

Golden Rule Services Providing Hope and Independence to Individuals with Special Needs



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"Our mission is to provide opportunities to individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities for growth and independence in their community. Our task is one of discovery: our discovery of what a person values and what things are hassles to him; his discovery will be of his desired choices. We strive to listen to each individual and let him create his own place based on his dreams, desires and needs."

These heartfelt words were spoken by Daniel Armond, the co-founder and president of [Golden Rule Services](#), to the families of the men and women with special needs working within the program to achieve independence and a higher quality of life.

Golden Rule Services offers these men and women a unique opportunity to learn and grow under the watchful eye of the organization's trained professional staff and caring staff members. Every participant in the programs at Golden Rule Services is seen not as a person with a disability but as a person with the potential for achievement.

"The difference and uniqueness in the approach of Golden Rule Services is that instead of focusing on the deficits or disabilities of an individual, we focus on the potential and abilities; instead of dwelling on past failures, we focus on future successes," states Armond. "Emphasis is placed on a person's capabilities rather than his or her limitations." Anyone interested in

volunteering to be part of the program or in making a donation can do so by visiting www.GoldenRuleServices.org.

This spring, the non-profit organization celebrates fifteen years of reaching out to the members of their Texas communities. The "[Music in Motion Extravaganza](#)" is scheduled to take place on May 20, 2010 at the Grand Opera House in Galveston, Texas and will feature performances by Elvis Tribute Artist Harvey McFadden, a tribute solo by one of the Golden Rule participants, a silent auction and plenty of singing and dancing for all. The organization is still looking for sponsors for the event. Interested parties can contact Event Coordinator Staci Staats at 832-588-0793.

"Our Golden Rule [is] to treat people as we would like to be treated," states Armond. "We are deeply grateful for all the help that you can extend to us as we continue to grow and empower our individuals."

For more information, visit Golden Rule Services on the web at www.GoldenRuleServices.org.

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