



***“The reward  
for work well  
done is the  
opportunity to  
do more.”***

*—Jonas Salk*

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**Imagine** what it takes to operate a large, urban hospital 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We may think first of doctors and nurses, therapists, and technicians, interacting with patients, working in laboratories, conducting research, etc.

***There are many more people whose skills contribute to the functioning of a healthcare facility, and included in that group, are individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities.***

Today, two current students and two recent graduates of the Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) Young Adult Transition Program -- Nina, Hao, Chris, and Daniel -- are participating in the HealthPath program at Alameda Health System's Highland Hospital. A multi-year grant from the Thomas J. Long Foundation to increase employment for adults with developmental disabilities has made it possible for EBI, in partnership with OUSD, to offer this intensive work experience.

Ever think about what it takes to package "after-hour meals" for patients who've missed meals because of tests or treatments? The steps involved in preparing medical records for scanning? Or, handling deliveries and shipments and stocking supplies? That's what Nina, Hao, Chris, and Daniel are learning as they gain experience, become more confident, and prepare for future job opportunities.

***Like our employment program, all of EBI's services are moving forward, despite unpredictable times ahead.***

Your support makes this possible and we're hoping you can help us reach our annual fundraising goal. We need to raise \$6,000 by June 30th and we've already received the promise of a \$3,000 match!

***Your generosity helps create opportunities! Thank you.***



Tom Heinz, Executive Director, EBI

