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A Year after Hire, Hamilton Native's Role Grows at Walgreens

On November 1, 2016, Joe Catana started working as a Customer Service Associate for Walgreens in Hamilton, NJ. Exactly one year later, Catana received a promotion for his hard work and diligence.

Catana duties originally included checking outdates and performing light stocking as necessary, twice a week and earning \$10 per hour.

"Joe is hard-working and seeks every opportunity to learn and grow as an employee," said Walgreens Assistant Store Manager, Steve Benci. "He brings enthusiasm to his work that is contagious and motivates his teammates to be their very best. Joe has become an important part of the team here at Walgreens."

365 days later, Joe now works three days a week, earning \$11.50 per hour as a result of his great performance. The Hamilton, NJ native will now be responsible for stocking the housewares department and helping unload truck deliveries on Thursdays.

In his performance review, Joe was characterized as someone "with high standards, who seeks new responsibilities, raises the bar and genuinely cares for everyone".

"Joe is very outgoing. He enjoys sharing experiences with others," said Sue Anne Palermo, Program Manager for Community Options. "He is very sociable, highly supportive of his peers and extremely responsible in the workplace."

Community Options is proud of its great working relationship with Walgreens and its dedication to inclusion in the everyday workforce.

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