

# The Scoop

Shares  
Inc.

SHARES, INC NEWSLETTER

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## Increased Production Work Across Counties

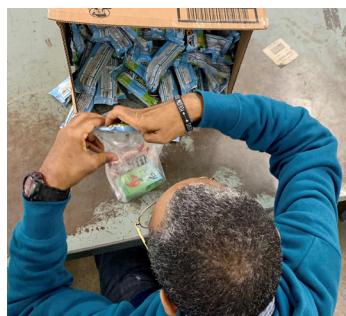
In recent months, our participants have seen a significant uptick in production work. Shares, Inc. is thrilled about this trend and looks forward to its continuation and potential expansion soon. We've recently onboarded a new customer and are set to commence production for another in the upcoming weeks.

The first company, Commercial Food Systems Inc., is an Indiana-based enterprise situated in Indianapolis. They specialize in offering smart snacks and compliant beverage choices to school districts on a local and regional scale. Shares, Inc. will be responsible for packaging these snacks in 2, 3, or 4-pack configurations. Each bag will be filled according to the customer's specifications, then heat-sealed and prepared in master cases for shipping. Commercial Food Systems anticipates Shares, Inc. handling approximately 26,000 packs per month. This operation has recently

begun at our Greenfield facility.

We're eagerly anticipating our upcoming partnership with Allegion, who acquired Stanley Access Technologies about a year ago. Access Technologies specializes in the production, installation, and servicing of sliding, swinging, folding, and transit door systems, along with the associated sensors, controls, and security options. Allegion has tasked Shares Inc. with the assembly of three distinct sub-assemblies integral to their sliding door systems.

These two recent projects, combined with our existing customer base, will provide continuous work for all our participants, allowing them to actively pursue their prevocational goals in the coming months. In March 2023, participants collectively worked 6,858 hours, whereas in August 2023, this figure surged to an impressive 9,998 hours. This represents a substantial increase in productivity for our participants!



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FOOD SYSTEMS, INC.

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## *Peg's Corner: Notes from your Board President*

I hope all of you are enjoying your summer days! The participants at Shares have been busy at their workshops as well as taking outings in their communities for fun and education. Shelbyville participants have helped Rupert's Kids, a non-profit for disadvantaged teens founded by our favorite Survivor, at their Community Days. In July, they assisted the Ville Church organizing supplies and stuffing 700 bags of resources and collected 837 pocket folders to be given to kids in need. Hancock County participants are growing a salsa garden, discovered painting on foil, celebrated the Indy 500, learned to make jewelry and how to reduce our earth footprint by recycling. Rush County participants were taught about Pop Art and making handkerchief purses, visited their Fire Department to learn about fire prevention, visited Abbotts Candies in Hagerstown and, in May, wowed us with their impressionism paintings after learning about Claude Monet. These are just a few of the activities planned and supervised by our wonderful staff members and Management Team!

The workshops are busy due to the diligence and persistence of our Chief Operating Officer, Ryan Bethel. We have regained a customer that we thought was lost to us and Ryan is working tirelessly to find more work that will suit the skills of our participants.

A few weeks ago, the biggest event of the summer began with our participants and chaperones off to St. Louis for our annual trip! They have planned quite a lot of fun activities and I hope this newsletter will have lots of pictures to tell their story. It has been 4 years since our last annual trip because of the Covid epidemic, so everyone is very excited! Again, thanks to our Management Team and our staff members for organizing such a wonderful experience!

The Board of Directors is so proud of our agency and the good it does in our communities. We currently have openings for two more Directors from Hancock County. If you have any interest in serving on our Board, please let Shares know – they will contact us.

## *Management's Corner: Notes from the Shares, Inc. Administration*

We are looking forward to all that the last few months of the year bring - the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, parties galore, gift giving, and time with family and friends! As a reminder Shares, Inc. observes Thanksgiving and the Friday after, Christmas Day, and New Years Day as holidays so we will be closed to allow all of our employees some rest and relaxation and time with their loved ones. If the Board of Directors approves any additional days off during the holidays this will be announced in the coming weeks.

Many of our facilities are beginning to plan all of their annual holiday festivities and parties so those dates and events will be released in the coming weeks as well. We are excited to announce the return of our annual Participant Christmas Party and we are certain this will be a time full of excitement and cheer. Stay tuned for more details about this event!

Many of our participants have inquired about where we are going on our next annual trip. We do not have those details determined at this time, but you can expect an announcement around Christmas time. If you are interested in payroll deductions for the trip please see your program manager to get the 2024 payroll deduction form to get those started.

As we approach the winter months we want to offer a reminder that we may close our services from time to time due to emergencies or inclement weather. Any closings will be aired on Fiant FM WSVX 96.5 (Shelby County), Giant FM WSVX 106.3 (Hancock County), WIFE 94.3 FM (Rush County), WTHR Online, and will be shown on the Shares, Inc. Facebook page. Closings will be announced as "Shares, Inc. Programs".

... it's the most  
**WONDERFUL**  
time of the year!



## *Self Advocates of Indiana Annual Picnic*



Annually, the Self Advocates of Indiana host a picnic at Hummel Park where people from across the state of Indiana come to gain knowledge of places and services that offer support to individuals with disabilities.



Community Council members from Greenfield, Rushville, and Shelbyville attended the event. They were able to learn about self-advocacy, enjoy a barbeque lunch and snacks, collect some fun freebies, play games, and dance courtesy of some great music from the DJ. Some were even able to meet Lieutenant Governor, Suzanne Crouch.



*"I learned a long time ago the wisest thing I can do is be on my own side, be an advocate for myself and others like me." - Maya Angelou.*



# St. Louis

*Welcome  
Aboard!  
Adventure  
Awaits!*



"Adventure should be part of everyone's life. It is the whole difference between being fully alive and just existing." – Holly Morris

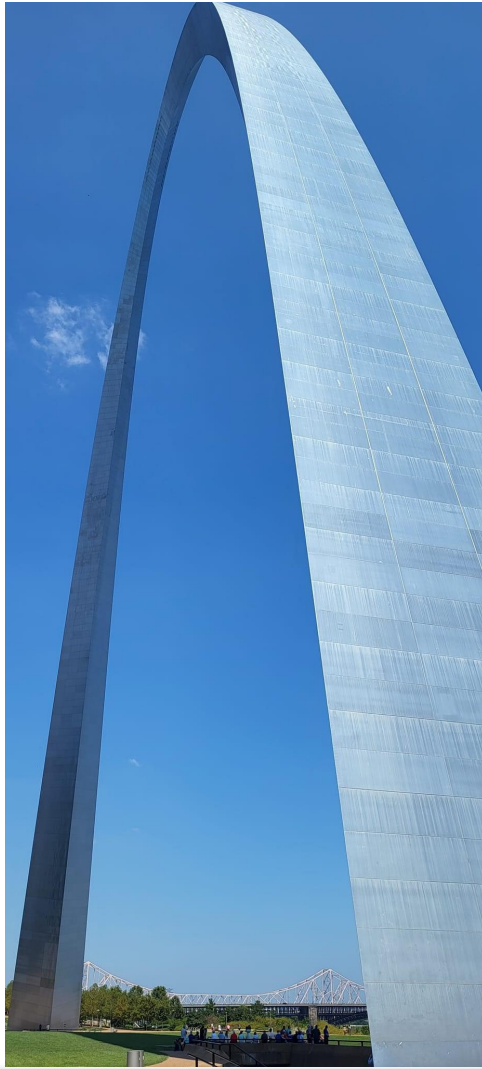


Day 1: traveling, lunch & City Museum, and dinner at the hotel from Sauce on the Side





# Shares, Inc. Annual Educational Trip



Day 2: The Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, Ballpark Village, St. Louis Arch, and Cardinals Baseball Game



"Loved the arch. Hopefully next time we can go up to the top." - Rebecca C.



"I liked Ballpark Village. Best food I've ever tasted!" - Steve R.





“I liked hanging out with Donna, my trip leader, because she is a good staff and I like her. I liked the baseball game because I play Special Olympics baseball.” - David W.



“Being able to go to a place that is not home. Getting to spend time with my friends outside of work. My favorite activity on the trip was being able to see the St. Louis Cardinals in action and the horses at the brewery tour.” – Vanessa M.





# Shares, Inc. Annual Educational Trip



**BREWERY  
EXPERIENCES**  
*Anheuser-Busch*

Day 3: Anheuser-Busch Brewery Experience & Lunch and  
Miss Augusta Dinner Boat Cruise and Dance





"I like to go on the trips to experience different cities. I liked the hotel that we stayed in. I liked the brewery tour and watching the baseball game." – Christopher B.



"I enjoyed the food and the dance on the cruise." - Audrey H.

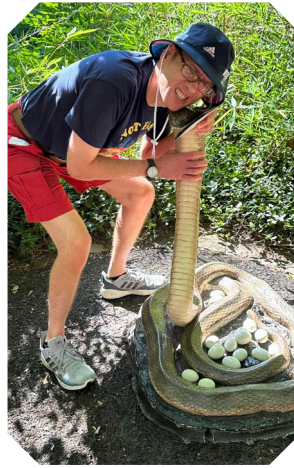


"The thing that I enjoyed most about the trip was going to Anheuser-Busch Brewery to see the clydesdales because they are beautiful!" - Becky B.



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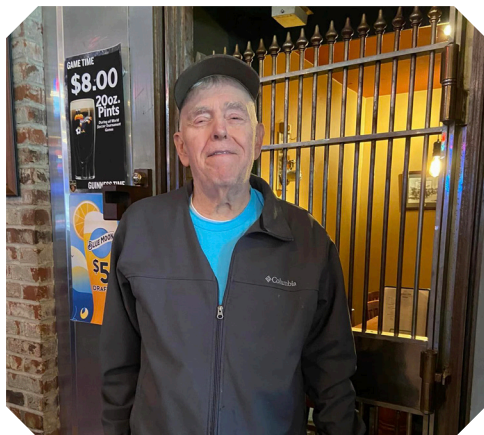
## Day 4: St. Louis Zoo & Ballpark Village for Dinner



"I liked going to the Zoo and seeing all the animals. Being able to go swimming. Being away from home and seeing my friends outside of work." - Tonya W.







"I liked all the shopping on the trips. I always look forward to the trips for the food, the naps, and looking at the scenery. I am looking forward to be able to explore another city next year." – Mary Beth H.



Day 5: St. Charles for Shopping and lunch, hotel time, and packing



# Mark Your Calendars!



"The trip is a fun time. We get to do fun things and go to different places." - Jeanette R.  
It was adventurous and a lot of walking. I would go again!" - Willard S.



**November 13th:** *Board Meeting 7:00pm*

**November 23rd & 24th:** *Shares, Inc. Closed in observance of Thanksgiving*

**December 15th:** *Greenfield Shares Sertoma Christmas Party*

**December 25th:** *Shares, Inc. Closed in observance of Christmas*

**January 1st:** *Shares, Inc. Closed in observance of New Year*

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