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DOI 'raises the roof' for Wilson Chamber of Commerce's Dynamic Leadership project

When the Wilson Chamber of Commerce's 2018 Dynamic Leadership class needed help with its community project of converting old newspaper racks donated by The Wilson Times into little libraries to be placed around town, Joni Tyson knew right away that Diversified Opportunities, Inc., could do the job. "We were really interested in being a part of this community project. We try to work closely with the Chamber and groups in Wilson that do special things for the community," said Tyson, the Operations Manager at Diversified Opportunities. Tia Stewart, the Relationship Manager at the Chamber, said the project required research on how to create the mini book depositories and much discussion about how they would look.



We thought it would be cute to put a roof on them," she said. But how to create tiny roofs and custom-fit them on the tops of the 11 old newspaper racks? Call Diversified Opportunities! "I love that organization and I know they build some awesome things!" Stewart said. Chance Reynolds of the Dynamic Leadership class contacted Tyson to see if DOI could pull it off. No problem. Larry Pittman and Clay Johnson, DOI's woodworking specialists, went to work on the 11 roofs needed for the little libraries. "I mean, they were pumping them out!" Stewart said. With their roofs attached, the erstwhile paper racks were transformed into little libraries with colorful designs, many done by local artist Elizabeth Farnsworth, as well as Brie Handgraaf. The little libraries, brimming with books for youngsters to borrow and then replace, were placed at various locations around town. Dynamic Leadership also presented a gift of \$1,000 to Diversified Opportunities, Inc.



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DOI Trainees On The Job

Her warm, happy smile is one of the most noticeable things about Senise when she discusses her job in housekeeping at Wilson House, an assisted living facility where the former Diversified Opportunities, Inc., trainee has worked for nearly a year.

It's actually the second stint for Senise at Wilson House, but things are a little different this time around.

"What I've noticed is that her confidence is up," said Barbara Woolard, who has served as Executive Director of Wilson House for 18 years.

Woolard said that Senise, who is naturally a little shy, has more confidence now after her training at DOI.

"She used to not look at you when she talked to you," Woolard said. "Even though she doesn't talk a lot, she shows that warmth when she does."

Senise is delighted to be back at Wilson House. "I was so happy and proud that I came back. It made me feel good," she said. Woolard is very happy to have her back. "She's very punctual and she's very dedicated to what she does," Woolard said. "She's very self-conscious in how she does things and that means a lot. Her work speaks for itself."



Senise, left, with Barbara Woolard, Executive Director of Wilson House assisted living facility.

Senise flashes that big smile when asked what she likes the most about working at Wilson House.

"The people here," she said. She said she enjoys being around the residents and they like having her around.

"I ask them how they're doing, then I give them a hug," she said. And, of course, a big smile!

Adirondack Wood Furniture

Need a place to sit down? Try our Adirondack Wood Furniture, hand-crafted at Diversified Opportunities. Sturdy, durable and always there when you need to take a load off your feet!



Customer Satisfaction Surveys

Our annual program services satisfaction surveys compiled a 98% satisfaction score across all programs for 2017

"DOI has exceeded expectations!"

*Lee Stephenson,
Precision Bar and Frame*

2018 NC Dept. of Labor Safety Awards Luncheon

Diversified Opportunities was recognized for 12 consecutive years of safety in the workplace and outstanding work in accident prevention at the North Carolina Department of Labor's recent Safety Awards Luncheon. Pictured are N.C. Commissioner of Labor Cherie Berry, middle, with Diversified Opportunities' Nahoma C. left, and Alan J.



DOI Placements

We would like to offer our most sincere congratulations to these trainees for making it through their first 90 days of employment:

Arnesha R., Israel D., Dainja D., Laisha W., Bradley B., Linwood W., Douglas C., Gloria W., Patrick S., Annie W., Donesha R., James L., Robert T., David G., Diane R., Sabora A., David A., Josh N., Kaleb L., Samantha E., Tracauris C.

In Loving Memory



We sadly announce the recent passing of two of our longtime trainees, Boot, left, and Greg.

