

ARAMARK NAMED EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR

The Employment Resource Centre develops valuable partnerships with employers who are committed to offering meaningful employment for the people that we support. Each year at the Annual General Meeting we recognize employers who have demonstrated a strong commitment to our program. This year we recognize Aramark, a leading provider of managed services, for their exceptional contribution and partnership with us. Aramark has proven to be a committed supporter of individuals with intellectual disabilities through providing employment opportunities in Aramark business and office services.



Community Living Mississauga developed a partnership with Aramark over eight years ago, in the summer of 2001. The partnership began with John Byrne working as a front-end cafeteria assistant at the RBC building in Meadowvale. John's success in the workplace has led to numerous placements within Aramark. "John is a very dedicated and committed worker who is well liked and dependable," says Marion Wilson, Food Service Director. John takes pride in serving the customers, most of whom know him by name.



Since April 2007, Syed Hamza Shirazie has been employed with Aramark at the Rogers building in Brampton. Maggie McDonnell is pleased with her partnership with Community Living Mississauga; she says "Hamza is an integral part of our Aramark Rogers Brampton Family. He is a very dedicated team member who takes great pride in his job and his team spirit is amazing. Whether at social functions like our annual holiday party or our United Way CN Tower climb, we can always count on Hamza to be enthusiastic and involved." Hamza enjoys his position as a dining room maintenance staff: "I have met a lot of great people here."



Ming Ly is closing in on one year of employment with Aramark facility services in the CIBC mailroom and you can put a stamp on Ming adding more successful years with the company. Aramark supervisor, Gord Greenwood has been integral in teaching Ming the many different facets of a large mailroom. Ming is motivated and enthusiastic about his workplace environment, where he performs duties such as labelling, scanning, and filing. Ming's sense of humour and work ethic has helped to keep the mailroom fun and has led to his success with Aramark.



Christian Vasquez-Villalobos and Gary Dao have been employed with Aramark since June 2008, where they are both responsible for handling dishwashing duties. Christian says he enjoys working for Aramark and looks forward to every shift. Christian also says "everyone treats me with respect and they are like a second family to me." Gary enjoys performing his tasks at Aramark alongside a great team led by Terrance Zawacki (head chef).

Thank you for everyone's support in making this a winning partnership!

