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TIM PRINGPUANGKEO



Tim's Story: Volunteer Spotlight

Through leading activities filled with imagination, creativity and passion, Tim Pringpuangkeo creates a world where laughter generates connection, bonding people together even when they are miles apart.

First beginning as a Radio Reading volunteer in September 2020, Tim quickly added teaching Improv classes to his repertoire, bringing years of teaching drama in schools and acting experience with him to create fun and interactive programs for CSC clients.

Beginning to teach his classes at the height of Covid-19, Improv became a great outlet for clients to make and sustain friendships and learn new skills along the way.





"Tim has an incredible and infectious energy," shared Recreation Specialist Bobbie Szabo. "The Improv sessions he leads not only bring joy and humor to our clients, but also help develop important interpersonal and leadership skills—including verbal and nonverbal communication, conflict resolution, problem solving, active listening and team work."

As for clients, participants of Improv classes look forward to sessions weekly, naming the classes as a highlight of the recreation schedule. "I have never done anything like this before. It was so cool!" one client exclaimed.

As for Tim, his goal for the classes is simple: "I have always enjoyed making peoples' days lighter," he expressed. For Tim, the joy in teaching Improv is when he feels people come alive, an experience that he explains, helps him discover new things about himself and about those who participate.

Tim has found that he himself is exercising creativity through being involved, developing new games that can be done in a virtual setting by manipulating and mixing games normally practiced in person. The changes Tim makes to adjust these games are seamless, creating nothing but fun and creativity in the lives of CSC clients, and offering them a chance to interact and try something new.

As for Tim, the classes bring joy as well. "I never feel more alive than when I'm teaching people my craft," he reflected. Aside from radio reading and improv enthusiasm, Tim also brings his zest to CSC in other ways, partnering with the Leisure and Lifestyle Services team to create and record entertaining videos of skits for clients, a fun and unique venture that allows our clients to have fun with CSC even when programs are not scheduled.

Needless to say, CSC is lucky to have the energy and passion that Tim shares. Put in the words of Bobbie Szabo: "Tim is joyous and such an integral part of our Recreation Team. He consistently goes above and beyond for our clients and develops beyond-creative programming. We love having Tim and we would keep him forever if we could!"

Thank you, Tim, for the difference you make in the lives of Cleveland Sight Center clients! We are so lucky to have you as a member of the CSC team.

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