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Autistic teens participate in community service projects

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A Phoenix autism center is taking on several community service and fundraising projects this week.

First, teens from the Southwest Autism Research & Resource Center will deliver meals to families in need at the UMOM New Day Centers on Wednesday.

The RK Group, a catering and event-planning company, has volunteered its kitchen for the project. SARRC teens will bake and decorate cookies and prepare meals at RK Group's facilities.

On Thursday, the teens will take part in ZooWorks, a vocational training program at the Phoenix Zoo. They will tackle various tasks, including cleaning and landscape work.

On Friday, a local Outback Steakhouse will teach SARRC teens the basics of running a restaurant while raising money for the organization. They will take orders, serve food and bus tables to raise money for the autism center.

The fundraiser will take place from noon until 2 p.m. Friday at the Outback Steakhouse at 4715 E. Cactus Road. Tickets are available for \$20 by calling Erin Paschke at (602) 340-8717.

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