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Mayor Marilyn Hatley Invites Current Transitions students to display their science fair board submissions at North Myrtle Beach City Hall

North Myrtle Beach, SC – April 3, 2018 – Science fair boards covering a wide range of topics selected by students at Current Transitions in Little River are now on display in the atrium at the North Myrtle Beach City Hall.



The idea of hosting a science fair for adult students with developmental disabilities who attend Current Transitions was proposed by Stan Hager (“Science Stan”), a volunteer who teaches basic science topics and gardening at the center. Linda Trost, the director, thought it was a great idea since many of the students had never participated in a science fair before.

During a visit to the Center, North Myrtle Beach Mayor Marilyn Hatley presented Presidential Volunteer Service Awards to several of the Current Transitions dedicated volunteers. She also saw the science fair boards and then invited the students to display their submissions at City Hall. The boards are now on display and the public is welcome to come see them Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

The science fair boards examine topics ranging from “Sharks” (Cesar & Tyler), “Parts of the Body” (Marissa), “Lake Effect Snow” (Kevin & Kristen), to “The Planets” (Chris), “Eclipses” (James), and “Hurricanes” (Ginger). They reflect the student’s interests and recent experiences inside and outside of class. One particularly exciting demonstration, “Mentos in Coke,” (Garret and Shelly), thankfully was done outside. Several students used visual aids, such as “How to Grow an Ant Farm” (Aaron) and Chromebooks to provide more details about their subject and to supplement their boards.

The students spent several months finding information about their topics and attaching it to their boards during class. Volunteers Mary Hager and Madalyn Cole provided encouragement and in-class assistance when needed. Finally, the science fair was held with many parents, relatives, friends and volunteers attending. Everything went well, including the Coke/Mentos eruption, and with some coaxing, an “Egg in a Bottle” experiment (Sherri).

Current Transitions is a volunteer organization that provides training and activities for persons with developmental disabilities in Horry County. Classes are from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at their facility in Little River (414 Highway 90 East). The classes range from daily living skills, communications, social behavior, art, and local events, to money management, science, technology and gardening/nutrition.

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