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Graduates of the Sunny Patch Learning Center Apprenticeship Program

At Sunny Patch Learning Center, the journey of personal and professional growth is exemplified by the accomplishments of two dedicated individuals, Shavon and Martha. Both apprentices have completed their Childcare Development Specialist Apprenticeship Programs, a vital initiative aimed at addressing the workforce needs in Flint, Michigan's childcare industry.

Sunny Patch Learning Center, founded by Annette Hughes in 2008, has become a vital resource for families in the Flint community. Annette expressed, "Our vision at Sunny Patch Learning Center has consistently been to establish not only a secure space for children but also a supportive environment where both children and professionals can thrive." The achievements of Shavon and Martha reflect the commitment and effort invested in our apprenticeship programs. The center, devoted to delivering exceptional childcare, recognized a pressing need for skilled professionals to provide excellent care and educational support. In addressing this challenge, Sunny Patch partnered with GST Michigan Works! to create a robust apprenticeship program that nurtures the next generation of childcare specialists.

Shavon and Martha joined the program fueled by their passion for early childhood development and a dedication to making a positive impact on children's lives. Shavon expressed, "I am incredibly grateful for my time at Sunny Patch." This program has provided me with the necessary skills to thrive in childcare while also enabling me to forge enduring relationships with both the children and their families. I am eager to apply what I have learned to create a positive impact in our community. My experience at Sunny Patch has equipped me with the vital skills and knowledge needed to succeed in the childcare field. Supported by experienced mentors, they engaged in hands-on training, acquiring knowledge about child development, safety protocols, and the educational components of the center's programs, especially the preschool curriculum tailored for four-year-olds.

Throughout their apprenticeship, Shavon and Martha demonstrated remarkable dedication and enthusiasm. Martha stated, "Completing the apprenticeship at Sunny Patch has been a transformative experience." I have discovered my