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## COMPANY BACKGROUND

Frank Arko and Terri Krizman started Rise and Dine Café on August 1, 2011. They both had worked for a Fortune 500 company before pursuing the restaurant business, with Frank previously working as a chef and Terri as a restaurant manager.

Rise and Dine runs regular weekly specials including chicken paprikash with dumplings and salad, pulled pork with sweet potato fries, sloppy joes with chips, perch dinners and others as assigned by Chef Frank.

Terri says you'll always receive "delicious and huge portions, a great serving staff and never a dull moment!"

## TYRONE'S STORY

Tyrone, or Ty, started working for Rise and Dine restaurant in Chesterland on May 4, 2018. Having a job at the family-friendly breakfast restaurant proved to be a perfect fit for Ty, who enjoys eating lunch there. This is Ty's first real job and he currently works Friday through Sunday during the winter months, and Wednesday through Sunday during the warmer months.

Ty started working at Rise and Dine after owners Frank and Terri reached out to the Metzenbaum Center looking for help at the diner. Shortly after, they were given Ty's name as an available candidate. They immediately said yes as they previously knew him from the Special People Pageants.

With the guidance of a job coach, Ty went through training to become comfortable with the busy restaurant atmosphere and constant tasks that need to be done. He was very successful in this training, which was completely different from previous job training he's had. He previously worked at a farm and learned about gardening and hydroponics. Ty said that working at the restaurant is a cool job and a great way to experience something other than farm life.

With support from his coworkers, Ty has a great time working at Rise and Dine, especially when his boss puts on music. Since starting in May of last year, Ty has made friends with ALL of his coworkers, who watch over him on the job, and regulars who look forward to seeing him when they come in.

Each time Ty works a shift, he carries out his responsibilities in an efficient, friendly manner and has learned new jobs, such as bussing tables, cleaning and, his favorite, washing dishes. According to Ty's boss, he is very helpful wherever he is needed, has a quick wit and a great smile. "Ty's a quick learner and takes direction very well," said Ty's boss. "He only needs to be told to do something once and is spot on. He cares about his work and is one of our best workers!"

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