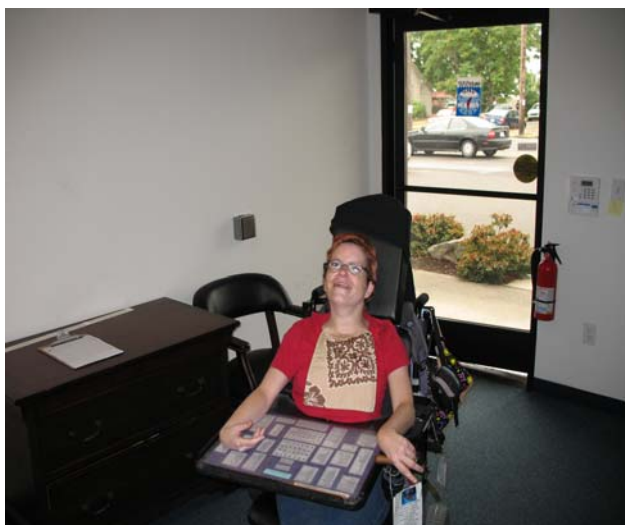


Eastside Office Opens its Doors

The new OESCO office, located at 3530 SE 52nd Avenue in Portland, proudly opened its doors on August 18, 2008. Managed by supervisor Mary Jo Kessinger, an OESCO employee for nearly 12 years, this second office will offer computer classes, job development, a job skills program, and opportunities for peer



Above: Marci Gunther smiles for the camera while OESCO staff Meagan Kennedy provides assistance at one of the new computers



interaction among OESCO's clients.

Mary Jo will be assisted by her team of employment specialists, including Meagan Kennedy, Susan Meyer, Jesse Klein, and newcomers Jim Olson and Jennifer Nicholas. Mary Ellen Baldauff will also lend her expertise in the set up of our new OESCO addition.

Left: Kristin Miller enjoys her first day at OESCO's new eastside office

OESCO EARNS LICENSE RENEWAL: Under the direction of interim director Gerald Pearce, OESCO successfully completed its three-year licensing review this March. Gerald applauded the hard work from the OESCO team in receiving the license renewal from Washington, Clackamas, and Multnomah counties and the state of Oregon.

NEW ADDITIONS TO OUR TEAM: Welcome to our new staff members, Jennifer Nicholas and Jim Olson, who joined the OESCO team in July.

We've Moved!

As of September 1st, 2008, OESCO's Hillsboro office will be located at the following address:

**134 SE 5th Avenue, Suite D
Hillsboro, Oregon 97123**



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Dining Assistant Program Celebrates First Year of Success

The dining assistant program is a pilot program at the Marquis Care Autumn Hills location in Beaverton. Marquis Care facilities provide skilled nursing and rehabilitation for individuals with beginning stages of Alzheimer's or other dementia diagnoses.

Last summer, two OESCO clients interviewed for the dining assistant position, then completed eight hours of certification training and testing with assistance from their job coaches, George Paulson and Nita Hoskins. In the fall, one more client completed this process. The program's goal is for all three clients to serve during two-hour shifts at Autumn Hills each week.

A typical shift as a dining assistant involves transporting residents to and from the dining room, washing hands and faces, and feeding residents who are no longer able to feed themselves. "Dining assistants are encouraged to develop relationships with the residents, who really respond," says Nita, who visits the clients at work once or twice per week. "Our guys are great at showing that extra bit of care."

That "extra bit of care" can make a huge difference for the residents of Autumn Hills. During dinner one night, dining assistant Aaron Newman noticed



Dining assistant Dennis Scott was named employee of the month in July

that one of the residents was acting "different" and reported it to the charge nurse. When the nurse checked on the resident, she discovered that the woman was having a seizure. She had never had a seizure before, and Aaron received special recognition at a staff meeting for his observation and quick action.

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