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Hello Rene,

Welcome to our second N-AbleTek Newsletter!

Fall is fast approaching and before we know it, Halloween will be here followed by Thanksgiving.

We are so thankful that we have an opportunity to share our news with you through this newsletter. We have had a busy six months and expect it to continue throughout the rest of 2023.

For any newcomers, we'd like to share our mission. It is simply to help Florida's special needs children and adults enjoy the transformative power of technology.

How do we do this? As a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit, we raise funds to provide personalized training along with hardware and cognitive software that we pair with individuals looking to gain greater

independence in daily living tasks and more.

We invite you to read the rest of our newsletter, meet Sebastian, our Director of Program Development and Operations; AbleLink, our technology partner and one of our proud technology participants.

You may link to our website for additional information.

Learn More

#### **TEK TALK!**



#### Meet Sebastian Arbelaez

Where were you born?

Colombia

When did you move to the United States?

Around 2004

Where did you go to College?

Florida Gulf Coast University

Where did you work before coming to N-AbleTek?

• A large, luxury hospitality company

Why did you choose to come to N-AbleTek?

 After working over 8 years in hospitality I realized I wanted to make a difference in our community. N-AbleTek offered me the opportunity to make this difference by providing special needs individuals with the technology needed to help promote their independence.

What are a few of your favorite things you like to do when you aren't working?

 I love spending time with my family, swimming with my kids, and traveling around the country to see all of the beautiful landscapes. Traveling in an RV allows us to make the most of every minute from hikes to biking to fishing, etc; we all love exploring.

Tell us why you like working for N-AbleTek:

 I love making a difference in our local Florida community for individuals who are sometimes overlooked. N-AbleTek has allowed me the freedom to ensure the individual needs of each participant can be accommodated to the best of our ability.



# Did you know N-AbleTek partners with a great company that provides many cognitive technology resources?

For over 10 years, our staff at N-AbleTek have known and worked with a company called AbleLink Smart Living Technologies, based out of Colorado.

As you can read on their website through the link below, "AbleLink Smart Living Technologies was founded in 1997 specifically to address the significant need for research-based cognitive support technologies for individuals with cognitive disabilities and those experiencing cognitive decline."

Currently, N-AbleTek offers their Smart Living Service. This includes the Endeavor and Visual Impact apps, along with the Smart Living Desktop software. This cognitive software is designed to help individuals with cognitive disabilities to experience independence at home, at work, and in the community.

Please feel free to read more about this wonderful partner through the link below.

Visit AbleLink



# Learn about some people and places who are using cognitive technology through N-AbleTek

Students at various places are using the hardware and software provided by N-AbleTek to increase their independence.

In this newsletter we are highlighting one student who is currently using the technology.

#### Meet Sophia!

I live with: Dad

School/Education/Job Accomplishments: The Haven Academy & internship at Aladdin Pool Co.

Hobbies/Interests:
Basketball, Music, Singing, and Dancing!

Favorite Food:

Pizza

Favorite Movie: Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2

Favorite Music: Big Time Rush

How has the N-AbleTek technology helped you?

I like earning the iPad after doing my school work. It motivates me to complete all my

Click below to learn more about some of these programs.

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FGCU RISE

The Haven Academy

Adventure For All

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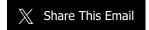
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