

SUCCESS STORY

FEATURING ADAM K.

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Meet Adam!

Adam, 22, was diagnosed with an intellectual disability at an early age. His employment journey began in September 2020 amid the pandemic, when he learned of a Dollar Tree store scheduled to open in late September.

With some assistance, he completed an application, interviewed, and was offered and accepted a job in October.

The Dollar Tree is a good fit for Adam, as it allows him to determine his own pace, moving and walking around the store, organizing things. Over time, he has learned to reach out to his manager, coworkers, or job coach if he doesn't understand an assignment.

Adam has begun to assist customers in the store, locating items and answering questions. He loves assisting customers and takes great pride in the organization of his shelves.

Adam recently celebrated his first work anniversary. Adam shared that working is important to him because it allows him to make his own money, provides opportunities for socialization, and allows him to be active in the community.

When I asked Adam why he feels he is a good worker, he responded, "I work hard and try to do my best at my job." "I'm always friendly and ask questions when I am unsure of a task." His advice to others just starting or seeking employment is to have good communication with your employer and always try to give your best even on bad days.

Adam's future goal is to become a DJ. I have no doubt that Adam will achieve his goals. He has shown that despite all the adversity in his life, he is determined to lead a full and productive life. He is well on his way to do just that.



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