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A Trip to Holiday World Signals a Return to “Normal”

Nothing about the past year has been normal. The COVID-19 pandemic forced the world to stay at home, and while we learned to adapt, it was hard to give up those summer activities that we look forward to all year—gatherings with friends, backyard barbecues, concerts, traveling, and theme parks.

So, when vaccine rollout reached our staff and clients this spring, many of the people we serve started dreaming of all the ways they were going to take advantage of the summer months ahead and make up for what was lost last year.



Roommates John, Shannon, and Alan enjoy a day at Holiday World

John, Shannon, and Alan, who are roommates, wanted to take a trip to Holiday World in Santa Claus, IN. Together with their program manager, Jean, and their direct support professional, Pam, they planned a fun day, and an experience that they may have taken for granted a couple of years ago became a day to remember, as it felt like a return to normalcy after a strange year.



“The guys had a great day at the park. They had lunch, rode some rides, and were definitely tired when they got home!” remembered Jean.

As we continue through the summer, we know that getting back to pre-pandemic norms may take a while, but we are happy to see people like John, Shannon, and Alan taking those brave first steps! If the smiles in the photo above are any indication, the coming months will certainly be brighter!

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