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## DID YOU HEAR ABOUT SCOTT?

**S**cott started at CEL as a volunteer last fall. Volunteering with members in the REACH Adult Day Program, Scott was able to use his experience as a janitor to help guide members through the daily tasks in Janitorial Training.

Scott had been a janitor for many years so this seemed like a perfect match. But what Scott really wanted was a full-time job. As many who have been unemployed for some time, Scott looked to volunteering to fill his days. With the unemployment rate for people with developmental disabilities above 85%, finding a job was difficult for Scott.

When CEL started its Employment Opportunities Program, we looked to Scott. We started the conversation by asking what he was looking for in his job and went from there. Working with David, CEL's Employment Opportunities Manager, Scott was hired at Mariano's in June.

Scott enjoys his job as a full-time custodian and likes the people he works with. Through his job, he has found purpose and recognition. And three months into his job, Scott was named employee of the month in September for his hard work!

**We couldn't be more proud of Scott!**

When we started this initiative, our goal was to start chipping away at the daunting unemployment rate for people with developmental disabilities. We knew that it wasn't because of a lack of desire, but because of a lack of opportunities. We will continue chipping away and showcasing that people with developmental disabilities just need the opportunity to show what they can do. Just last week, Christine, a member in the REACH Adult Day Program who has shared her vocal talents by singing at CEL events, started her very first job at a national technology warehouse!

These strides can only be made because of your support. Your belief in CEL members allows us to continue working towards our goal of reducing the unemployment rate for people with developmental disabilities. If you know of any employers who would be interested in learning more about our **Employment Program**, please contact **David Zimmerman** at **David@CenterForEnrichedLiving.org** or **847.315.9912**.

**P.S. Log on to [www.CenterForEnrichedLiving.org](http://www.CenterForEnrichedLiving.org) to make a donation to help us expand work opportunities for people with developmental disabilities!**



CEL's first client employed through the Employment Opportunities Program, Scott enjoys his job at Mariano's.

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## THERE'S SOMETHING SPECIAL AT CEL

Every day at CEL we see the joy that comes from being in a community where everyone belongs – no matter their age or ability level. We see members making friends, sharing experiences and developing new skills. We want you to see that too. Check out our new video that showcases what we see on a daily basis!



After you've watched it, share on your social media platforms with the hashtag #CEListCommunity and be sure to tag us. This is a great way to introduce CEL to your friends so they might want to participate in #GivingTuesday!

**Log on to  
[www.CenterForEnrichedLiving.org](http://www.CenterForEnrichedLiving.org)  
to watch our video!**

#GIVINGTUESDAY >

## COUNTDOWN TO #GIVINGTUESDAY



11.29.2016

There is a little less than five weeks until the global giving day of the year - #GivingTuesday. (Crazy, we know.) But we want to make this year better than ever! Thanks to a grant from The Coleman Foundation, all new donors and those who increase their giving amount from last year will be matched.

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November 29 at  
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