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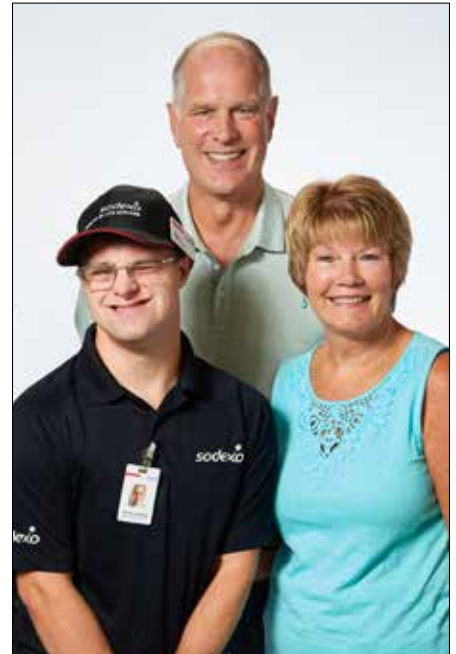


Timmy Tedrow

Timmy Tedrow is 31 years old and is a lifelong resident of Stark County, living in North Canton with his parents, Rob and Cindy. He happens to have Down Syndrome, but this does not define him. He is the middle child, with an older sister, Tory and twin brothers, Tyler and Thomas. He attended Stark DD's Early Intervention program at Eastgate until age three and then transitioned into the public school system. He graduated from Hoover High School through the Special Education Program. He was in the first graduating class of Transitions University, a collaborative effort between the North Canton City Schools and Walsh University. This program provides additional life skill training beyond secondary school education and work experience. It better prepares individuals with special needs to work and live in the community.

Timmy currently holds two jobs and loves both of them. His 5 days a week job is working at Gentlebrook's Miller's Greenhouse and Farm in Hartville. He typically leaves the house at 7:30 am and is home by 2:30 pm. Transportation is provided through his Level One Medicaid waiver. He is all smiles and typically covered in dirt when he comes home as farming with his friends can be hard filthy work. There are many aspects to greenhouse farming and Timmy gets involved in most of them. Timmy is a loyal employee and enjoys seeing his boss, Buddy, and his co-workers every work day.

During the college school year, Timmy is also a part-time dishwasher at Walsh University in North Canton. He is employed by Sodexo, who runs the food service. This is his tenth year with them. He is an integral member of this small group of essential employees that keeps the dinner service running. His main activity is operating the



automatic dishwasher but he also stores and preps dishware and utensils for the next day food service.

“Timmy is an awesome guy,” said Holly Bargerstock, Stark DD Service and Support Administrator. “The Level One waiver helped provide a job coach when Timmy first started at Walsh University. Now he works successfully without one.”

Timmy enjoys traveling with his family. Of late, he has been attending out of area weddings and going to South Carolina to the beach. He is always ready for a trip to Los Angeles to see Tory, Chicago to see Thomas and his wife Bridget, or Myrtle Beach to see Tyler.

While growing up, Timmy was an active athlete, participating in Challenger Baseball, Special Olympics-Royal Knights basketball, and most importantly Special Olympics swimming as part of the Stark Sharks. He is proficient in all competitive swimming strokes, but excels in freestyle and back stroke. In 2011, he was Stark County Special Olympic Swimmer of the Year. He has participated in swimming events throughout Ohio, including the Special Olympics State Meet. He continues to participate with the Stark Sharks.

Prior to the COVID pandemic, Timmy would workout at the YMCA. But now, he concentrates more on walking and hiking. He regularly walks 2 miles and occasionally gets up to 4 miles in a session.

Timmy participates in two social groups as many times per month as his schedule permits. He loves movies, Broadway shows, sporting events and dinners out to name a few.

Timmy with his Stark DD Service and Support Administrator Holly Bargerstock

