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Having purpose and meaning in the workplace gives us a sense of value and belonging. Cross Plains Community Partner strives to ensure everyone has employment opportunities; valuable partnerships with United Way and Shaw Industries help ensure this happens.

Gracie participated in Project SEARCH six years ago, seeking valuable skills, knowledge, and strategies to be successful as an adult entering the world of employment. Project SEARCH is a ninemonth internship for young adults with disabilities. Upon completing the program, Gracie obtained a job at Shaw Industries as a Utility Relief. This year, she is celebrating five years as a Shaw Industries associate! Gracie plays a crucial role in the business, ensuring customers can feel Shaw's product before purchasing.

Gracie thrives in an environment where work is predictable and where she can get physically involved in impacting customers. Gracie is a valuable team member. She is dependable, hardworking, and a great example of Project SEARCH's impact on the lives of young adults. United Way helps provide individuals like Gracie with opportunities to gain employment and independence.



YOU PROVIDE A MONTH OF DAY SERVICES FOR AN ADULT WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.

Thanks to your gift to United Way last year:

young adults with developmental disabilities participated in internships.

individuals with developmental disabilities were served by spending time in the community and gaining new skills for daily living. United

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