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Assembly And Packaging Service Puts Disabled To Work

By Simcha Eichenstein

When speaking about the meaning of life Abraham Lincoln once stated, "And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years."

Society values individuals for what they have accomplished, not for how long they have been around. All human beings have a deeply rooted need to find meaning in the things that make up the days of their lives.

Every day dozens of men and women eagerly make their way to a building on First Avenue in the Sunset Park neighborhood in Brooklyn. The building houses the Pre-vocational Program operated by HASC Center, a not-for-profit organization that provides a comprehensive blanket of services for people with developmental disabilities. They come because this program makes them feel needed and important. It inserts meaning and happiness into their lives and makes them feel that in their own way they are making a difference.

They spend a good part of their day assembling, packaging and producing a variety of items ranging from batteries to shoe insoles and bay leaf spice jars. Because their products are often readily visible in the stores, which they frequent, they have pride in themselves and their accomplishment. There is no job, too small or

too large, that they have not been able to handle. Assembly, blister packing, shrink wrapping, sorting and final packaging are routinely handled. Companies that have contracted with HASC Center have been extremely satisfied with the result. This is no coincidence of course, but is the direct consequence of a quality control check done by the program on each item that is sent back to the vendor.

Each job undertaken by the program is carefully studied to determine the 'piece rate,' which then serves as the basis for wages to program participants. All work is supervised constantly and errors corrected immediately. The final quality control check assures that every piece is properly assembled, sorted and packed.

The program can arrange for pick-up and delivery of merchandise at a time and place convenient to the vendor. The use of fork lifts and pallets assures that merchandise is handled carefully and efficiently.

HASC Center's Pre-vocational Program, one of many programs offered by the agency, helps people find meaning in their lives, a sense of contentment and satisfaction with who they have become. It also provides an opportunity for vendors to find an inexpensive and high quality assembly and packaging service.

For interested vendors, the program can be reached at 718-535-2015 or 718-535-2002.

Chamber Helps Queensborough Community College



Because of the Queens Chamber of Commerce's relationship with two of its distinguished members, Queensborough Community College was the recipient of office supplies donated by Unique Office Solutions, Inc.

Hundreds of rolls of scotch tape, calculators and staplers were given away to guests attending a special event at Queensborough Community College called "Homes for the Homeless."

This highlights the importance of business-education partnerships, and the good work the Queens Chamber of Commerce does to foster these relationships.