

A Season of Gratitude. A Future of Opportunity.

This year, Didlake celebrated a milestone: 60 years of opening doors, creating opportunities, and building brighter futures for people with disabilities. At our Anniversary Gala last month, we honored how far we've come and shared excitement for what's ahead.

Your support is what makes this momentum possible. Whether you joined us at the Gala, followed our work throughout the year, or continue to champion our mission in the community, you are part of every step forward we take.

As the year winds down and the holidays are upon us, we invite you to help us take the next step together.

Your year-end gift helps launch workforce readiness and skills-building initiatives that prepare people with disabilities for success in today's ever-changing economy. Today, only 22.5% of working-age adults with disabilities are employed, compared to 65% without disabilities (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2024). With the right training and opportunities, that story can change.

Because of supporters like you, confidence grows, skills take shape, and families see new possibilities unfold. *These moments aren't just hopeful, they're real and within reach.*

This season, **thank you** for being part of our community and our mission. Your generosity opens doors to opportunity and brighter futures.

Warm holiday wishes,



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A DIDLAKE FAMILY STORY, PART 3: ROHIT'S JOURNEY: FAMILY REFLECTIONS & LOOKING AHEAD

Dreaming of Independence

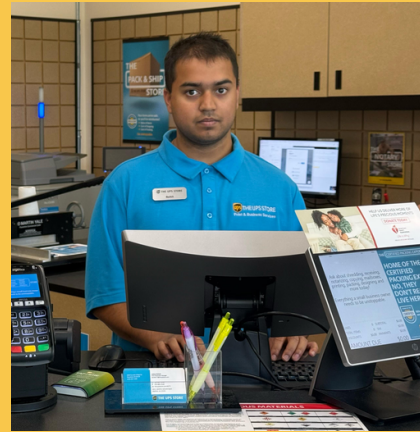
Rohit's journey, from college life to hands-on work, has been a source of pride and hope for his family. His parents share that seeing him eager to commute from Ashburn to GMU, even during holidays, shows just how much the experience means to him.

These opportunities with Didlake not only provide skills but also build morale and confidence for both Rohit and his family. They see the UPS Store internship as a stepping stone toward sustainable, meaningful work.

Looking ahead, Rohit dreams of becoming a full-time IT Technician, renting his own apartment, and living independently.

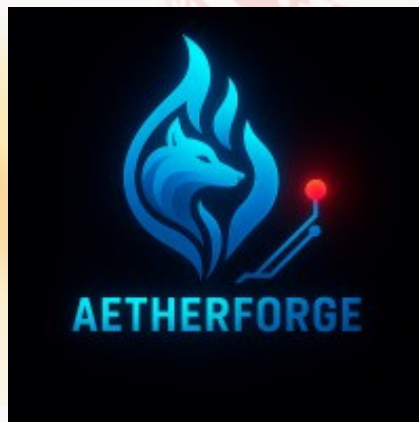
He also gives back by sharing his story with other families exploring programs like CAST and Mason LIFE, encouraging them to believe in what's possible.

For his family, every step brings them closer to their vision of inclusion, dignity, and independence.



“These kinds of opportunities give us hope that students with special needs can have meaningful internships and full-time jobs.”

SUPPORTER SPOTLIGHT



We're proud to spotlight AetherForge, a forward-thinking technology and cyber-resilience firm that shares Didlake's commitment to innovation, security, and people-centered solutions. Their work strengthens organizations by protecting systems and empowering teams, values that align closely with Didlake's mission to create opportunity, advance inclusion, and build community. We're grateful for their partnership and support.