

# VITA

## Members Times

Volume 2 Issue 3

June 2014

Do YOU have any stories or art work you would like to share in the newsletter? We would love to hear from you.

Contact us at:

membersnews-  
letter@vitacls.org



### Equal Editors:

Andrew Lewis

Bunmi Asaolu

Sayyeda Jaffer

Nancy Lali

Ashley Kay

Ann LeBlanc

### Inside This Issue

What We Need 1  
in a New  
Executive  
Director

What We 2  
Need in a new  
Executive  
Director Cont.

Rights Group 3  
Update

Cool 4  
Happenings  
at VITA

Kim's Update 5

Word Search 6

## What VITA MEMBERS Need in a New Executive Director

VITA Members are working hard on the VITA Member Times newsletter.

One day at our meeting we talked about Kim leaving us and that we will need a new Executive Director.

We need someone who will help us with disability support for **ALL OF US** Members of VITA

We talked about what Members need in an Executive Director.

Let's focus on what **WE AS MEMBERS** need.

Someone who:

- Will **help us** solve our problems
- Will **be involved** with Members
- Will **respect** all the Members
- Is **smart**
- Is **focused** on the job and business
- Will get to **know Members** and their needs
- Will **respect** all the Members
- Members can **get to know** better
- We can **feel comfortable** with
- Will **talk directly** to Members
- Will **listen** to us
- Has **positive new ideas** and thoughts

## MORE About What **WE NEED** in a NEW ED

### Experienced

- Will be sure VITA Members will be **a part of VITA planning** and **making decisions** for the agency

### Plans

- Will get to know what people **want most** in their lives
- Has **experience** working with people with developmental disabilities

### Smart

- Will **support** the Rights Group, the VITA Member Times, parties and events.
- Will **stay** on track

### Focused

- Will help members get more **apartments and condos** with different levels of staffing

### Listens

- Makes even better programs so we can **earn money**
- Be sure to give us learning experience so we **can grow**
- Will help get programs **more money** so we can have the money we need to do well

### Respect

We all need to work together for all the Members at VITA.

### Creative

VITA has a good place for people.

### Supportive

Let's work together to make it **EVEN BETTER** for the **FUTURE!**

Sayyeda Jaffer and the VITA Member Times committee

## Right's Group Update



Capability

Having Rights

Respect

Humanity

Independence

- Right's group members, Sean Simone and Annie Sobryan, worked a booth at the latest DSTO fair
- A VITA board member visited our group.
- We had a guest speaker who is a disability advocate. She told her own story and she talked about circles of support
- Right's Group members, Annie Sobryan and Amelia Sarra, gave a Bill of Rights presentation to new VITA employees
- Our group now uses professional agenda books for our meetings and appointments

Thank you,

The Right's Group

## Cool Happenings at VITA



### **Members Café and Lounge**

Here we do different things. We sell lots of things.

Coffee it's \$1.25, for chips \$0.75, for cookies and baked snacks it's \$0.50, chocolate bars for \$1.00 and pop and water for \$0.50.

On Thursdays we sell pizza, Jamaican Patties and drinks for lunch. Pizza is \$0.50 a slice and the Patties are \$1.50

Pre-order your lunch today by calling us at 416 749-6234 ext 251 or email [etpservices@vitacls.org](mailto:etpservices@vitacls.org)



**On September 21st** people will drive their motorcycles in a BIG GROUP for VITA.

At the end of the rally we all celebrate together!

To help call Dunja at 416 749-6234 ext 243



### **Looking for Work**

My name is Ryan Zanette. I'm looking to work.

I can do heavy lifting, yard work and many other things!

I am always on time.

I am friendly and I speak and understand well.

If you have any work available please call me at 416 746-3885



## Going but Not Gone



Many of you will have heard that I have resigned from my job here at Vita because I am retiring. This was a hard decision for me because I love working with all the staff and members of VITA. After I announced that I was leaving some of the nicest notes I got were from members. I want to thank you for the notes and all your support. Just to let you know, the Board is working hard on finding a great new ED. They are very happy with the people that have applied. I am sad to leave you but I know you will have a wonderful new ED that will do great things for VITA. I will always remember my time here with you more than any place I have ever worked. You and VITA are very special.

Kim

### Thank You

We are all going to miss you.

Thank you for helping us with the newsletter.

Thank you for the updates, the emails, the room we meet in, the money for printing and always meeting deadlines!

Good luck in the future.

The Vita Member Times Committee



## Vita Executive Director Word Search



**CALM**  
**FOCUSED**  
**RESPECTFUL**

**COURAGE**  
**KNOWLEDGE**  
**SMART**

**ORGANIZED**  
**PATIENCE**  
**SUPPORTIVE**