

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY Vocational Services

Newsletter

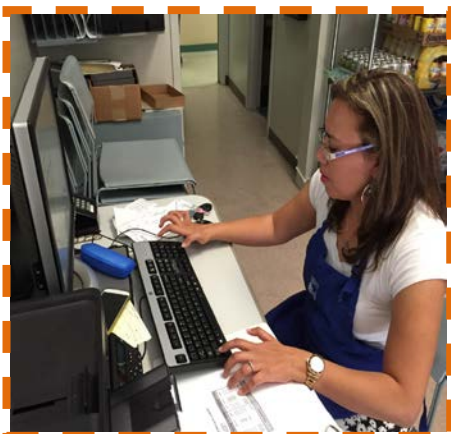


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Rancho Works Gift and Snack Shop

The 900 Snack Bar was vacated in August, 2013 when the couple who managed it for many years retired. Rancho's Occupational Therapy - Vocational Services Department put in a bid for the space in order to provide our patients with a real work environment to practice their return to work skills. In September, 2013, Rancho Works Enterprises started the Coffee Cart Fundraiser to purchase supplies and equipment to renovate the Snack Bar into a Gift Shop/Snack Shop. Coffee and baked goods were sold daily in the 900 lobby by patients and

volunteers of Rancho Works Enterprises. The success of this program has allowed the former 900 Snack Bar to be transformed into the Rancho Gift and Snack Shop operated by Rancho Works Enterprises Apprentices and Volunteers. The shop is currently open from 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, serving patients, visitors, and employees. Pre-packaged food and drinks are available along with items handcrafted by Rancho Works Enterprises clients and volunteers. Rancho-themed items are also available for purchase to show your Rancho spirit! Come visit us in Building 900, room 30. See you soon!



Volunteer Spotlight: Ruth's Story

"I had Guillain-Barré. I am more confident with using my hands and the computer. I know now that I can do things despite my disability. The Vocational Services Program is a gratifying experience, after thinking I may not be able to work again. It gives me a sense of confidence because I am working at something and doing it well. I feel better about myself."

Ruth was an accountant in Columbia prior to moving here with her family. Following treatment at Rancho, she now volunteers once a week to help with the Rancho Works Enterprises bookkeeping.

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