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Unlocking His Potential: Devon

Devon Walker unlocked his full potential at High Point Village.

Devon has attended High Point Village for almost a decade. Before he came to High Point, he spent his days at school and attending speech & occupational therapy. However, his family wanted to look for opportunities for him to get more involved.

“We were searching for a place where Devon could learn,” said his mother Donetta. “Where people believed in him.”

By chance, they found the number to High Point Village and signed Devon up for his first summer camp. Eight years later, he is still attending High Point and has grown with every passing year.

“High Point has made Devon more independent,” said Donetta. “And his self-confidence has grown.”



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When he is not in school, Devon attends Afternoon Enrichment Classes in the spring and fall, camps during the summer, social parties, and several other activities.

“Devon has a passion for music and other people,” said Music Therapist Grace Gomez. “He shows consistent kindness and care for the staff and his Villager friends as soon he enters the building.”

The relationships that Devon has built with all of his friends at High Point Village have helped him to reach his fullest potential.

“He met friends and people who believe in his abilities, not disabilities,” said Donetta. “High Point Village is a blessing to Devon and each person with unique needs.”

Be Love, Give Love

In honor of High Point Village’s 11th Anniversary this year, we have set the ambitious goal of gaining 11 new monthly donors this summer! When you make a monthly gift to High Point Village, you are truly changing the lives of individuals with special needs just like Devon. With your contribution, we can continue to provide high-quality and engaging activities and services for people with special needs.

When you sign up to make a monthly gift of \$14 or more this summer, you will receive a brand new ‘Abilities Advocate’ shirt!

We love because God first loved us. Be Love, Give Love. Be an Abilities Advocate.

To find out more information about becoming a monthly donor, call the office at 806-698-0015 or visit <https://www.highpointvillage.org/programs/give-love>



Breaking New Ground



On Friday, May 31, we held our groundbreaking ceremony for the Enrichment Center Expansion project. KAMC's Lauren Matter emceed the ceremony, which began with a prayer written and recited by Villager Taryn McKay. AIA Architect Mary Crites and Executive Director Doug Spearman gave those gathered more details about the project and the selection of Henthorn Commercial Construction as the general contractor for the project. Kerry Miller spoke about the impact High Point Village has had on his son Bradley and their family, as well as his high hopes for the impact it will have on future families. To conclude the ceremony, there was a brief reception where attendees enjoyed pastries, refreshments, and viewed a model of the expanded building.



Painting Unveiling

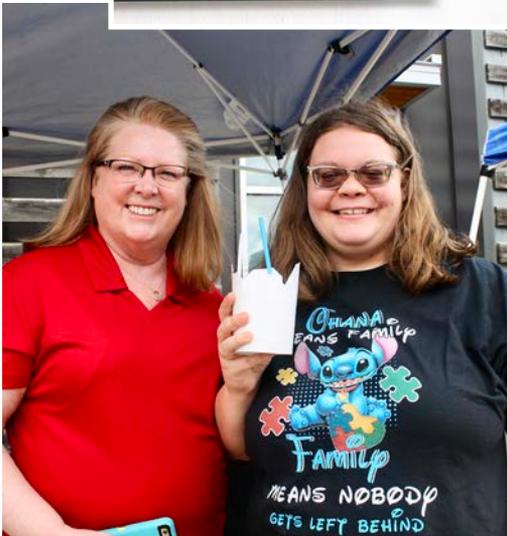


We were honored to witness the unveiling of our gala painting at the offices of Merrill Lynch Wealth Management on Thursday, June 6.

At last year's gala, several of our Villagers created a live abstract painting during the program. As a surprise, the painting was auctioned off at the end of the night and the lovely folks from Merrill Lynch were the ones who walked away with it.

They decided to get the painting professionally framed and to hang it up as a permanent part of their entryway. Next to the painting is a plaque engraved with a special message. Now, as soon as anyone walks into the building, they will see a piece of High Point Village.

Our Villagers had a blast helping to reveal the finished painting, eating amazing food from Chick-Fil-A, and cooling down with snow cones from Nick's Shaved Ice Paradise. To top things off, they got a visit from a special guest!



INTRODUCING...

Celebration Gala

A PLACE TO BELONG
Thursday, October 24, 2019

CONTACT 806-698-0015 FOR TABLE AND SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES.

Recognizing AbiliTEES



On Friday, June 14, we held our second annual Recognizing AbiliTEES Golf Tournament on The Rawls Course at Texas Tech University. The tournament, presented by Peoples Bank, was sold out with over 144 golfers in attendance.

Registration began at 11:30AM followed by a lunch of delicious hamburgers and a shotgun start of 1:30PM. The tournament featured a \$10,000 Hole in One contest, sponsored by Mighty Wash, as well as two Closest to the Pin and two Longest Drive contests. Golfers also had a chance to win five different raffle baskets.

The Villagers were so excited to tee off for several teams on Hole One and to help keep the golfers hydrated in the warm weather. To end the amazing day, an awards ceremony was held with prizes for the top three teams, contest winners, and raffle basket winners.



First Place Team
Lubbock Police Department



Second Place Team
Jazz A Louisiana Kitchen



Third Place Team
Lubbock Sound Equipment Company

Camp Abilities



This year, we were blessed with a grant of \$4,005 from the Community Foundation of West Texas to fund summer programs. The 'Happiness in the Heat' project includes Camp Abilities, Camp Gourmet, Camp High Point, Camp Create, and fun summer opportunities for Reach High and Dream Big.

Camp Abilities kicked off June 17 and our Villagers had the time of their lives dancing, doing art projects, playing games, and being visited by a few special guests!

The first day of camp our Villagers made their own slime and learned about animals from the Science Spectrum. On the second day, the campers made nature paintings and got to play with a few ponies from Minis and Friends. The third day they made and flew kites then enjoyed tasty treats from Nick's Shaved Ice Paradise. The final day of camp was water day, so our Villagers had a water balloon fight, splashed in a pool, and raced down a water slide.

Want to join the summer fun? Please visit <https://www.highpointvillage.org/programs/summer-camp>



Welcome to the High Point Family

Patty Hoadley - Administrative Assistant



Originally from Beloit, Wisconsin, Patty has over 15 years of experience in the administrative field. She relocated to Lubbock last September for a new position that her husband, Stephen, started.

Patty has an adult daughter with Spina Bifada, so she wanted to

find work that was both rewarding and made her happy. She was delighted when she discovered High Point Village.

Allison Martin - Reach High Coordinator



A Lubbock native, Allison started out as an intern for High Point Village in the spring of 2019. On her first day, she was struck by the way the Villagers were encouraged to reach for the stars and knew she wanted to be a part of the organization.

Before coming to High Point, the Texas Tech grad worked in children's ministry and always knew that she wanted to spend her life serving others.

Jennifer Rojas-McWhinney - Board Member

Jennifer was born and raised in Lubbock and earned her degrees from Texas Tech University. She is a visiting assistant professor in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies where she seeks opportunities to enhance learning to positively impact the lives of students and community members.



With a passion for education, she works with groups of people in a range of settings from a variety of backgrounds.

Kailey Zieschang - Reach High Coordinator

Originally from Round Rock, Texas, Kailey moved to Lubbock in 2014 to pursue a degree in Human Development and Family Studies at Texas Tech University.

Before coming to High Point, she volunteered at similar organizations for people with special needs and was a Special Olympics coach for several years. When she came to Lubbock, she knew she wanted to pursue a career in Special Education, so High Point Village was her dream job.



Wish List

Items Needed	Amount	Price Per Item
Necklace Cords for Art	1	\$12
Cookbook for Afternoon Enrichment	1	\$17
Sensory Pads for Dream Big	5	\$45
Steel Drums for Music Therapy	5	\$160

If you would like to donate an item from the list, mail a check with the item's name in the memo field. For the complete wish list, visit: <https://amzn.com/w/2YAAVJJLD3FK>

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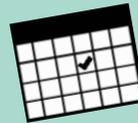
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Mark Your Calendars

Camp High Point
August 9 - 11

Camp Create
August 12 - 15

Afternoon Enrichment Classes Begin
September 9

Celebration Gala
October 24