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JOB PATH'S ANNUAL BENEFIT

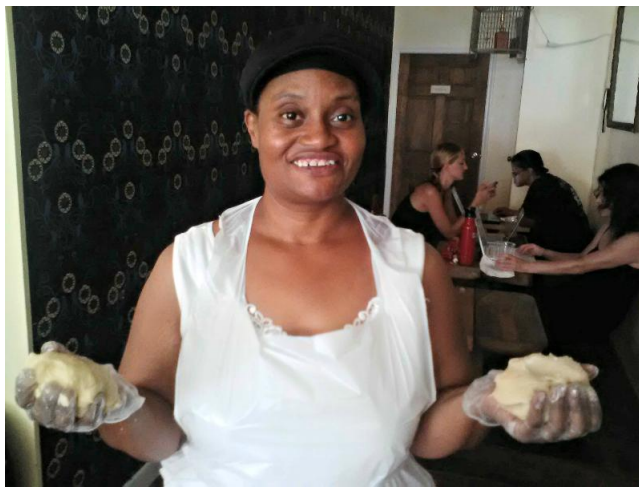
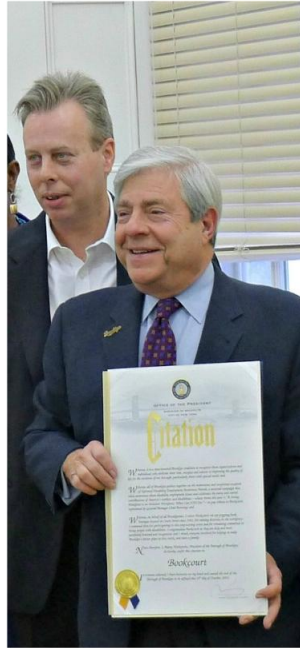


Job Path's annual benefit at HBO headquarters was hosted by Tina Brown and Sir Harry Evans. This year we honored Jay Snyder, Co-Founder and Chairman of the Open Hands Initiative, an organization that partnered with Liquid Comics and MTV Voices to bring to life the first cross-cultural disabled superhero. The Silver Scorpion, created by 26 American and Syrian youths with disabilities, is the hero of an animated web series promoting inclusion and equality.

Click on the photo to read the Open Hand's Initiative blog post about this event.

WORK.

During National Disability Employment Awareness Month, Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz and his Advisory Committee honored local businesses. Among those were Job Path employers Book Court and the Brooklyn Cyclones. Chad Bunning, Book Court's General Manager, accepted an award from Marty Markowitz. Steve Cohen, President of the Brooklyn Cyclones, (far right) phrased his outlook on disability advocacy saying, "We're not looking for people with disabilities; we're looking for people to fill jobs."



Rita Doswell has been enjoying her job at Tiny Cup, a small coffee shop in Brooklyn near her home where she has been learning to make cookies, coffee, and loose-leaf tea bags. Tiny Cup is active in the community, taking part in projects with local schools and artists. Rita, who is also a skilled crafter, is working with her Job Path team to sell her handiwork in 2013.



LIFE.

A group of women meet at the J. Hood Wright Rec Center every Friday from 10-12 to crochet. Nina Galin, pictured in green wearing a hat created by the group, attends regularly with Support Worker Idayat Shaba, an accomplished knitter. Idayat puts Nina's hands on her hands so she can feel the yarn and needles. Nina has created her own network; now, if she does not attend a Friday session, the group misses her.

Senior Support Worker Cori Barger has also been working with Nina to enrich her life with music. With sound therapy, Nina has been able to reduce her reliance on medication and greatly improved her everyday life. Click the photo to see a short film about this work, by filmmaker Conor McCourt, Nina's brother.

COMMUNITY.

Chief Operations Officer Rachel Pollock organized a bird-watching trip to Central Park. Led by a professional with specialized knowledge of local fauna, these explorers donned binoculars and kept an eye out for birds of all varieties. Alvena Wilson, below looking at book, can't wait for spring, when the tours will begin again.



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