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Dear Friends,

We are pleased to announce that we are now accepting applications for our **Work Experience Program**. This summer we are partnering with the A/U Ranches in Buena Vista, Colorado for the third year. If hired, trainees serve as the Lodge Crew in Valerie Lodge during Family Camp Week 1 and Week 2. Trainees receive orientation and training, participate in daily staff inspiration and group Bible Lesson study, engage in dynamic work shifts and debriefing sessions, and have fun during planned recreation time, group outings, and more.

The group functions as a cohesive unit—working and spending off-hours time together—under the direction of the RVRN Program Director, and supervision of two job coaches and a program assistant. RVRN provides 24/7 care and applies specific adaptations to every aspect of the experience—travel, job tasks, housing, off-hours activities, chaperoning, etc.—empowering trainees to complete their work with confidence, contribute to the camp environment, and develop meaningful friendships. As a result of participating, trainees will:

- mature in their **understanding of Christian Science** and its application to their daily lives
- learn **technical skills** needed to perform job-related tasks
- expand their **interpersonal skills** needed in every work environment
- practice **social and communication skills** as they navigate professional and personal relationships
- develop **time management skills** essential to employment
- grow their independence in carrying out **life skills** associated with personal care (i.e. grooming, laundry, tidiness, etc.)

Program Information:

- **Dates:** Tuesday, June 20 – Thursday, July 6
- **Eligible participants:** Christian Scientists with developmental special needs, who are 18 years of age or older, are interested in developing job- and life-skills in a Christian Science work environment, and who can safely demonstrate the skills necessary for the particular job.
- **Housing:** Trainees and coaches stay in temperature-controlled staff cabins equipped with bathrooms.
- **Cost:** The cost to families includes travel, uniform clothing, and spending money. Financial assistance is available.
- **Wages:** This is a paid position. (Trainees may forgo pay if it interferes with their other benefits.)
- **Applications:** Interested individuals are expected to complete an online application and engage in an interview process.

RVRN loved ones have so much light, love, and skill to contribute to the Christian Science workplace. This year we will recruit six trainees and hope to expand the program in the near future. To learn more and apply,



please visit the "Work Experience Program" page of our website by clicking [here](#). **Applications will be accepted through May 1.**

Warm regards,

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