

Wildlife Safari Volunteer Gains Valuable, Boots-on-the-Ground Experience



“I could not ask for a better volunteer position!” says Eugene resident Wynn timer who makes an hour-long trek south to Wildlife Safari in Winston, Oregon, every Friday to volunteer.



Wynn timer poses with a colleague she works alongside in the Safari Village Café.

As a participant in The Arc Lane County’s Employment Path program, Wynn timer is growing her skills and leaning what it means to be gainfully employed by volunteering for local nonprofit organizations .

When Wynn timer started volunteering at Wildlife Safari about six weeks ago, she started in the aviary, where she helped make sure visitors were being safe with the birds. Since then, she has moved to volunteering in the Safari Village Café, which she enjoys far more because the skills she is gaining align with her future employment goals.

“One day, I want to be a professional baker, says Wynn timer. “I am learning how to provide great customer service and safely handle food, which will help me find a job in a bakery one day.”

The team supporting Wynn timer in the Employment PATH program are excited for her bright future.

“Wynn timer has grown exponentially,” says Kaia Reinke, assistant program manager of The Arc’s Employment PATH program. “Her volunteer experience in the Safari Village Café has given her valuable experience, and she’s one step closer to realizing her employment dream.”