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**Company/Organization:** Greengard Center for Autism & Salt Cellar

**Type of organization:** Nonprofit & Business

**Number of Employees:** 11

**Category:** community

#### **Challenge or Opportunity:**

This story is being submitted in conjunction with The Salt Cellar and Don & Judit Tydeman. It is a story of a compassionate business that has worked with our Center to provide a community experience for adults with autism. The Tydeman's approached us 2 years ago to find a way to partner with our adult day program participants.

#### **Approach or Solution:**

The Tydeman family is touched by autism and they wanted to offer a program for our adults as a way to "give". As our participants are highly challenged, we worked with The Salt Cellar for a number of months to develop a training program that would allow our clients to be respectfully in the community and provide a meaningful task.

#### **Impact:**

For the past 2 years we have packaged a product for The Salt Cellar. This has given us a task that builds fine motor skills, and, most importantly, in delivering the finished packages to the shop, a meaningful way to be in the community. The donations received from the Tydeman's offer much needed support for our Center, a most important partnership.