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Have you ever wondered “how can my organization help bring purpose to the lives of those with disabilities?” Maybe you have never even really asked that question. Well, with the Els for Autism Work Experience program it can be done!

The Els for Autism Hospitality Work Experience Program at PGA National is more than just a subset of our organization, it is an integral part of the PGA family! We will be talking about the start of the program at PGA National Resort and Spa over 4 years ago. Also discussed:

- Getting buy in from your department heads
- Training and involving the staff of the departments involved
- The day to day process once the program is up and running
- Benefits of the program to your organization
- The conclusion of the program each year.

As the onsite coordinator of the program at PGA National Resort and Spa, we will also discuss any challenges you think your organization may have regarding the program and how to work through them.