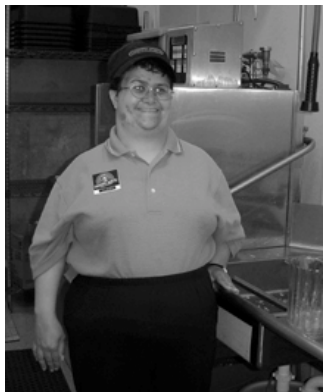


EMPLOYMENT SUCCESS

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Jayme Prier, resident of the Dyersville Apartments, and Karen Roling of Holy Cross began their employment at a new Happy Joe's Pizza restaurant in Dyersville. Both Jayme and Karen started working on March 8, 2004. They are responsible for making sure that there are enough clean dishes in the restaurant throughout the day. They are both doing a great job in keeping up with the dishes and are looking forward to the possibility of adding additional job tasks to their list of duties in the future.

Jayme and Karen both had challenges finding employment. A job development coordinator from Area Residential Care worked with them to determine what kinds of jobs they would like to do and helped them with interviewing skills. They also received some job-specific training from Area Residential Care before they began working at Happy Joe's Pizza.



Karen takes a break from her work at Happy Joe's to smile for a picture.

Karen Roling was referred to Area Residential Care by Vocational Rehabilitation to assist her in developing and maintaining employment in the community. Karen was looking into many different employment opportunities in the Dubuque and Dyersville areas before finding a perfect fit at Happy Joe's Pizza.

Jayme Prier, native of Dyersville, always wanted to live in his own apartment and work in the community in which he grew up. It has been over two years

since he moved into his own apartment. It was not an easy task to find a job in Dyersville.



Jayme washing dishes at Happy Joe's Pizza in Dyersville.

Today Jayme works at Farm Tek on an enclave crew two days a week and three days per week at Happy Joe's Pizza. He feels very confident and proud of his new job. It makes him feel useful and needed, serving people in the community where he grew up. Moving into his own apartment and obtaining a job made it possible for Jayme to stay in his hometown, and that is what he wanted most.

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