

Employment Success Story

Nick Santori

This success story is about Nick Santori, and his employment at Beanz and Co. over in Avon CT.

Nick is inspired by going to work each day and getting a paycheck from Beanz and Company in Avon, CT. He works the register, works with food, cleans and expedites orders also.

Nick gets excited about seeing all of the customers and being with all of his co-workers. His goal every day is to have a great day.

His drive to be successful comes from making sure to work successfully. He likes working hard, making friends with customers and helping his co-workers.

He looks forward to getting a paycheck, working with his supervisor and work colleague and all of the awesome customers. Nick says, “Employment makes me feel like a valued part of society.”

He does marketing for holidays, special events and catering. There is lots of community involvement.

Nick has learned how to make change for money, now he is a pro. He has learned all parts of his job, as well as adjusted to the stimulation if the new environment. He also enjoys working with Special Olympics.

When asked, what empowers you to make your dreams reality? Nick said, “It makes me happy. I swim for the Special Olympics. This year I won 2 golds and a silver medal.”

He would tell people how awesome Beanz is and it is a good work environment. He took a math class in school and now he is a pro at making change. He was a member of Project Search with Favarh as well as a transition program from high school.

His favorite part of the job is expediting the food, bringing the food to customers and working the register. He has family and staff to help support him and make him successful.

Nick would like to keep things as they are and be happy. He would like to train people in the new site at the hospital and then return to his original position.

His plan is to host a Zoom or Global Messenger while he is working at Beanz and Co.

When asked what kind of hobbies he enjoys, he loves sports and participating in Special Olympics. He is a camera man for his Zoom community and films sporting events and parades.

Nick is proud that he is receiving the Eunice Kennedy Shriver award at the Special Olympics Hall of Fame Banquet on March 31, 2026.