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Literacy Spotlight: **Anixter Adult Literacy Welcomes a New Tutor** **Welcome, Michael Black!**

The Anixter Adult Literacy Department is excited to welcome Michael Black to our team of volunteer literacy tutors! Michael brings a unique combination of professional experience, education, community service, and a passion for helping others learn. Michael has begun working one-on-one with Olvin Carrasquillo, an Anixter adult literacy learner whose first language is Spanish, with a lack of reading and writing skills in both Spanish and English. Michael's experience teaching English as a Second Language (ESL) makes him an excellent match for Olvin. Olvin is currently working to strengthen his foundational reading skills. Each week, Michael meets with Olvin to provide consistent, individualized instruction designed to help him build confidence and make progress. Olvin is already making progress with Michael's support. Anixter's Adult Literacy Department has also purchased tailor-made curriculum for each learner, allowing tutors to work with materials that are appropriate for individual learning needs and goals. This individualized curriculum has become a valuable resource for Olvin and Michael as they work together. Rather than using a one-size-fits-all approach, Olvin's instruction can focus on the specific skills he needs to develop. Olvin is also working on digital literacy skills! Developing the ability to navigate technology is an increasingly important part of everyday life, and digital literacy can support independence in areas such as communication, employment, accessing information, completing applications, and navigating online resources. Welcome to the Anixter Adult Literacy family, Michael! We are grateful to have you on our team and excited to see what this tutor-and-learner partnership will accomplish together!



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CRS Legacy: Urban Adventures

CRS Legacy participants were as busy as ever in August. They took advantage of milder temperatures during the month and went on a variety of outdoor excursions like Buckingham Fountain, Belmont Harbor, Loyola Beach, Centennial Park, and several nature parks. They continued their volunteer service at Feed My Starving Children and Bernie's Book Bank. In addition, participants had opportunities to explore and learn at the Chicago History Museum, the Museum of Science and Industry, and the Field Museum. Additional adventures included shopping at the HIP Mall, going to the local library, and Friday lunches at local restaurants with friends.



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CRS Choice: Community Connections

CRS Choice participants kept a very busy schedule during the month of August. Clients ventured out into the community every day and explored familiar and new venues. Shopping is a favorite activity and participants had opportunities to shop at the HIP mall, local neighborhood stores, as well as a trip to shop in downtown Chicago. They also went to area restaurants and eateries like McDonald's, Culver's, and Margie's Ice Cream to enjoy their favorite flavor. Highlights of the month were trips to Navy Pier, the Museum of Science and Industry, the DuSable Museum, the Money Museum, the Field Museum and an all-time favorite activity, bowling. However, the top-rated outing of the month was a trip to Dave and Buster's for arcade games!



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Unity CILA: Fun with Friends

Unity residents kept busy with lots of activities. There were trips to the park for exercise and activities like basketball, playing catch, and playing on the playground equipment. There were also trips to local stores. Clients enjoyed participating in card games, jigsaw puzzles, movie nights, board games, word searches, matching games, and a variety of arts and crafts. The most special event of the month was helping their friend Alex C. celebrate his birthday with a SpongeBob SquarePants themed birthday party!

