

# **ANNUAL MARC GOLF CLASSIC**

June 25, 2019 | The Meadows of Sixmile Creek





It was a shotgun start at 11AM for the 16 teams teeing off in the Annual MARC Golf Classic at the Meadows of Sixmile Creek in Waunakee on June 25th.

Golfers and spectators included individuals from businesses that support MARC throughout Dane County, community leaders and families of folks in the MARC programs. MARC staff and adults in the various MARC programs made sure the day's activities went off without a hitch.

Winning opportunities were everywhere: four hole-in-one events; a bullseye contest; and most balls in the water by a team. The winning team was team #10 from Monona Bank followed by team #2

from Wipfli CPA's Madison offices. Longest drive by a woman was won by Maryanne Hinkes, who also won the shortest drive. Mike Karklus made the longest putt and Greg Kesling made the longest drive for the men. The daylong activities included a silent auction, a raffle, lunch in the carts, and a late afternoon buffet dinner and awards presentation.

A heartfelt thank you to the many MARC staff and board members as well as all the golfers who made this one of the best MARC Golf Classics.





### **MARC-EAST EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

Margie Barajas has worked at MARC-East for five years as a lob Coach. Her favorite thing about MARC-East is interacting with individuals with disabilities. "It's not just a job," she says. Her favorite food is tacos and her favorite part of living in the Madison area is all the community events.

#### Join Our Team

MARC is always accepting applications. View our employment opportunities at marc-inc.org

## **RETT SYNDROME**

Rett Syndrome is a unique postnatal neurological disorder that is first recognized in infancy. The disorder is almost always found in females, rarely in males, and occurs worldwide in 1 of every 10,000 female births. Rett Syndrome is typically noticed around 6 to 18 months of age when babies start to lose the skills they previously had, the ability to crawl, walk, communicate or use of their hands. The disorder causes regression of skills over their life. Rett Syndrome increases problems with the use of muscles that control movement. coordination and communication. Individuals with Rett Syndrome typically have abnormal hand movements, unusual eye movement,

breathing problems, irritability, crying and is most often misdiagnosed as autism and/or cerebral palsy. Jess is an individual supported by MARC who has Rett Syndrome. Jess' family holds a fundraiser each year to help raise money for organizations. In 2018 and 2019 money raised is going to Home of Our Own, which is an organization of MARC parents working to create a safe, happy and permanent home for their children.

For more information on Rett Syndrome:



mrettsyndrome.org/about-rettsyndrome/what-is-Rettsyndrome



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**CARING COMMUNITY • HOUSING FOR ALL** 

Six years ago, a small group of area families joined together to create Home of Our Own (HOOO) to address one central question: What will a safe and happy permanent home be like for our sons and daughters with autism and others with significant disabilities? After researching innovative housing models, HOOO learned about the tremendous need for housing for working people and active seniors—with

rents that people can actually afford. The result? An innovative, integrated rental community serving all three groups.

Learn more about HOOO and opportunities to support this trailblazing effort that is serving as a model for groups across the country.





## **MEET SHAMIKA: MARC-STOUGHTON**

Hi! My name is Shamika Newallo. I have worked at OFroyo in Oregon for the past four years and have enjoyed making new friends at MARC-Stoughton over the past two years. When Sandy asked me what I like best about my job, I told her "I love my co-workers. They're nice people." And the same goes for my friends at MARC-Stoughton. I enjoy going on outings and doing different activities every day.

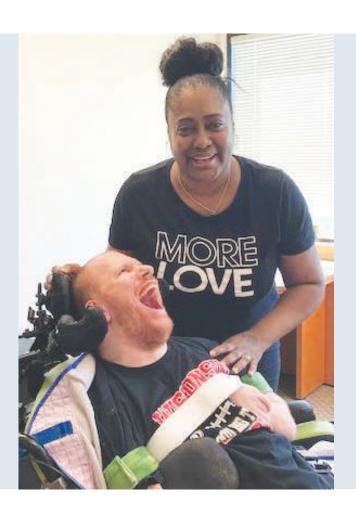
Some things that are important to know about me are that I live in Oregon with my mom and I survived a devastating house fire last winter. When I am not working, I like to play video games, listen to music, watch TV and use my phone, of course.

Sandy asked me a couple funny questions. Here they are. If I could be any animal in the world, what animal would I like to be and why? I told her I would be a dog, because dogs have a great life. Everyone gives you attention and you can eat, play and sleep whenever you want. Sandy also asked me, what if I were given an elephant and I cannot give it away or sell it. What would I do with the elephant? I told her I would ride it back and forth from Oregon to Stoughton every day.



**Shamika Newallo** 

I want to give a shout out to my friends "Valerie and Kim!"



## **DIVERSITY SPOTLIGHT**

Rosalind Roach, MARC South Instructor

I believe diversity is so important in the workplace because it increases employee morale and helps to create a positive work environment. It's an honor to be graced with what I feel is the most important and amazing gift in this world, and that's the love of helping people no matter the culture, race, or ethnicity. I have a great love and compassion for working with individuals with disabilities and believe it's our duty to be there for them, inspiring them to do the things they can't do on their own and assist them to be the best they can be.

I am big on diversity. I see no color or race in others!!! It makes me feel happy that I am doing something that makes a positive difference in someone's life no matter how they look or where they come from. We all need help in some form or another, and I love giving back to help others.

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### **HYCITE CORPORATION HAS A LOT TO OFFER!**

Hycite Corporation has been a wonderful employer to several individuals from MARC for many years, especially Marty their boss. Marty regularly goes above and beyond for individuals making sure they are comfortable and happy. Marty even became the guardian for one individual, when no one else stepped up.

Hycite provides great work five days a week and individuals have ample opportunities to interact with their coworkers and peers. MARC is very grateful to have Hycite and Marty as part of the team for inclusive employment of individuals with all abilities.





At MARC West, several individuals enjoy the benefits of employment in the community with the support of local businesses and MARC Job Coaches. Job Coaches join individuals onsite at their various workplaces, where they provide skills development and support. Job Coaches work closely with both the employer and the individual to ensure success for all parties involved. Some of the local businesses who support employment for MARC individuals are Klima, Mother Nature's

Diapers, Pizza Hut, Fastenall, and the Madison Ice Arena. Marissa, enjoys working at two different job sites and states, "I really like working out in town, and I like my job coach." Supported Employment gives individuals the opportunity to seek out new employment and gain job skills in the community. With assistance from Job Coaches and community partners, we are able to further MARC's mission to empower and enrich the lives of individuals we support.



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