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A time to shine: Developmentally disabled adults cook dinner and serve the community

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Turkey with gravy and all the fixins — that's what the clients at Achieve Independent Milestones whipped up and served to community members for lunch at City Hall on Thursday.

The adults with high-functioning developmental disabilities are part of a program that provides them with education and job skills that prepare them for careers in the community.

"This is their day to shine, to give back and show everyone what they've done," said Janet Brandon who owns and directs

the program with her husband Gregg Brandon.

The tables in the Rose room were decorated with glittering orange garnish as hungry community members lined up around the perimeter of the hall waiting to be served plates piled high with stuffing, green beans, and mashed potatoes. The meal was prepared by Achieve clients, with the exception of the turkey, which was roasted by the Brandons and donated at cost by Longhorn Meat Company.

"I wouldn't miss this for anything," said David Rydquist,

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Newcastle resident Cordy Sander is served salad by AIM client Rachel S.