

# Summer 2017

## The Green Scene

Quarterly Newsletter of Professional Contract Services, Inc.

### Federal and State Representatives Take Time to Visit PCSI Advocate

#### Winn Army Community Hospital Hinesville, Georgia

During the June SourceAmerica Grassroots Advocacy Conference in Washington, DC, Congressman Buddy Carter was asked to take action on issues surrounding language in the Work-force Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) that was effecting relationships between local Vocational Rehabilitation Agencies and AbilityOne non-profits. He was also asked to visit



(R to L) Rep. Al Williams, Bobby Stafford, Rep. Buddy Carter

PCSI's 2017 Grassroots Advocate, (R to L) Rep. Al Williams, Bobby Stafford, Rep. Buddy Carter Bobby Stafford, at his work place to see an AbilityOne employed constituent in action. Bobby was able to take advantage of this opportunity thanks, in part, to recruitment through his local Vocational Rehabilitation Agency.

During their short July recess, Rep. Carter along with Rep. Al Williams took time to visit Bobby while touring the Winn Army Community Hospital in Hinesville, GA. Project Manager Darryl Speir also was present during the visit and said "Bobby was pleased to see him and Rep. Carter told us that he remembered Bobby and his moving story from the Grassroots Conference. Rep. Al Williams, who represents our District in the Georgia State Legislature, recognized our Friends Helping Friends Program when they visited the State Capitol a few months ago."

Both Representatives took time to speak to Bobby and learn about the work PCSI does with people with disabilities. They were specifically interested in the statistics on their constituents at Site 740. Out of Fifty-five employees total, 78% are individuals with disabilities, and fourteen are veterans.

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## JBLM Volunteer of the Third Quarter

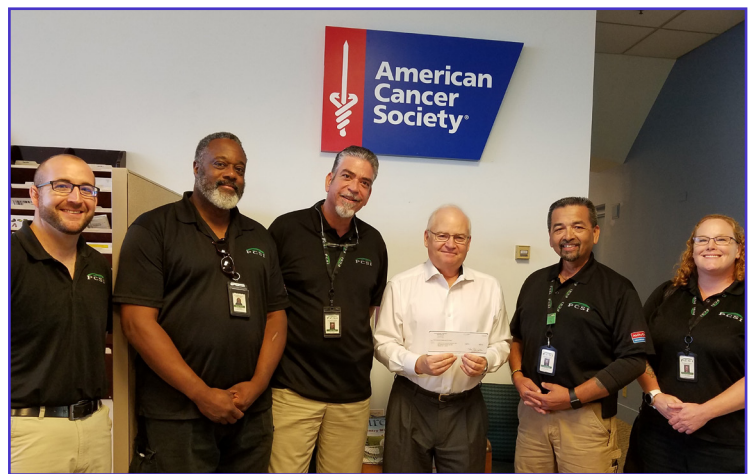
### Tacoma, WA

Because of his tremendous volunteer efforts, Maintenance Supervisor and Volunteer of the Quarter (Q3), Rico Haynes, presented his local American Cancer Society Office with a check for \$500. As Volunteer of the Quarter, Mr. Haynes was awarded the check written as a donation to his charity of choice. Rico chose the American Cancer Society because he himself is a fairly recent cancer survivor. On August 11, 2017 Rico presented the check to Larry Andrus, Senior Vice President of Division Operations for the American Cancer Society Tacoma office. The JBLM management team joined Rico in the presentation. JBLM Project Manager, Janet Smith also commented: "A big thank you to PCSI Corporate for an Employee Recognition Program that recognizes employees for their tremendous volunteer efforts and then in turn are able to donate monies to organizations that are near and dear to their hearts."

Following the check presentation, Mr. Larry Andrus presented Rico with a signature 2017 American Cancer Society Survivor t-shirt. Rico has spent over three years volunteering for the American Cancer Society and has been asked to speak at several events, sharing his story and experiences. Thank you, Rico, for your dedication to such an important cause!



*Rico holding up his cancer survivor shirt*



*(L-R) DJ Wyatt, Wayne Morris, Raul Nieves, Larry Andrus, Rico Haynes and Mich Avery-Nazzaretto*

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## PCSI Employees Stay Behind During Hurricane Irma

### Winn Army Community Hospital – Ft. Stewart, GA

A team of fourteen PCSI employees were able to maintain Winn Army Community Hospital during Hurricane Irma. The Stay Behind Team reported in Sunday, September 10 and were on-site while the installation was on mandatory evacuation until Tuesday, September 12. Project Manager, Darryl Speir and Trainer, Allen Swinton, remained on-site and arranged for sleeping quarters and cots for the staff so they could rest between shifts. Food was also provided with grilled hot dogs being one of the delightful menu items. The storm shifted to the west, sparing the facility of the worst; however, the hospital did experience several roof leaks and a flooding situation in the dining facility. There were two "Hurricane babies" born during the storm but no word on whether either was named "Irma." Logistics Commander LTC Kirk Reed, and NCOIC SFC, Andrew Lewis, personally visited with the PCSI staff on Thursday, September 14 to thank them for their "outstanding work" during the storm. LTC Reed remarked that "PCSI came through for us in a big way, just like they always do."

Big thanks to all the PCSI employees who weathered the storm!



# Michigan Autism Speaks Walk

## Kensington Metropark in Milford, MI

PCSI was the official Volunteer Sponsor for the 2017 Michigan Autism Speaks (MAS) Walk on September 16. Team members at Site 760, Detroit Tank Arsenal, gathered with family, friends, and other supporters of Michigan Autism Speaks, for its annual walk for Autism awareness. Staff at 760 participated as Team PCSI and split their time as walkers and volunteers assisting with registration and providing water and other necessary materials to participants. Abdul Muhammad, PCSI Rehabilitation Specialist, organized and promoted the event, serving as team captain and leader.

During the months leading up to the walk, Mr. Muhammad held meetings and provided educational information to his team members regarding the Autism Spectrum in preparation for the walk. This development included an online course with the aim of expanding the team's understanding of the Autism Spectrum. This course became a light-hearted challenge recognizing staff with an official walk t-shirt, a special event shirt purchased from a local business that employs individuals with Autism. Scott Vanderzyppe, Site Planner, received the walk shirt for being the first staff person to complete the course on Autism and provide a copy of the certification to Rehab.

Shortly after presenting PCSI's sponsorship check on August 26, the Michigan/ Indiana Autism Speaks Field Manager, Lisa Radtke, visited Site 760 for a Q&A session regarding the event. The session was a great exchange and served as an opportunity for staff to show off their knowledge of the Spectrum and the Autism Walk. Mrs. Radtke had this to say about her experience with team 760: "I just wanted to say what a pleasure it has been working with your team here in the Detroit area and

at the Detroit Tank Arsenal. They are an amazing group of individuals who supported our Autism Speaks Walk in every way possible and I cannot thank them enough! Working with PCSI has been a wonderful experience and I hope we can continue to build on this partnership." Because of her great experience working with the team, Ms. Radtke also asked Mr. Muhammad to serve on the Michigan Autism Board, to which he has accepted.

Way to go, Team 760!



*Michigan Autism Speaks Walk check presentation - Daisy Harrison, Abdul Muhammad, Peter Schappach, presenting check to Lisa Radtke (holding check between Daisy and Abdul)*



*PCSI Autism Speaks Group – Team 760 volunteers and walkers with friends and family*



*PCSI Autism Speaks Pair - Peter Schappach and Durand Capers*



*Truck Strapping – Team 680 strapping down rotor blades destined for Puerto Rico to assist with hurricane Irma*



*Hurricane PUK Support Containers – Equipment and PUK Support Containers loaded to assist with hurricane Harvey*

## How Team 680 Assists the Navy in Hurricane Relief

### Norfolk, VA

Each year, before and during the official hurricane season (June 1-November 30) Site 680 assists the United States Navy (USN) in a program known as HURREX (hurricane exercise). Essentially, they provide logistics and heavy transportation support to the disaster relief teams traveling to the affected areas all over the world. At the beginning of the season, specific pack up kits (PUK's) are designated by NAVSUP (Naval Supply) to be the supporting HURREX kits. The decision is based on the range and depth of each kit, to ensure that the team is providing the most accurate and complete unit possible.

These kits house the ever-important aviation parts for repairs while the squadrons are out in the field. PCSI warehousemen build and maintain these kits to ensure that all of the parts are accounted for, in good operational order, and packed securely, ready to leave at a moment's notice. In addition to maintaining the kits, Team 680 also provides heavy transport of entire kits and squadron personal effects to the ships bound for disaster areas. Most recently, they provided immense support to Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico.

In the wake of Hurricanes Irma, Harvey, and Maria the team has recently deployed over seven squadrons, with ten full ships. The two Jima, USNS PUK's, Comfort, across USS four Kearsarge, and the

USS Wasp have all received material from the Norfolk/ Oceana warehouse in direct support of those in need. The squadron will be in Puerto Rico for an undetermined amount of time so Team 680 has been tasked with preparing and transporting a weekly load of replenishment supplies and parts. This material will be delivered to the piers and then be cross decked to other ships in route to Puerto Rico. In addition, the team sent five full kits via the Air Terminal to be air dropped in Puerto Rico as the lack of ground transportation made it impossible for any other means of delivery. PCSI Project Manager, Jesse Crowe, had this to say: "As soon as we receive word, we jump into action accounting for all materials to be transported and coordinate with the squadron in regard to their support equipment and personal gear needed for the length of time they plan on being away. PCSI employees play an immense role in making all of this happen in an effective and seamless manner."

## Fort Belvoir Gets Creative with "Indy Race for Quality"

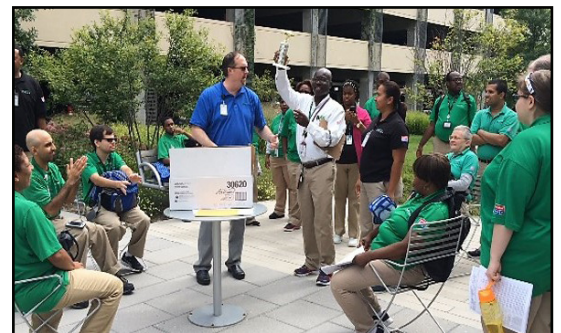
### Fort Belvoir, VA

In an effort to maintain a standard or above standard quality rating, Operations staff on site 710 at Fort Belvoir Community Hospital, created the "Indy Race for Quality"- A race to be the best in quality.

Each area type had a percentage standard. To achieve an above or right at standard rating the goal was to get staff more involved with quality but also making it fun for everyone.

- First Place Type 1
- Second Place Type 3
- Third Place Type 2
- Fourth Place Type 4

Pictured are a few of our employees as well as 2nd shift supervisor Johnson Agyare and First Shift Supervisor LaKeeta Via receiving trophies on behalf of their teams.

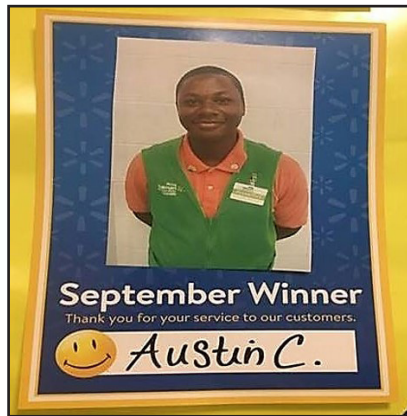


*Project Manager, Christopher Zvoch, presenting one of the game trophies to Johnson Agyare*





*Austin with Wal-Mart HR Manager, Mary Maurtua*



## PCSI CEP Employee Shines

### San Antonio, TX

Congratulations to Mr. Austin Combs, 18, a recent Community Employment Program (CEP) Placement, who was just named Employee of the Month by his new employer Walmart Neighborhood Market in San Antonio, Texas. Mr. Combs is truly a humble, inspiring young man who now works as a Maintenance Associate. He graduated from high school in June and was chomping at the bit to go to work. He is one of six children and proud to be the first among them to become a breadwinner. Austin loves all things military and was very active in his Army ROTC unit at Judson High School.

Austin is pictured with one of the CEP's supporting managers at Walmart, Ms. Mary Ellen Maurtua. Ms. Maurtua is the HR Director at Austin's local Walmart and recently hired four PCSI clients! She oversees Walmart's Orientation Program, a very intensive training that includes 40 hours of computer based learning. Ms. Carina Boughton, CEP Job Coach, was proud to assist Austin with this essential on-site support. Todd Foreman, CEP Business Development Supervisor, commented that "Both Mr. Combs and Ms. Maurtua embody all the qualities that PCSI cherishes in our employees and supervisors. Together, they truly reflect what the PCSI CEP Program is all about!"

## PCSI Foundation Updates

We are pleased to announce the recipients of the PCSI Scholarships for Fall 2017/ Spring 2018 School Year. PCSI will distribute scholarships to new students, as well as existing students, based on need and precedence on disability. These students show an incredible aptitude of course rigor and commitment into becoming scholars.

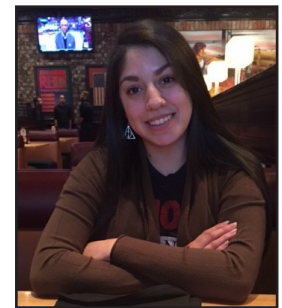
PCSI thanks all the dependent applicants who have applied as we continue to strive for excellence and service through the value of education given to these individuals.

- Savannah Burger- Cameron University
- Samuel Garcia- The University of Texas at Austin
- Atiana Surae- Armstrong State University
- Laurea Quiroga- Texas State University
- Sydney Ellis- Midwestern State University
- Joshua Govan- North Carolina A&T
- Shantel Jones- Texas College

For more information about the PCSI Scholarship Program please contact [mhollister@pcsi.org](mailto:mhollister@pcsi.org)



*Sydney Ellis*



*Laurea Quiroga*



*Savannah Burger*



*Atiana Surae*

# PCSI Celebrates Environmental Services & Housekeeping (EVS) Week

The American Hospital Association's Environmental Services & Housekeeping Week honors environmental services personnel for their contributions to infection control, patient safety, and customer satisfaction. Every year, the Association for the Healthcare Environment (AHE) designates one week in September to honor "the critical role environmental services plays in the delivery of safe, quality health care." This year, PCSI's Environmental Services (EVS) teams were feted with food and favor for the important work they do. PCSI's EVS teams celebrated as follows: **PCSI's EVS teams at Evans Army Community Hospital (CO), Fort Belvoir Community Hospital (VA), Ireland Army Community Hospital (KY), Naval Medical Center Portsmouth (VA), and Reynolds Army Medical Clinic (OK) marked the week (September 10 – 16) with good food and celebration.** Menus included: delicious subs, chips, soda, root beer floats, and more. Dishes at Winn's potluck included Cuban chicken, nacho bar, Italian meatballs, and fried chicken.

Special activities—some old, some new—added to the celebration. For instance, instead of PCSI greens, employees at **Evans** wore jerseys of their favorite sports teams on Friday. Many of the area staff members even purchased special gifts for the housekeepers that clean their areas.

Employees at **Ireland** held multiple events through-out the week including a BBQ with music, and team building activities. They also presented certificates and baskets that were made by several departments to show their appreciation.

**Fort Belvoir Community Hospital** held a picnic for Housekeeping staff, presenting signed thank you cards.

**Reynolds**, held their first annual company picnic event at the post lake at Ft. Sill, where staff enjoyed fishing, swimming, boating, horse shoes, putt-putt golf, and an archery range.

**Naval Medical Center Portsmouth** had giveaways and raffles every day followed by a Friday picnic complete with a DJ and dancing (a great way to work off the BBQ), fried chicken, and all the "fixins" from local favorite, Rodman's Barbeque. Government leadership and the Infection Control Practitioner were also in attendance—offering praise and thanks to the PCSI employees who work hard to keep the facility clean and safe for all.

Winn employees postponed EVS week due to Hurricane Irma, with employees staying on to assist in relief efforts.

Thank you, PCSI EVS workers, for the great work you do!



*Evans team showing off their jerseys*



*Anthony, from NMCP, serving cake to fellow co-workers*



*Ms. Chong Harris received this bouquet from staff at Ireland Hospital*



*Reynolds thank you cake for EVS staff – yum!*





*Left to right: Terrence Tinsley, Jared Powell, Tanya Newmarch, Marcia Frahler, Michael Greenwell*

## SourceAmerica Heartland Emerging Leaders Conference

### Louisville, KY

Team 720 at Ireland Army Hospital sent a group of five to attend the SourceAmerica Heartland Emerging Leaders conference that was held right in their backyard, in Louisville, KY. Attendees included Project Manager, Tanya Newmarch; Trainer, Jared Powell; Rehab Specialist, Marcia Frahler; First Shift Supervisor, Terrence Tinsley; and Second Shift Supervisor, Michael Greenwell. All attendees found the conference to be very educational and picked a favorite class from the 3-day conference: Practical Approaches to Higher Productivity for People with Significant Disabilities. In this class, each participant was expected to complete a task, but they were each given a tool that limited their abilities. One of them was given tunnel vision goggles, one received oven mitts, another received headphones that had voices, and the last had goggles that were completely blacked out. This experience drove home just how important accommodations are for those who need them, not just in employment roles, but also for a higher quality of living in every day goals.

## Site 700 Celebrates Eight CHEST Graduates During EVS Week

### Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, VA

PCSI Site 700 at Portsmouth Naval Medical Center (NMCP) graduated their first CHEST Certified Environmental Services Employees, recognizing their hard work and willingness to become more knowledgeable in the field. Certified Healthcare Environmental Services Technicians (C.H.E.S.T) are recognized by the Association for the Healthcare Environment (AHE) of the American Hospital Association as Frontline Healthcare Environmental Services Members, who are critical members of the patient care team in hospitals, continuing care centers, and other healthcare settings.

With a major focus on the “why” of healthcare cleaning, the CHEST students spent a week in the class room learning specifics on “breaking the chain of infection.” Ruth Carrico, PhD RN FSHEA CIC, of the Division of Infectious Diseases at the School of Medicine, University of Louisville, stated “Doing our best requires that we know what to do, how to do it, how to think critically so decisions can be made, how to evaluate or assess what has been done, and how to improve. These are the foundational elements for a competent workforce. Competencies empower the worker by helping them know how, exactly, they can do their best work. Let’s help that happen through a program that offers certification for Environmental Services Technicians that demonstrates knowledge and the ability to put it into action. CHEST certification is the ultimate in competent practice demonstration!”

PCSI’s Site 700 grads were presented with AHE certificates and pins at a ceremony in the presence of their coworkers during Environmental Services Week. The newly certified technicians at Naval Medical Center are Demonte Avant, Cassandra Daughtry, Donovan Davies, Miracle Dudley, Antoine Elliott, James Murdock, Audrey Shealey, and Angela Stevenson.

Congratulations to all graduates!



*Four of the eight CHEST Graduates: Audrey Shealey, Antoine Elliott, Donovan Davies, James Murdock*

# Schriever Air Force Base Receives High Rating on CPAR

## Schriever AFB, Colorado Springs, CO

One of the most important duties completed by the team at Schriever Air Force Base (SAFB) in Colorado Springs, Colorado is the preparation for Distinguished Visitors. In the last several month Team 600 has prepared for visits ranging from high level military and political representatives to the Vice President of the United States. Often, the notice of the visits is very short requiring staff flexibility, which the PCSI team has delivered, going above and beyond on numerous occasions. Contract Manager, John Madrid, along with General Clerk 3, Ayde Gomez-Acuna and Quality Manager, Villiam Kundlak, direct the team to set up cleaning routes and areas based on the visitor's itinerary and quickly establish cleaning schedules and assignments. These actions do not go unnoticed and below is a summary of the annual Contractor Performance Annual Report. It should be noted that a recent change in the evaluation metric, makes a rating of 'Very Good' much more difficult to obtain.

Site 600 CPAR, (Contractor Performance Annual Report) rating from Mrs. Nicole Mintus Contracting Officer SAFB:

The contractor's service during this reporting period is rated as very good. A few minor discrepancies were found and then corrected immediately. Any issue pertaining to contractor quality was also immediately remedied. The contractor provided service to high traffic and highly visible service areas, yet they met the demands (requirements) every day and exceeded contract requirements when DVs were scheduled and also when social events were planned. The one-hour prior to visit reviews raised the quality of service and ensured that facilities were at their best. Custodial service for Schriever AFB is a serious matter and we appreciate (value, recognize) the professionalism and attention to detail shown by PCSI while executing their duties. The government, visitors, and regular people benefit by having clean and serviceable facilities free of trash and contaminants specifically during cold and flu season.

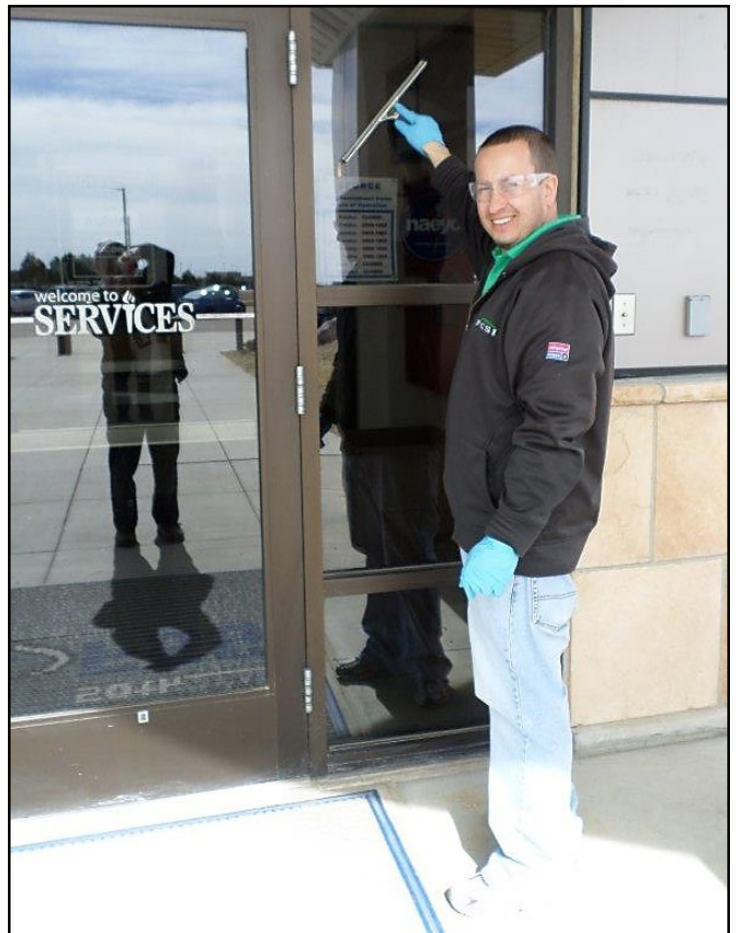
Contract Manager, John Madrid, has this to say about his team: "I am very proud to be associated with the PCSI staff who have made a great contribution to the Mission, Vision, and Values of our company."

Great work PCSI Schriever Custodial staff, Well Done!



*Back row: Mario Enriquez, James Cockrell, Robert Wright, Loretta Kuchan, Chris Nolte*

*Front row: Luz Veronica Ochoa, Sean Grey*



*Janitors 600 008 – Chris Nolte, hard at work*





*Todd Foreman, left, shaking hands with Prince Albert II, right, standing next to Superintendent of West Point, Lieutenant General Robert Caslen*

*Back ground: Ambassador of Monaco to the US, Her Excellency Maguy Maccario-Doyle*

## PCSI's Todd Foreman escorts the Prince of Monaco

### West Point, NY

On Monday, September 18, 2017 Todd Foreman, Business Development Supervisor for PCSI Rehabilitation Department in San Antonio, Texas, served as a personal escort to His Serene Highness, Prince Albert II of the Principality of Monaco during his visit to the United States Military Academy (USMA) at West Point, NY. Foreman, a West Point Graduate has had familial relations with the Prince's Press Attache for nearly 40 years and accepted an offer to escort the Prince during a meeting held last year in NYC. Prince Albert and his delegation were recently in NYC for the United Nations General Assembly and took a day to travel the 50 miles up the Hudson River to West Point. The visit started with a walking historical tour of the facilities, livened by cheerful conversation between cadets and the delegation. The highlight of the visit was when they dined with 4,000 cadets in the Cadet Mess and the Prince offered amnesty to cadets who had received punishment tours - all demerits deleted! Only a head of state has this unique privilege. Others participating in the six hour visit included; Ambassador of Monaco to the US, Her Excellency, Maguy Maccario-Doyle; Superintendent of West Point, Lieutenant General Robert Caslen; and Commandant of Cadets, Brigadier General Steve Gilland, as well as many selected officers and cadets from USMA. Something Foreman learned during his visit is that Prince Albert is also a champion of those with special needs, currently serving as Co-Chairman of the Olympic and Paralympic Committees.

## Ireland Safety Celebration

### Ireland Army Community Hospital (IACH), Fort Knox, KY

On August 24, 2017, Team 720 at Ireland Army Community Hospital (IACH), Fort Knox, KY celebrated 180 days of Safety with a BBQ for their first, second, and third shift employees. The employees were treated to a buffet of hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken wings, beans, and potato salad. The first shift supervisor, Terrence Tinsley cooked the food for the entire group with some help from the Assistant Project Manager, Jason Wilson. They also set up a game of corn hole and Safety Bingo. The winners of Safety Bingo were treated to some Safety Swag which included portable chargers, squishy dumbbells, pens, carabiners, and drink tumblers. Stay safe, Team 720!



*Ms. Marcella showing off her googly eyes that were used as bingo dabbers*



*Ms. Harris, Barbara Nall, and Ms. Ellwood, playing Safety Bingo with the rest of the 1st shift staff*





(L-R) Raul Nieves, Janet Smith and DJ Wyatt

## JBLM CARES

### Joint Base Lewis McCord (JBLM) Tacoma, WA

Through relationships developed with the Warrior Transition Battalion (WTB) and contacts made through participating in a recent fundraising event put on by the Lewis Community Spouses' Club (LCSC), Team 690 at Joint Base Lewis-McCord (JBLM) received an invitation to the ribbon cutting ceremony for the JBLM C A R E S (Center for Autism Resources Education and Services), on Wednesday, August 9, 2017. This is the first center of its kind within the entire Department of Defense. The event was hosted by Lieutenant General (LTG), Gary Volesky, Commanding General America's I Corps and Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Colonel Nicole Lucas, Commander at Joint Base Lewis-McChord and Colonel Michael

Place, Commander at Madigan Army Medical Center. Rehab Specialist, DJ Wyatt, Assistant Project Manager, Raul Nieves, and Project Manager, Janet Smith, attended the event. The guest speakers were Brigadier General Ronald T. Stephens, Deputy Chief of Staff, Support (G-1/4/6), U.S. Army Medical Command, LTG Gary Volesky and Congressman Denny Heck, 10th District of Washington. Following the ribbon cutting ceremony PCSI attendees were able to take a tour of the new facility and had the opportunity to meet and speak with their local Representative, Congressman Denny Heck. They also met with several of the command leadership and center staff. The JBLM Center for Autism Resources, Education and Services (CARES) is a joint installation partnership between Madigan Army Medical Center and the JBLM Armed Forces Community Services which focuses on providing patient-centered care for military children with autism and their families. Team 690 was extremely honored to be included in this event and they are looking forward to opportunities to partner with them in the future..

Lead the way, JBLM!

## Reynolds Back Pack to School Drive

### Reynolds Army Health Clinic Fort Sill, OK

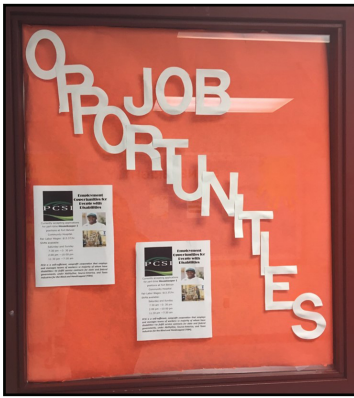
Reynolds Army Health Clinic had its second annual Backpack to School Drive in September for Ridge Crest Elementary. In addition to collecting backpacks, the team also goes the extra step to fill them with basic items students will need to get started, including pencils, paper, glue, binders, etc. This year the school staff also conveyed a need for certain clothing items. Executive Housekeeper, David Brewer, was happy to report that the Reynolds team doubled last year's amount, collecting over sixty backpacks! The staff at the school was very grateful for the large donation and the team is already looking forward to next year.

Way to go, Team 750!



(L-R) 750's David Brewer, Cherie Willis, and Justine Howard and seated is Ridge Crest Principal, Ms. Fitzgerald with two school counselors





*STEP Board displaying PCSI information at Mount Vernon High*



*Certificate of Appreciation from the Fairfax County Public Schools Career and Transition Services*

## Team 710 Takes a STEP Forward with Students

### Fort Belvoir, VA

Through successful communication between PCSI and Mount Vernon High School staff and parents, Aiesha Smith, Rehabilitation and Human Resource Manager at site 710, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, was then able to hire several Mount Vernon interns to fill positions. Due to the great success of the student interns, PCSI was invited to attend the students' graduation ceremony where

we received a certificate of appreciation from the Fairfax County Public Schools Career and Transition Services. As a result of the great relationship build through these interactions, on Wednesday, October 27, 2017 Aiesha and HR Business Partner, Chris Graham, gave PCSI's second and largest presentation at the Mount Vernon High School STEP Program to offer part-time work opportunities to graduates with a disability. "The presentation was a great success as over thirteen students were interviewed and six were selected to move forward through our company background and fingerprinting process." says, Aiesha. With the impact that PCSI has had on the STEP Program, the school now has a year-round job opportunities bulletin posted in the school to remind graduates and interns about opportunities provided by PCSI.

## JBLM Summer Picnic

### Joint Base Lewis-McCord (JBLM) Tacoma, WA

On June 25, Team 690 had their company picnic on JBLM North at Shoreline Park on American Lake. Much different from last year's cold and rainy end, this year's picnic was the polar opposite being the hottest day of the year at 98 degrees and sunny! Despite the heat, 53 employees and their family members turned out for the picnic. There were several games set up for everyone to play including: corn hole, bocce ball, badminton and horse shoes. Water misters were set up to keep everyone cool while others swam in the lake. One of their own, General Maintenance Worker, Juan Colon, aka "DJ T Ironman" provided the music for the picnic.

Chicken, burgers, and hotdogs were grilled by Assistant Program Manager, Raul Nieves and Maintenance Supervisor, Rico Haynes. In addition, they had watermelon, potato salad, chili, beans, cookies, ice cream and cake – no one left hungry. A piñata was hung for the kids and raffle prizes for the adults that included: camping chairs, cooler, flashlights, headlamps, picnic blanket, walkie-talkies, picnic set, a mister, hammock, and wireless headphones. Everyone who attended had a great time, giving them an opportunity to be served and socialize with one another in a relaxed and beautiful lake environment. JBLM Project Manager, Janet Smith commented: "A big thank you to my management team: Raul, Rico, Mich and DJ for all of their hard work to make it such a great event!"



*Picnic DJ, Juan Colon, aka "DJ Ironman"*



*Darion Reese getting the most out of his sunny day on the lake*





ADA advocates setting up at the SAILS ADA Resource Fair in celebration of the ADA 27th Anniversary

## PCSI Sponsors Fundraisers for People with Disabilities

### PCSI Corporate Headquarters, Austin, TX & San Antonio, TX

PCSI supports many disability-related charities and events through sponsorships, donations, and participation year round. This summer PCSI participated in over 12 fundraising events held in Central Texas. These events were all hosted by nonprofits that serve people with disabilities and have missions relevant to PCSI's broader mission: to enhance the lives of people with every type of disability, especially children, veterans, and their families. Some summer event highlights include:

- San Antonio Independent Living Services (SAILS) "Americans with Disabilities Act" (ADA) 27th Anniversary and Resource fair on Saturday, July 22. SAILS serves individuals with any disability through advocacy, information & referral, independent living skills, and peer support. SAILS annual ADA event brings together over 50 different important local resources to one location to serve individuals with disabilities and their families for a day of fun free activities, discussion, and advocacy. Public Affairs Manager, Jaimi Edgmon, staffed a PCSI booth at the half-day public event.



PCSI's Jaimi Edgmon with SAILS Board Chair, Patti Bird at the PCSI booth at the SAILS ADA Resource Fair

- Children's Association for Maximum Potential (CAMP) "Starry Night Gala" on Friday, September 9. The CAMP Gala is dedicated to raising much needed funds to provide financial assistance for campers who otherwise would be unable to attend CAMP. CAMP not only offers fun and safe enrichment activities for children with special needs, but for their siblings as well, providing parents much needed respite from child care responsibilities. With a policy of never turning a child away due to the family's inability to pay the camping fees, CAMP's shortfall between what the families pay and the actual cost of CAMP is \$400,000. Funds raised through the Gala help bridge that gap.



Team PCSI with Ruby's Rainbow Founder, Liz Plachta, and her daughter Ruby, at Ruby's Rainbowl

- Ruby's Rainbow Rainbowl event on Sunday, July 16. Ruby's Rainbow is a nonprofit organization that grants scholarships for post-secondary education, enrichment, or vocational classes to adults with Down Syndrome. As a "Perfect Game Sponsor" of Ruby's Rainbowl, PCSI contributed enough to fund two scholarships. Three corporate representatives—Abby Fuentez, Pam Watson, and Jaimi Edgmon, along with friends and family—represented the PCSI team.





*PCSI Public Affairs Manager, Jaimi Edgmon with husband, John, volunteering at the Project Mend Toast of the Town Wine Pull*

- Project MEND “Toast of the Town” (TOT) on Friday, September 15. Project MEND collects, refurbishes, and distributes gently used wheelchairs, walkers, prosthetics, and more to low-income people with disabilities. Funds raised during the Toast of the Town gala went directly to the above service all over Texas. Vice President, Kevin Cloud was among those attending the dinner. Public Affairs Manager and TOT Committee Member, Jaimi Edgmon, manned the Wine Pull, one of the event’s fundraising tables.

- Kinetic Kids Hootenanny gala on Friday, September 15. The Hootenanny is a fun-filled evening dedicated to raising funds to underwrite Kinetic Kid’s year-round programs which enrich the lives of over 2,600 children with special needs, participating in 213 different sports and recreational activities in San Antonio and surrounding areas of Central Texas. PCSI was first time Presenting Sponsor for 2017. Vice President, Keith Walker, accepted the organizations thank you and spoke briefly on the incredible efforts of the programs.



*PCSI Vice President, Keith Walker, saying a few words after receiving Kinetic Kid’s Presenting Sponsor thank you crystal*

- Morgan’s Wonderland Free to Soar gala on Saturday, September 30. Morgan’s Wonderland provides a one-of-a-kind theme park, the world’s first theme park designed with special-needs individuals in mind, that also provides a unique school and other initiatives benefiting the special-needs community. Their mission: To provide a safe, clean and beautiful environment free of physical and economic barriers that all individuals – regardless of age, special need or disability – can come to and enjoy. Funds raised at the event help Morgan’s to continue to offer free admission to individuals with special needs of all ages in an atmosphere of inclusion and fun. PCSI returned as Presenting Sponsor for the third year and counting and filled two event tables and staff and family.



*PCSI Board President, Greg Oveland and CEO, Carroll Schubert, accepting Presenting Sponsor thank you from Morgan’s Wonderland Founder, Gordon Hartman at the Free to Soar Gala*

Is there a mission-relevant nonprofit in your community seeking corporate sponsors for a special event? If yes, email Public Affairs Manager, Jaimi Edgmon, at [jedgmon@pcsi.org](mailto:jedgmon@pcsi.org) for more information.

## PCSI All Stars

### PCSI Employee of the Month

June 2017: Ronald Wilson, Evans

July 2017: Luis Medina-Ortiz, Fort Hood

August: Victor Calleja, Detroit

### PCSI 2017 Quarter 3 Awards

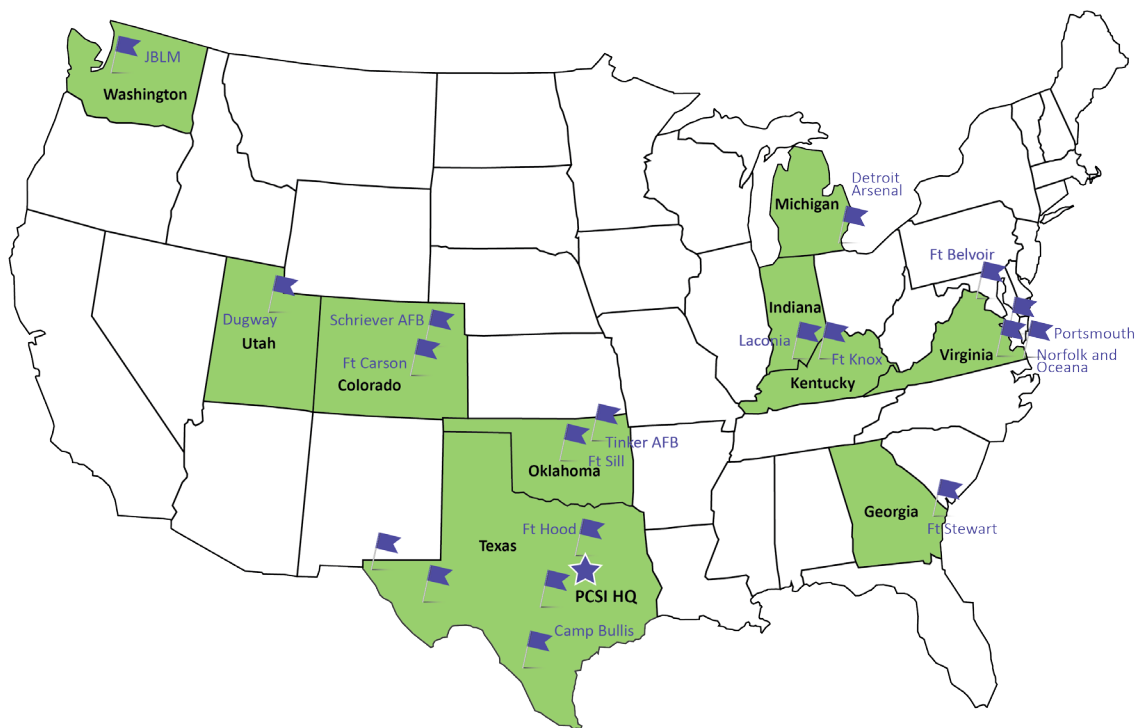
Employee: Jeremy Leatherwood, JBLM

Volunteer: Ricardo Haynes, JBLM

Supervisor: David Derrick, Tinker

Corporate Employee: Daniel Walker, Corporate

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