



Welcome Jacob!

After graduating from Project Search with Best Buddies, Jacob joins the cleaning team at LAHH!



Jacob's job coach from Best Buddies had noticed the cleaning team at the regional center and was curious. She was surprised that several people with disabilities made up the cleaning crew and how they efficiently they worked and how professionally they looked in their uniforms. Abby, Best Buddies Manager, called LAHH and wanted to know more. In short order, Jacob's resume and cover letter were sent over and there was an opening! What great timing! Graduating from Project Search, an internship program that is a collaboration between LAUSD, Kaiser, and Best Buddies, is a great accomplishment for Jacob, but he and his family were wondering, "What's next?"

Above: The Custodial Team at
September Bakers Dozen
training in the office.

Below: Jacob

There can be anxiety and concern over any child's future, but that can be compounded when your child is disabled. The gap in timing between graduation and permanent employment can be anywhere from months to years for people with disabilities as 7 out of 10 peoples with disabilities do not work in the United States.

Since Jacob's boot camp with LAHH, he has started with enthusiasm and openness to his crew and new tasks. Jacob is determined to learn all the specialists in (OSI) Team Cleaning System, but likes the vacuuming best and is learning to use the GoFree Cordless BackPack Vacuum.

The GoFree Cordless Vacuum is a time saver, as the name suggests, there is no cord to plug in as it works with a battery. Vacuuming with a GoFree is also safer as trip hazards are reduced.

Jacob loves being part of a team, especially football. He volunteers at a high school as a manager for the football team. When you ask Jacob about his experience volunteering with the football team, his face is radiant. We are so grateful for Jacob joining the LAHH team and bringing that radiance to all of us!