

## Pizza Time at Easterseals Veterans Rally Point



The kitchen at Easterseals Veterans Rally Point was filled with smiles, creativity, and the delicious smell of fresh pizza on Tuesday, February 3rd, as our Kitchen Manager, Hazel Proulx, hosted a special pizza-making class for participants from the Easterseals Adult Day Program in Norwich.

With the help of longtime volunteer Rene Gentes, five Day Program clients and two staff members rolled up their sleeves and got hands-on creating their own personal pizzas. Each participant was welcomed with their very own chef hat that was thoughtfully handmade by longtime volunteer Jeanne Chabotte, which added an extra touch of fun and excitement to the experience.

During the one-hour class, participants learned how to shape their dough, spread sauce, add cheese, and choose their favorite toppings. The class provided an opportunity for creativity, independence, and hands-on learning. Participants also enjoyed assembling their own pizza boxes so they could proudly bring their pizzas home to share. Hazel shared after the class that it was great to interact with everyone and that everyone was working together making pizza.

The event was such a success that Hazel plans to host similar kitchen classes every six weeks. The group is already looking forward to their next visit when they will return to the VRP kitchen to bake cookies in celebration of Easter.

The appreciation continued after the class. On February 18, Hazel received a handmade thank-you card from the participants expressing how much they enjoyed the experience. Moments like these reflect what Veterans Rally Point is all about by creating opportunities for connection, learning, and community.

### **Interested in Volunteering?**

If you are navigating life after service or simply looking for a meaningful way to give back, we invite you to explore volunteering at Easterseals Veterans Rally Point. Talk with any member of the VRP staff to learn more about opportunities that align with your interests, skills, and availability. Call (860) 859-4148 or email [rlandry@escrec.org](mailto:rlandry@escrec.org).

Your service still matters.

Your experience still matters.

And together, we can continue building the strong, healthy community that defines Easterseals Veterans Rally Point.