JERSEY'S FAVORITE KIDS' DOCS



We are thrilled to announce our inclusion in this year's Favorite Kids' Docs issue. Our congratulations to

Shoshana Newman, PT Director Melissa Cunha, PT Wendy Gensler, OT Elisa Grossbard, OT Amy Ladetsky, OT Grace Malone, OT



## **RW Delights Embraces Workers of all Abilities**



What happens when two moms, family friends since childhood, discover they share a passion for chocolate and a similar ambition to start a business? They put their heads together and, using years of business experience, develop a company to share with others their love and excitement for unique chocolate desserts.

chocolate to their love and support of all children. They employ children with different abilities. Brooke, in the photo above, has Down syndrome and is so happy helping to package the desserts for delivery to customers. She is embraced by all the employees and is thriving. RW also employs young adults on the Autism Spectrum.

**RW Delights** 



## Alec's Gift Baskets Provide Hope and Purpose to Differently Abled Adults



Their story began with a simple gift from Alec's mom, a holiday basket filled with products made by differently abled adults for Alec's amazing job coach.

Alec is a 25-year young man who happens to have Down Syndrome. He's a perfectionist and has a talent for arranging items in a neat and organized way. His job coach realized that his OCD could be his ticket to gainful employment. Who better to assemble and wrap the perfect basket? And just like that, Alec's gift baskets was born!

**Alec's Gift Baskets** 



## **Employs Workers**with Intellectual Disabilities



No Limits Cafe's mission is to empower adults with intellectual disabilities by providing jobs and job training to help them lead fulfilling lives within their community and to increase awareness of their potential.

They are a lunch cafe with a major difference. They believe that everyone has the ability to be a contributing member of society. Their employees have a sense of

pride and purpose, while serving their customers great food.

They are located in Red Bank, NJ and recently launched "Hazel" the food truck.

**No Limits Cafe** 



### Beloved Bath Provides Meaningful Employment for People with Autism



Two moms met on a playground over 20 years ago before their sons John and Justin were diagnosed with autism. They dedicated themselves to finding ways to help their children thrive and flourish. They discovered the magic of relaxing salt and lavender baths. The boys were more calm, centered and happy after a soak, and they had a lot of fun making the bath mixtures!

Moms Pam and Pat wanted to create a community that would empower and employ people with Autism. It was important for them to build a place where the work was meaningful, enjoyable, and added value to the lives of their employees and the community. Beloved Bath was born!

**Beloved Bath** 

**Barbie Introduces a Diverse Line**of Fashionista Dolls



Designed to reflect the world kids see today, this diverse line of Barbie dolls showcases bright and trendy styles that make for endless storytelling possibilities. Barbie partnered with the American Foundation for the Blind to design a doll that accurately portrays someone who is blind or has low vision.

**Blind Barbie** 



Barbie partnered with the National Down Syndrome Society to design a Barbie doll that celebrates this community. Meaningful symbols are incorporated throughout her outfit, and the blue and yellow color palette represents Down syndrome awareness. The three arrows in

some of the hearts on the print represent the third 21st chromosome that individuals with Down syndrome have, and they point outwards to represent rising up and moving forward

Down Syndrome Barbie

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