

NEWSLETTER

WHAT HAPPENED IN DECEMBER?



JINGLE AND MINGLE EVENT

Our Jingle and Mingle event was a success! We are so happy that our staff and board members were able to meet several of our loyal GFG customers!



At our Jingle and Mingle Event, a lucky winner, John Costas recieved a raffle basket with Good Foods Grocery goodies!



CANDLE MAKING HOLIDAY SOCIAL

While other companies celebrate holidays with parties, CA prefers team building activities to bring their staff together. For our first activity since acquiring GFG, staff went to a locally owned candle company, Brown House Candle Company, located in Midlothian, VA. While at Brown House, staff were able to create custom candles using a variety of scents. Brown House staff created a welcoming and supportive environment. Thank you Brown House for a great experience.

HIGHLIGHT: WAYMAKERS FOUNDATION



In December, our team had the pleasure of volunteering at the Waymakers Foundation. Waymaker's mission is to build the foundation for a healthy lifestyle for immigrant families. Waymaker's does this by creating culturally responsive programs that address their needs in areas such as food, health, education, finances, art and culture. The experience was both rewarding and fun.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Five Course Dinner

Fundraiser- Feb 4

Our 2023 Coaches' Cookoff Winner, Chef Brittany will be hosting a five course event on February 4th at Brenner Pass. Proceeds benefit our Career Readiness and Employment program, we couldn't be more excited to share this amazing event with you all! A wonderful date night idea! Click [HERE](#) for ticketing information

Autism Conferences

Richmond- March 23

Virginia Beach- May 31

Autism: Charting your Career Course will be the topic of this year's conferences. We will have speakers who will share information on promoting yourself, transition to work and independent living, networking, and self-advocacy in the workplace



Career Readiness and Employment Program



We are launching on January 16th! The Career Readiness and Employment program tackles the high unemployment rate in the autistic community. This program provides classroom instruction in career readiness, paid internships at GFG, job coaching, and assistance with gaining competitive employment. These components of the program will help participants to be successful in gaining and maintaining employment



Winter Wellness with Good Foods Grocery



Hannah's Handcrafted Elderberry Syrup and Mother Shrub Drinking Vinegars will be at a Vendor Tasting Event on Saturday, January 6th from 10 am- 12 pm. These immune boosting drink additions will surely warm you up this winter season!

