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Holiday Celebrations!

As the holidays get closer, Tangram's clients and staff are full of festive spirit! Here are a few snapshots of how we've been celebrating the year-end holidays:



<<OT Makes Thanksgiving Dinner

A few months ago, our friend OT, was battling some health issues which made it difficult for him to engage in some of his favorite activities. Since leaving the hospital in September, OT and his DSP, Dennis, have been working on regaining some of his strength and getting back him back to his old self.

On Thanksgiving, OT's roommates went to visit family, so Dennis planned a special day of cooking for him. "He used to enjoy helping with cooking, but had been sick for a while and was unable to do it," explained Dennis. "He was awesome! He made deviled eggs, turkey, green bean casserole, sweet potatoes, and homemade pumpkin pie. He just worked with his hands and really enjoyed it!"

Dennis explained that when he started eating the Thanksgiving feast he had helped to prepare, OT looked over at him and said, "Dennis, this is really good!" OT's Program Manager, Hilton, described his amazing progress over the last few months, saying, "We are so proud of how much he has come along. He has been making remarkable improvements and this is a great example of his recovery."

We're glad to hear that OT is on the mend and we look forward to seeing more of his tasty dishes in the future!

John and Shannon Board the Polar Express>>

There's nothing like a trip aboard the Polar Express to get a person in holiday spirit, as John and Shannon can tell you.

They recently went to French Lick, IN with their DSP, Pam, to experience a magical train trip—something they had been planning since March!

While on board, they enjoyed cookies and cocoa, sang Christmas carols, and listened to a live reading of The Polar



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reading of *The Polar Express* book before meeting Santa Claus!

They had a wonderful time, and we are grateful for Tangram staff, like Pam, who make these special experiences possible for our clients!

300 Holiday Care Packages Assembled for Tangram Clients

Tangram's 2021 Giving Tuesday was one of our most successful Giving Tuesday Campaigns ever, thanks to the generosity of our donors! We surpassed our goal of \$3000 for our Home for the Holidays Campaign which aimed to provide holiday care packages for our clients.

COVID-19 continues to impact the daily lives of the people we serve, and with cases on the rise, it also put a damper on many holiday celebrations. To boost spirits and make the holidays merrier for those we serve, Tangram assembled care packages for the people we serve—but we couldn't do it alone! Thanks to board and committee members, staff volunteers, and a fast-working team of volunteers from Gibson Insurance, we were able to get most of our care packages put together in an afternoon!



Volunteers from Gibson Insurance

The care packages for individuals included hot chocolate with sweet treats and a reusable mug. For larger residential sites, care packages included soup, blankets, and hot chocolate "charcuterie" boards.



Tangram employees are driving their "reindeer" all over our service area before the holidays to deliver some holiday cheer! We couldn't have done this without the support of our donors, board members, volunteers, community partners, and our dedicated staff. Thank you!

Wishing you a safe and happy holiday season!
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