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CFS Fall/Winter

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A CFS Love Story

CONGRATULATIONS to Geraldine and Michael who celebrated their 37th Anniversary together!! During Geraldine's Personal Outcome Measure interview, she expressed her desire to celebrate her longtime commitment to her boyfriend! This past July, Geraldine's sister planned a gathering of friends and family to celebrate their 65th birthdays and 37 years of love!



Shape- UP CFS

CFS Shape Up Initiatives continued through the season, groups were assembling in the Bronx & Brooklyn. Work Out Groups soon began to attract many people from the local community—



Observing & Cheering them on.



CFS Shout-OUTS

Let's Give A Warm Welcome to Our Newcomers:



**Emmanuella
at Arlington**



**Crystal at
Simpson St**



Musa

&

Henry

....at Kelly



Douglas



at Bryant



Jessica - began working at Marshall's on April 23rd 2015, as a store clerk. Jessica's supervisor reported that Jessica has demonstrated exemplary punctuality & attendance; Jessica does not call out & has never had an unscheduled absence. Jessica schedules her own transportation to get to and from work. She recently vacationed in Jamaica with her earned money. We're very proud of Jessica!

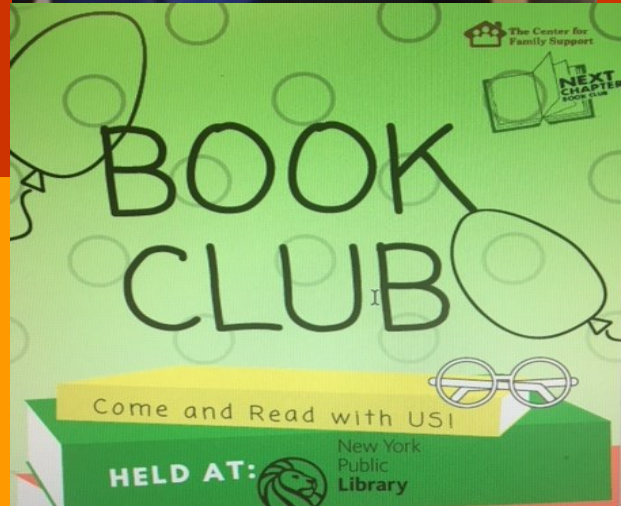
Ernest P.—Ernest has maintained his employment with Project Sweep for 11 years. Ernest loves his job, & has continuously adjusted to changes in his schedule/ assignment. Ernest's commitment & dedication to the job is truly impressive!!!!!!!



Community Connections



Anita R. –
Performing her
Spiritual Praise &
Worship Dance,
at her Church
near her home
in Williamsburg
Brooklyn.



CFS in connection with NYPL recently held their first Book Club & it was a great success. Book Club meetings soared & The guys quickly began leading their own group, sharing and teaching each other.





Jill S. teaching DSP Gloria to play chess at Crotona



Angel P. (Ctr- w/co workers) , on duty at his job with HornBlower Cruise line

The halls of our Oberman Residence, are adorned with decorations done by 3rd Graders from The Anne Hutchinson school 60 Mill Road, Eastchester , New York. , where a family member of one of the ladies teaches.



CFS Celebrates the Holidays

Halloween Bash 2017!

The New Jersey Self Advocates sponsored a CFS Halloween Party and had a blast!





KING &
FRIENDLY
Host
Halloween



CFS Holiday Party 2017

“The party was so much fun, these guys really know how to ring in the holidays”...

“Everyone looked so beautiful & handsome—they really went all out this year”



Anita captivated the crowd with her festive dance performance!!!





*ComHab
celebrated
at
Maestro's
12/29/17*



*"The music was off
the hook"*

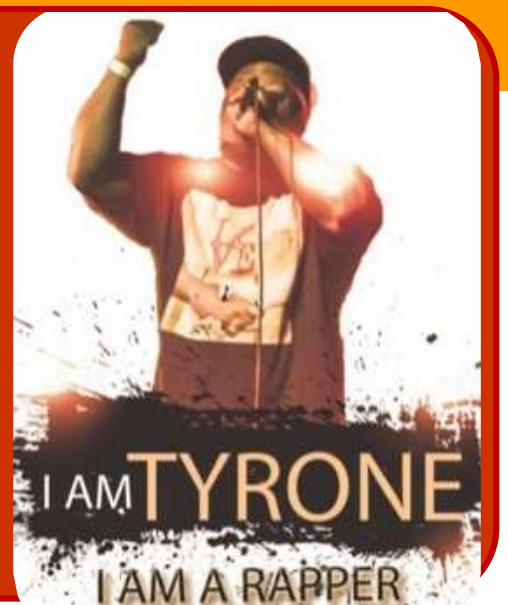


*"I won an X-Box
for the ladies. It
was awesome"*

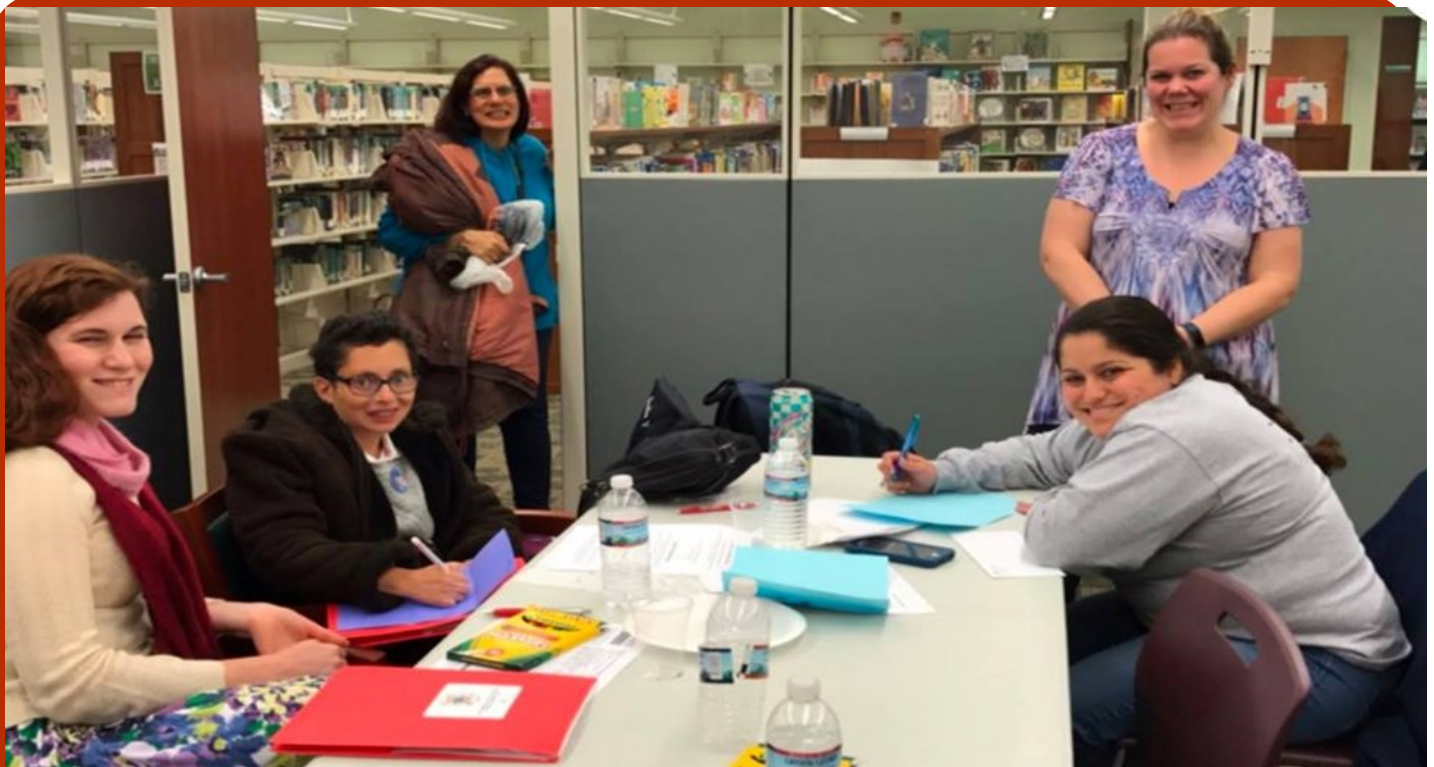
Dreams Come True

For a long time, Tyrone Smith had dream of becoming a rapper, recording an album and learning the music business. Tyrone, who resides at 135th Street IRA, is a part of a rap group known as Zulu P that has performed at many events. He speaks on Hip-hop College Radio station, and goes to music studios to learn the process of recording. At the residence, DSP Damon Postell– who has an entertainment background & is an emerging documentary film maker, used his connections to help put Tyrone’s dreams into fruition. Currently Tyrone is working on recording and producing his first album with the help of Damon and a music producer. What’s very exciting is that Damon will be using this opportunity to create a documentary film that will focus on Tyrone’s pursuit and journey to becoming a well-known rapper. His forthcoming website can be checked out here: iamtyronemovie.com. Damon’s view is that “Everyone has a hero. The music world has Beyoncé, but my goal is to have people with special needs be a hero to others with special needs. I want to show the world and Tyrone that having a disability does not affect your ability to dream”. Tyrone is extremely excited about this, and so is his family, who will also be featured in the documentary as well.

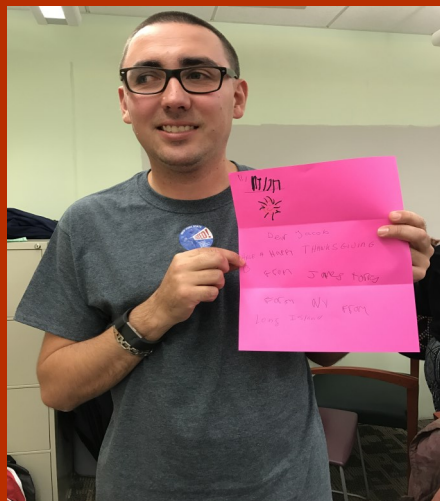
Whenever Tyrone is involved with music, performing, or just simply rapping in his home, he becomes “Tyrone the rapper”. Tyrone will continue to make strides in realizing his dreams. With the support of his family and CFS, Tyrone will see for himself that having a disability does not and will not define who he is as a person.



CFS WORKSHOPS & SUPPORT GROUPS!!!!



The CFS Strong Island Voices Advocacy Group gave back by coming together to write letters to an ill young boy named Jacob in Portland. The Self-Advocates sent words of encouragement and Thanksgiving cheer. They hoped to have brightened his spirits this holiday season!



Please submit all Good News, photos & Stories to the Innovative Planning Team— to be included in our News Letter.

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