



**He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.” Luke 14:12-14**

MI Cookie Project was founded in 2017 by retired special education teacher, Maggie Gibson, who retired from Jo Brighton Skills Center in Wyandotte. The program is designed to give older students a place to go and continue to learn skills.

“Our students after the age of 26 didn’t have a whole lot available to them and I wanted to offer them opportunities with a purpose.” After age 26, individuals with disabilities in Michigan cannot attend public school. 81% of individuals with developmental disabilities are unemployed. Many stay home with their families and watch TV or play video games. Learning any new skill gives everyone pride and accomplishment. Individuals with developmental disabilities can learn, just not in the same way other students learn.

“Everybody has a talent, whether you have an intellectual disability or not.”

I love “Seeing my students grow and become independent, which is what’s happening here in the bakery. Besides giving a purpose to our folks, we want to teach the community that people with disabilities can work.”

“It’s a lot of fun. We have a lot of fun”



### *Prayer*

*O God, we seek the power of your Spirit, that we may live in fuller union with you, ourselves and our sisters and brothers with disabilities. Help these parents and children know they are loved and they matter to You and the world. Also grant that we may gain courage to love and understand each other. Amen*

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Life is not all work. We provide opportunities for all involved to learn social and recreation skills and enjoy all that entails. We will be involved in teaching healthy life styles Wating healthy & fitness, lifelong health and recreation training. Activities include hiking, weight training, kayaking, fishing, canoeing, cycling alpine ski, cross country ski, snowboard, snow shoe, swimming, bocce, travel, etc. Family members and other youth in the community will be invited to join us in these activities to become friends through recreation and shared interests.

**Recipe for Success:**

**Mission Statement:**

Teaching individuals with developmental disabilities to work while running a bakery in a community setting.

**Vision statement:**

That people of all abilities can work and play together raising awareness and making friends.

**To Volunteer or Donate**

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