

“Traveling Nick” Shares Music and Talents with Jamestown

Nick Kilpatrick has made a name for himself in Jamestown, NY. The 41-year-old, who receives support from our People Inc. Self-Directed Community Habilitation Program, is known by many as “Traveling Nick, the Guitar Guy.” He is a skilled string musician who shares his talents around town, playing guitar for residents at Heritage Park Skilled Nursing, at the Ashville General Store and for the Salvation Army’s kettle drive during the holidays.

“I enjoy doing this because I love the people,” Nick shared.

In addition to playing music, Nick is also an accomplished craftsman who repairs vintage fans and builds cigar box guitars and mandolins at his own workshop. His People Inc. Self-Determination Assistant Ron Matson has helped him tap into his talents and learn how to use sanders, drills, saws and tape measures.

“Before each project, I make what is called a ‘SMART’ plan, which stands for Specific, Manageable, Attainable, Relevant and Time,” Nick explained. “The SMART plan is how I prepare and organize for each workshop project. I use it as a reference to help me keep on track. The template can provide a way out in case I get stuck.”

Nick has been a proud resident of Jamestown for 13 years. He lives in his own apartment with his cat, Tony, next door to his advocate, Lisa. He enjoys sharing his talents with the world and appreciates all of the opportunities he has received.

“I would like to thank all the people that have helped me to get here. I like to make new friends, along with the people I work with. I like to work at my shop, building cigar box guitars and fixing fans. I want to thank the people at Ashville General Store and Heritage Park Skilled Nursing Facility for allowing me to play my guitar at their businesses. I really enjoy playing my music for everyone.”



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