



PACKED BY ROBERT

Stride, Inc. manufactures and distributes office products - BUT - Stride is not your average company! A small, woman-owned business, Stride’s goal is to provide the consumer with exceptional office products alongside a mission to provide training and integrated employment for people with intellectual and developmental delays.

Robert, an epileptic, is a member of the Indian Pueblo of Jemez, New Mexico and is of the Eagle Clan; he is an accomplished Indian potter and a full participant in all cultural feasts. On Feast days you can find Robert in traditional dress, dancing, singing or drumming. Robert’s commute from Pueblo Jemez begins at 4:30 am with a shuttle to the commuter rail line, a train ride, a bus ride and finally ends with a walk. He reverses the pattern to arrive home around 7pm. That is a dedicated employee!

Stride is Robert’s first job and he worked as an assembly specialist for many years before moving on to other employment opportunities. Recognizing the need to “expand himself” and “conquer” other work environments, Robert left Stride - much to the sadness of his co-workers. In 2008, Robert came back to work at Stride. The management team soon realized that this was a new Robert, one with organizational and supervision skills.

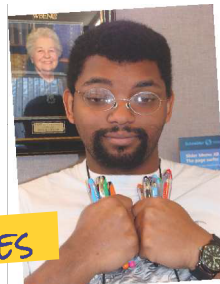
Today, Robert is a salaried member of the management team and no longer receives government assistance. As Stride’s Production Supervisor, Robert’s duties are to ensure special needs workers have work and the tools needed to complete their jobs. He provides training to his employees and provides back-up to the shipping and receiving department. With new, complicated packaging duties, Robert instantly noticed that a worker could not count out the required eight pens to put in a box. Deducing that the worker could count out four pens, he devised a system where his colleague places four pens in his right hand and four in his left to complete a set of eight. Robert is a natural leader with a unique ability to explain tasks patiently, enabling his co-workers to be successful.

Peter has been packaging Stride products since 1981.



PETER

James' favorite job is assembling the multi colored pens for some of our orders.



JAMES

Vaden is our Super Employee - always offering to help everyone and always smiling!



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