

Decades of Achievement



Eric Vee's success story with MRCI is an inspiring journey that spans over two decades. Since 1999, Eric has been an integral part of the MRCI family, initially starting his career cleaning various businesses in the Fairmont area under the guidance of a job coach to enhance his skills.

Under the mentorship of MRCI Employment Specialist Ashley Lombard, Eric has flourished in his current roles at Speedway and Wal-Mart. Since 2005, with a brief hiatus, he has been a dedicated Maintenance Associate at Speedway, responsible for stocking shelves, filling coolers, and maintaining the store's cleanliness. Simultaneously, since 2015, Eric has contributed his skills to Wal-Mart as a Maintenance Associate, ensuring the store remains tidy and occasionally assisting with carts.

In Eric's own words, MRCI has played a pivotal role in his success by "helping me with a lot of stuff when there are lots of things going on at work and helping me continue with my jobs." His favorite aspects of the job include the camaraderie with colleagues and customers, emphasizing how they keep him engaged and busy.

His supervisors echo his sentiments, with Elanie, Eric's manager at Speedway, expressing gratitude for having him as an essential part of their team. Customers even come in specifically to greet Eric, a testament to his positive impact. Jennifer, Eric's supervisor at Wal-Mart, commends his dedication, pride, and willingness to go above and beyond for customers and colleagues, describing him as a "ray of sunshine" and a valuable asset to the team.

Ashley praises his positive outlook and hardworking nature, noting the flood of compliments she receives from his supervisors and co-workers during her visits.

Beyond the workplace, MRCI fosters a sense of community by organizing monthly lunches, where individuals employed in the Fairmont area come together to socialize and discuss their experiences. Eric, ever enthusiastic, actively participates in these gatherings, always wearing a smile that reflects his genuine joy and satisfaction. His story is a testament to resilience, hard work, and the supportive environment created by MRCI.

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