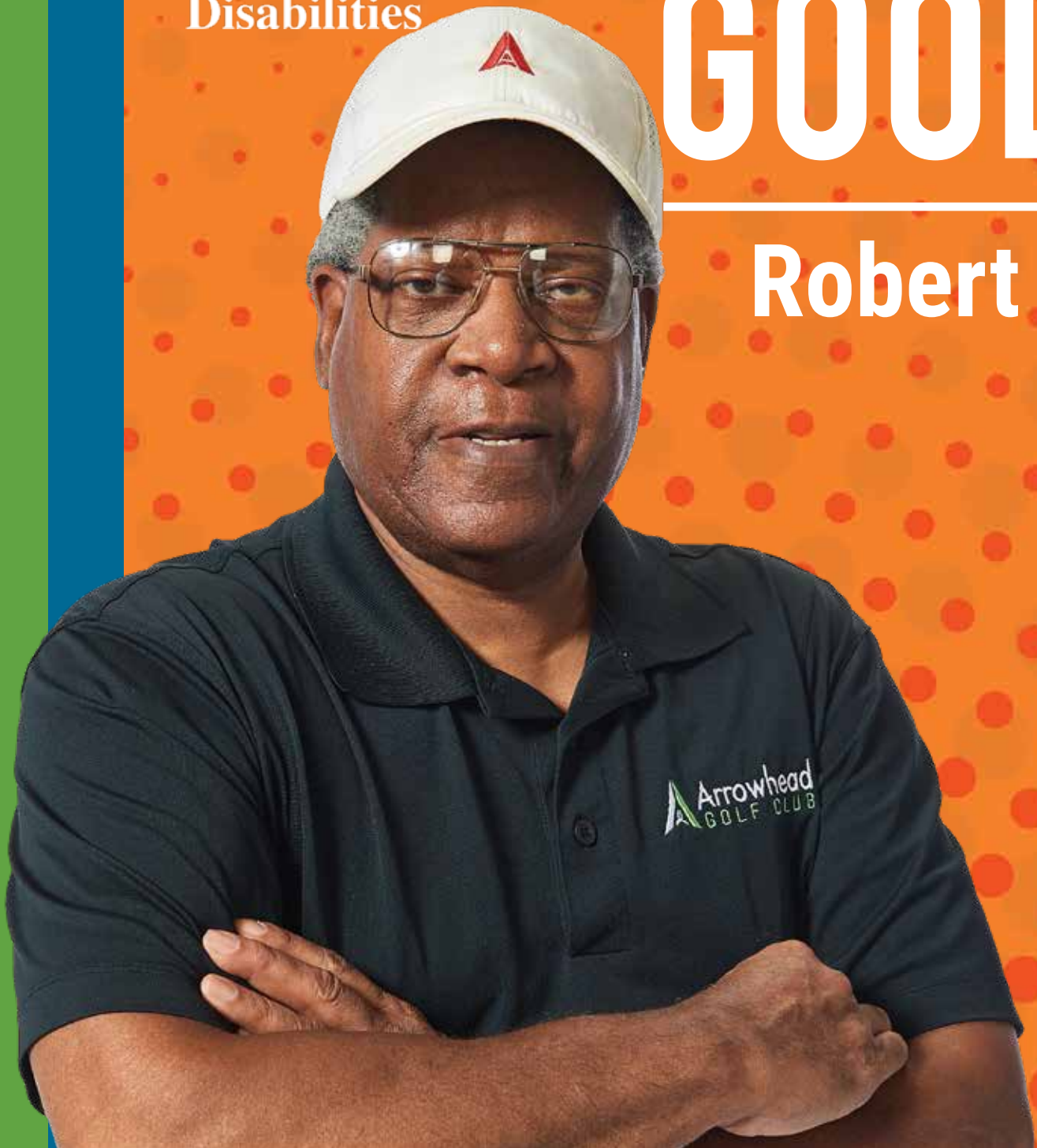




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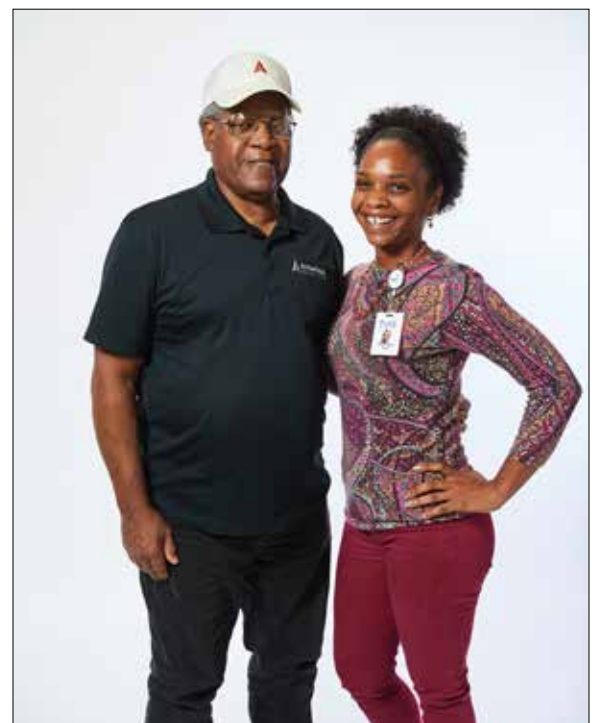
Meet Robert Wright. At 65 years of age, Robert has more than 30 years of work experience on his resume. He has worked at a variety of business in the community, focusing primarily on food service. He has been a busser and dishwasher at every job.

With a Diagnosis of Cerebral Palsy, and Mild, Hearing Loss and Impaired Vision, having support on the job when needed has been important for Robert. Thanks to the funding support from his Individual Options (IO) Medicaid waiver, Robert not only manages to live independently in the community, but also have job coaching support on the job.

The Workshops Inc. (TWi) provides Individual Employment Support in the form of a job coach. She has helped Robert navigate the constantly changing employment environment, despite his poor hearing and vision.

“TWI has helped Robert by assisting with any issues on the job that Robert may not be able to communicate with supervisor. Job coach assists with advocacy on his behalf to help him maintain employment. Job coach also empowers Robert to self-advocate for himself if there aren’t any supports around to assist.”

As the summer and fall season came to an end in October, so did Robert’s job at Arrowhead Country Club. But Robert is already onto his next job. Robert was recently hired by Sodexo, which runs the food service at Walsh University. He will be an integral member of this small group of essential employees that keeps the meal service for students and staff operating smoothly.



In addition to working, Robert enjoys attending church, being well dressed, being independent as possible, and shopping. Staff from LifeBridge Services help Robert live as independently as possible in the community with his roommates.

Robert's strengths are that he is hard working, dependable, and kind. His biggest triumph has been learning to navigate life with poor vision and hearing loss. Some of Robert's future dreams include buying a house, drive himself to work, and take a vacation to Florida.

