

July 2025

20th Year of Summer Camp Wraps Up









Campers had a blast at this year's <u>Summer Camps</u>! Our six weeks of campranging from Music & Dance to Get Your Game On--featured a theme of "Building New Memories at Camp." In fact, here's how we "quantified the fun."

- 800 Water Balloons
- 2 Gallons of Glue for Slime
- 10 lbs Flour for Homemade Playdough

- 300 Solo Cups Stacked
- 500 Gems for Art Projects
- Pound of Confetti
- Many Satisfied & Tired Campers

We can't wait to do it all over again next year!

Journey of Hope Bicyclists Ride Into Town



From karoke to music bingo and art to an Indy 500 remote control car race, we had a blast with the 32 guys on this year's Journey of Hope bicycle team. They rode into town for our annual Friendship Visit on July 25.

Each year, several teams of college students spend the summer biking across the country to raise money and awareness for disability service organizations like Noble. Their annual stop in Indianapolis gives the guys a well deserved day off before hitting the road again--but not before having some fun with us!

Moving Forward at Noble's Career Center





On Monday afternoon, Dennis and Ashley were volunteering at the Southeast Community Center food pantry with Noble Employment Consultant Fatima Diarra. Boxes of food are distributed to families twice a week, so they were busy pulling food and pantry items off shelves to fill each family's ticket order before the afternoon "pick-up rush." In addition to gaining some job experience, they enjoy giving back to the community.

Ashley and Dennis participate in the <u>Career Exploration Group</u> at Noble's Moving Forward Career Center. CEG provides adults with disabilities and other challenges with hands-on experience, structured lessons, and practical skill building they'll need to succeed in the workforce. With a 4:1 ratio, participants receive individualized guidance in achieving their goals while gaining real world experiences during the 18-month program. They can even "demo" a variety of career modules and 100+ simulations with the virtual reality equipment in KATIE's Lab—made possible through a generous donation and named for an individual we serve in Community Employment.

As part of their weekly schedule, they volunteer a morning or afternoon each day at one of 5 different sites ranging from food pantries to Mission 27 resale shop to FACE low-cost animal clinic. If you'd like to join or make a referral to this waiver service, **contact Kendel** today!

Working Constructively in Speedway

Construction renovations are progressing at our new Noble Art location in Speedway. Amid the drilling into the concrete, laying of pipe and framing out the program areas, we are chronicling the progress with a series of video installments. Take a peek at the first three:

- Construction Installment 1
- Construction Installment 2
- Construction Installment 3

Follow us on social media in the coming weeks as we move closer to our grand opening on **October 30**.

Save the date and stay tuned for more to come!



Celebrating 35 Years of ADA



Saturday marks the 35th anniversary of the <u>Americans with Disabilities</u> <u>Act</u> (ADA)—a significant milestone that should be recognized for the decades of diligent work and public advocacy that helped put this law in place.

ADA is a civil rights law that prevents discrimination against individuals with disabilities in areas of public life. The act protects individuals in the areas of employment, state and local government activities, public transportation, public accommodations, and telecommunication services.

See more on this important milestone in the <u>disability rights movement</u> on our blog.



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