

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY Vocational Services

Newsletter



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Rancho Works Café and Gift Shop



Summer is behind us. Autumn joys are just ahead!

The holidays are quickly approaching. If you are looking for a gift for a co-worker, friend, or loved one, Rancho Works Gift Shop can help. We've partnered with the Rancho Restorative Garden Group to bring you fall-themed planters, featuring gorgeous succulents nurtured and arranged by Rancho volunteers.

Rancho Works Gift Shop can help you check off your holiday shopping list, with beautiful, hand-crafted holiday cards, ornaments, soaps and ceramics. We also feature a variety of Rancho logo items including traveler mugs, badge reels, and our NEW Rancho logo sports bottle.

Hungry? Rancho Works Café has plenty of options. Pick up a salad or sandwich made fresh in our kitchen, or grab a bowl of our daily soup. *Need a snack?* For those with a sweet tooth, try our chocolate chip or oatmeal raisin cookies, baked fresh every day. Wash it all down with any of our variety of cold or hot beverages, including our popular cold brew coffee or Thai iced tea.

All proceeds benefit Rancho Works Enterprises, a program that strives to get patients back to work or productive, meaningful activity.

Rancho Works Enterprises Program

Gio was referred to OT Vocational Services to develop work readiness skills after the onset of Guillain-Barre Syndrome in 2014. Prior to his illness he was living in New York, working as an accountant for a wine distributor and bartending at night. He was an avid outdoor enthusiast, running marathons, rock climbing and diving for fun. He happened to be visiting his brother in California when he developed the severe condition and was on a ventilator for a period of time. Gio was admitted as a patient at Rancho for inpatient and outpatient therapy. After completing these therapy programs, he was very motivated to continue his recovery process. He completed the OT Vocational Services program, applied to become a volunteer and has now been hired as an employee in the Rancho Works Café! Gio spends his time in the café washing dishes, stocking shelves, preparing food, cashiering, and even helping to complete the bookkeeping records. Through his participation in Rancho Works Enterprises, Gio has improved his standing balance and ambulation, has developed better manual dexterity and most importantly, feels that his quality of life has significantly improved. He now lives independently and looks at each day as his opportunity to take another step in his recovery process.



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