

## Marshall's Story of Success



Marshall started with Bridgeway's Community Employment Services in 2018. He was referred to us by DRS due to his Pervasive Developmental Disability and thus needing assistance with finding and maintaining employment. He had not worked in the community before, but had some volunteer experience. He was unsure of what type of job he wanted to look for, but was willing to work with his Employment Specialist to explore his interests. Marshall would meet with his Employment Specialist weekly to job search, fill out applications and follow up with employers. Marshall had a few interviews here and there, but no job offers and he began to feel like he would not find a job and started to lose interest. After meeting with his DRS counselor, his mother and his Employment Specialist to discuss continuing services he decided he would continue to give it a shot. Marshall continued to job search and work with his Employment Specialist and shortly after he was called by Sodexo to come in for an interview for the utility worker position at Thompson Hall on WIU campus. Marshall was called a few days after his interview and was offered the position! Marshall and his Employment Specialist attended the orientation and first few days together and then his manager felt he was doing great and was able to begin working on his own. Since then, Marshall has been given more responsibilities and job tasks than what he has been used to and has transitioned well. Marshall received a satisfactory performance evaluation and was told that he was a nice addition to the Thompson Hall family!