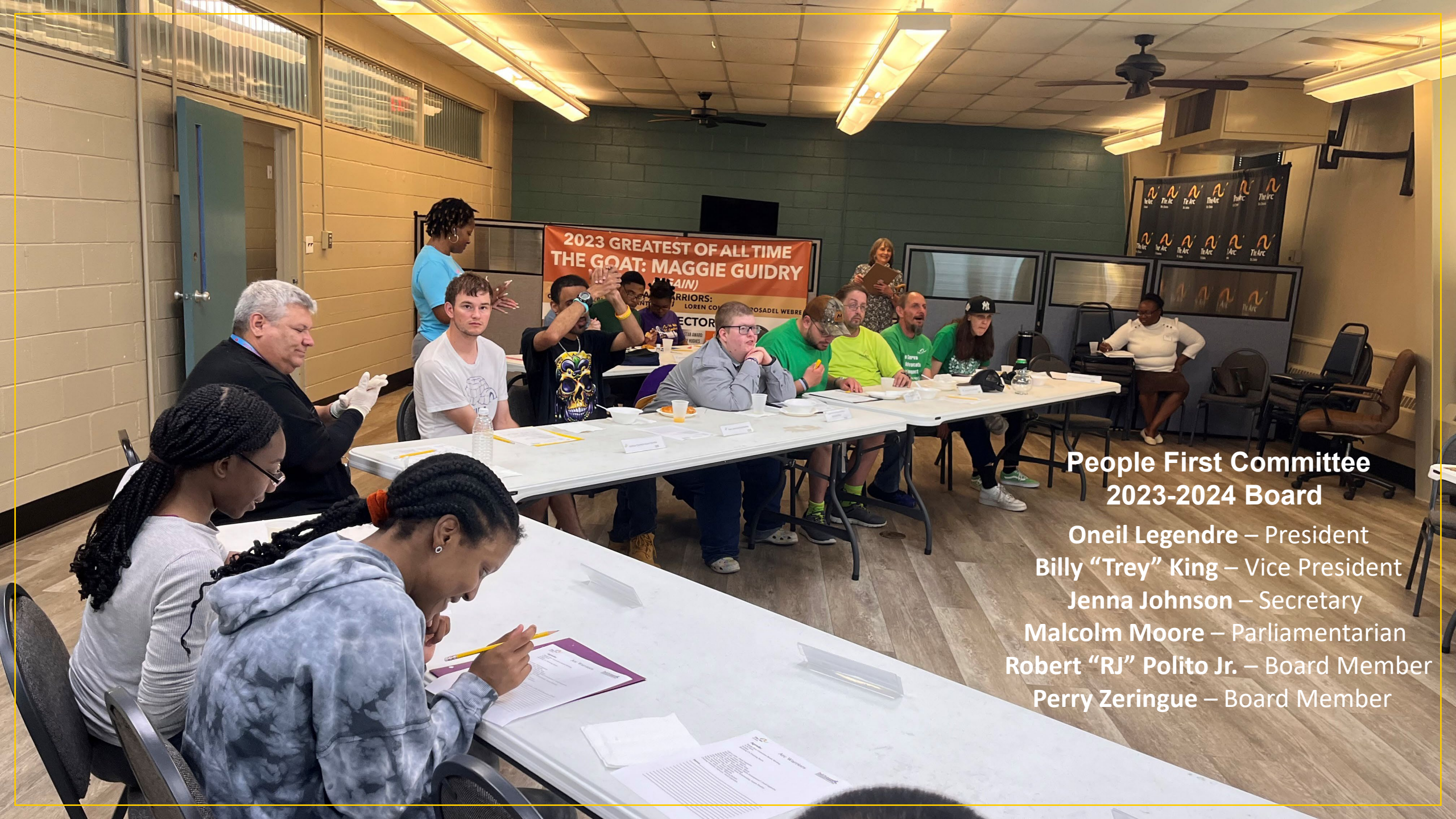


ARC OF ST. CHARLES

See the **ABLE**
not the **LABEL**

St. Charles People First Committee

- People First of St. Charles is a self-advocacy group designed to ensure the protection of rights, to encourage individuals to speak up for themselves and to expand opportunities for individuals with disabilities.
- This committee meets monthly and is run by and for individuals with developmental disabilities. It supports persons with disabilities and empowers them to become effective decision-makers, to gain more independence and to enjoy life as equal citizens. People First of St. Charles is part of a state-wide organization that provides practical assistance and support needed for individuals to become self-advocates. The group empowers members to take control of their lives and actively participate in and contribute to their local communities.



**People First Committee
2023-2024 Board**

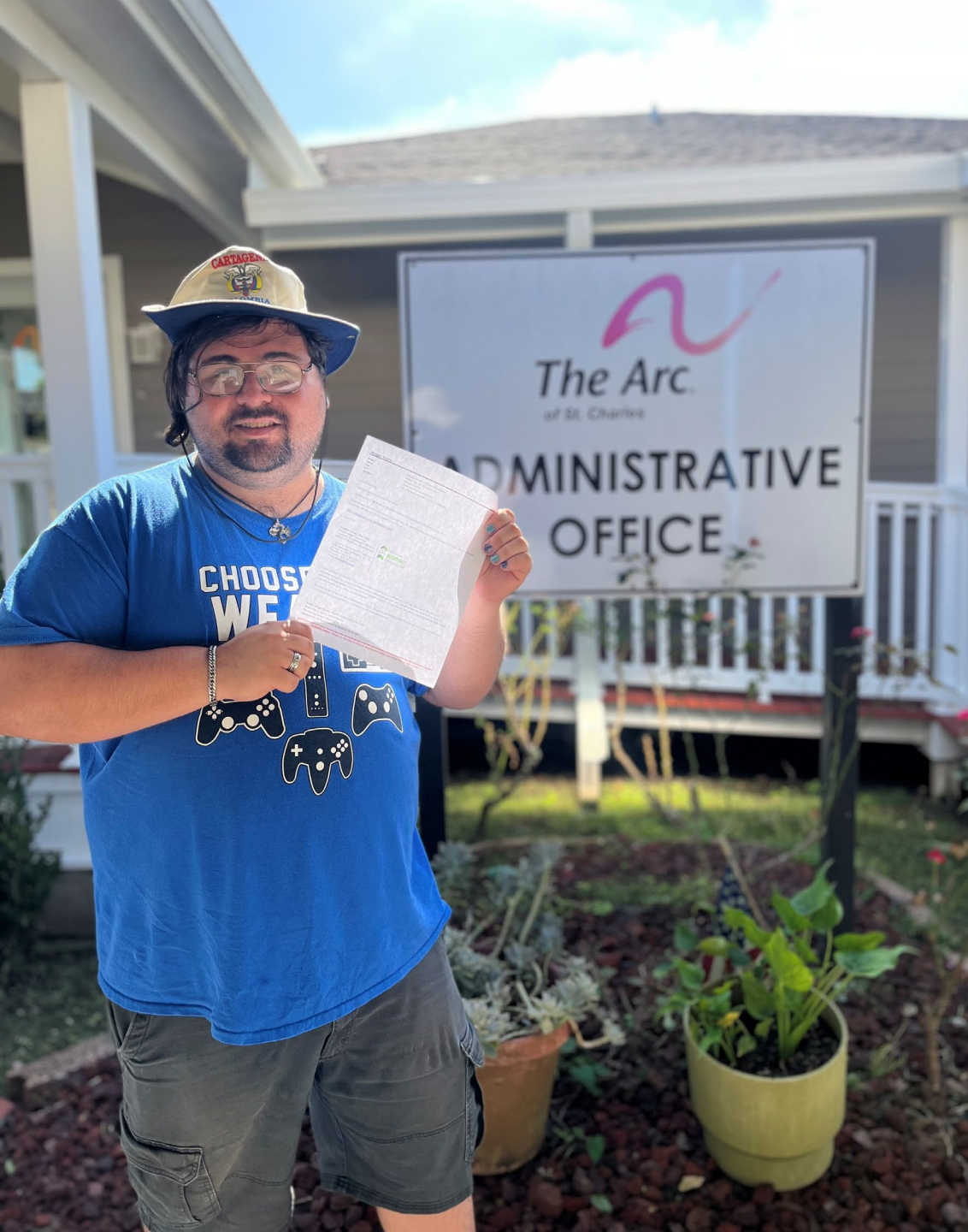
- Oneil Legendre – President**
- Billy “Trey” King – Vice President**
- Jenna Johnson – Secretary**
- Malcolm Moore – Parliamentarian**
- Robert “RJ” Polito Jr. – Board Member**
- Perry Zeringue – Board Member**

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“You don’t have
to see the
whole staircase,
just to take
the first step.”

-Martin Luther King





Let's talk about Malcolm Moore!

- Malcolm is one of our SIL individuals, which means we provide 24-hour care. With assistance from Arc, he can maintain his independence by living in an apartment and holding the title of store associate at our thrift store, Cajun Village. Malcolm is a sergeant at arms for our PF board and also represents St. Charles parish for PF of Louisiana. Malcolm's dream is to attend college and obtain his degree as an IT tech. Effective this fall semester, Malcolm will finally step foot into college to start his journey. **WAY TO GO MALCOLM!**

Giving back to community. It's what we do!

We love being able to give back to our parish

Once a week, a group from The Arc goes to Ormond Food Pantry to give back to others. St. Charles Parish supports The Arc, so we love volunteering our time to local food banks and other organizations.

We complete different tasks while at food pantry. Separating and shredding important documents. While also, loading and unloading donated food to customers. We pre-make groceries bags with food items, that way customers can just grab and go.

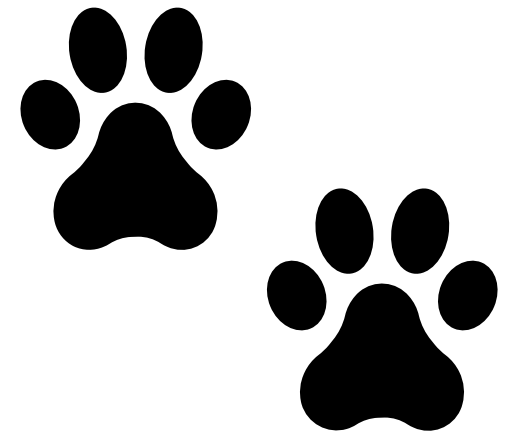


Stay PAWsitive

SCP Animal Shelter is another place where you can catch us during the week. Not only are we spending time with furry friends, but we're also making a difference.

We maintain the grounds and kennels while having fun walking the pups. Making animal treats and toys is no joke, but it is worth it when seeing the animals enjoy it. Wiping down the windows to ensure our little friends get much-needed sunrays & folding laundry breaks a sweat.

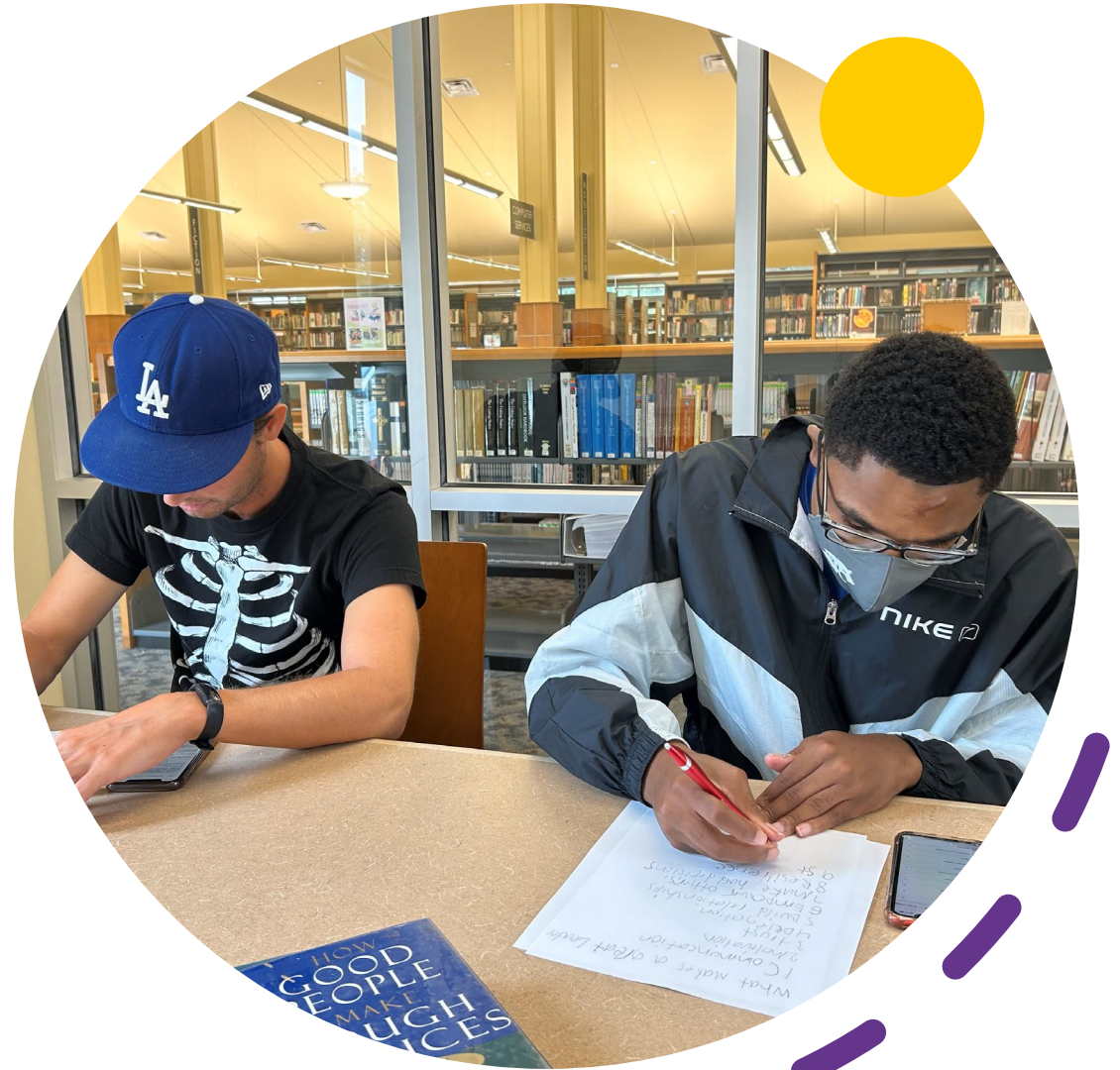
However, we stay paw-sitive during the entire day!



Shhhh...

You're in a library

- Going to the library provides a space where we can provoke critical thinking. It encourages us to clear our minds and think of important topics to discuss. Being able to brainstorm then come back to the table and share is how we grow as an organization. We also know when it's time to head to the library, we are prepared with our pen/pencil and most importantly.....our thinking caps!





Botanical Gardens

Ahh, stop and smell the flowers.

Maintaining the grounds is no easy task,
however, knowing we are serving a purpose is a
breath of fresh air!



E.D.T.
*Employment
Development Training*

- Our program is designed with finding and developing career interest in mind. We spent hours scouring placements within the community who want to open their doors to something new. Identifying places of employment that matches job skills within, is key for potential placement. Once matched and onsite, learning job readiness, soft skills & job shadowing will be obtained. With one focus at the top, possible job placement.

“I’m not telling you it’s going to be easy;
I’m telling you it’s going to be worth it.”
– Art Williams

Meet Daniel & Ceila!

Both, are currently enrolled in River Parish Community College for their GED. Big dreams start with small steps, and they took a huge leap by walking through those double doors at RPCC. Disability rights are human rights and obtaining a GED shouldn't be an obstacle, but an educational right.





Dufrene Building Materials

responsible for greeting customers, solving inquiries, arranging displays, offering information about products, demonstrating features, and maintaining the store area clean and organized.

Frank's Supermarket

Floor Associate:

- *Greet Customers*
- *Stock Shelves*
- *Customer Service*
- *Sales Floor*
- *Offer Information on Products*





- Greeting customers as they enter
- Providing customers with drink menus and answering their questions regarding ingredients
- Taking orders while paying attention to details & making delicious coffee drinks



Table Café

Best Life Nutrition

- Welcoming customers & answering customers' questions regarding products & services.
- Waiting on customers & operating cash register and computer.
- Maintaining a clean, well-stocked store for customers.
- Receiving & unpacking merchandise, restocking





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UPSTART

Career Exploration Camp

The Arc of St. Charles

JOIN US FOR OUR SUMMER & UPSTART CAMP!

JUNE 10TH, 2024 – JULY 19TH, 2024

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS 15YRS & OLDER

REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDING T-SHIRT COST WILL BE \$125.00/CAMPER.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND/OR TO RESERVE YOUR SLOT, PLEASE CONTACT US BEFORE THE DEADLINE OF MAY 31, 2024.

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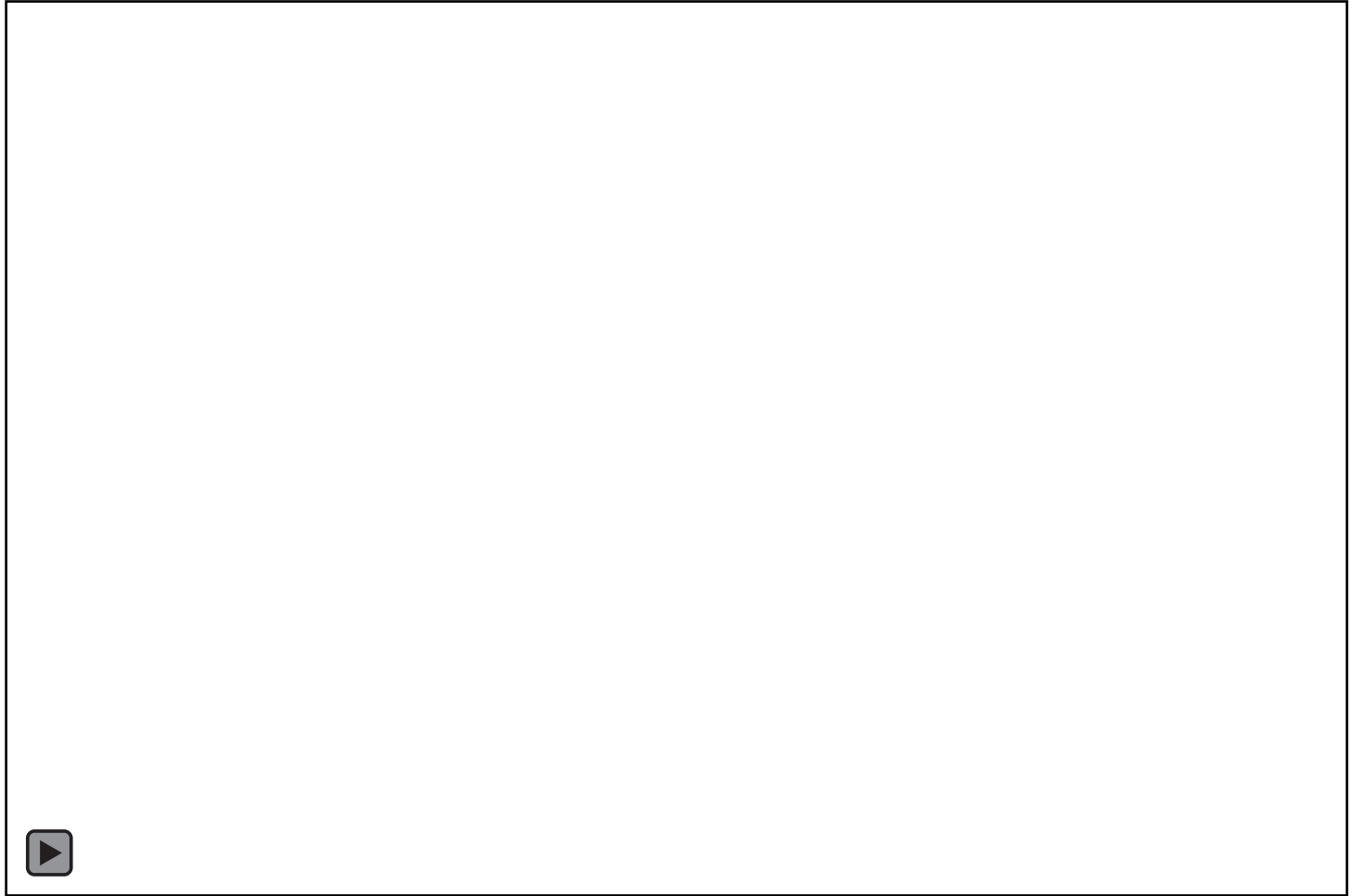
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Smiling is contagious around here

We are changing the conversation around disabilities by defying definitions, inspiring possibilities and improving the lives of the people we serve, their families and our community.

IT ALL BEGINS HERE.





See you again soon!