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Aqua View Employs Special Needs Workers to Build Products

qua View – which makes inexpensive, simple, and innovative products for water conservation – since 2016 has been outsourcing the assembly and packaging of its Showermi\$er Kit to the Vocational Improvement Program (VIP) in San Bernardino, Calif. VIP is a private nonprofit corporation that provides quality in-house packaging and assembly work, as well as reliable on-site labor, by disabled individuals (referred to as "clients") to fulfill employment demands in various industries. Now in its 31st year in existence, VIP has grown to assist and support more than 700 clients annually throughout the Inland Empire, including Aqua View.

Each time Aqua View submits an order to VIP, more than 30 clients in the production facility begin to assemble components, and package the water-saving kit. Hence, time is saved, and fresh water and money are not going down the drain.

"Aqua View Inc. is vehement about our community and we are delighted to be able to contribute to the manpower of handicapped while continuing to provide an above-caliber product to our customers," says Gus Searcy, founder of Aqua View. "We are pleased that we employ persons with disabilities, and look forward to continued growth and success with our partnership with VIP."

Searcy adds, "This is a perfect example of how being employed, learning skills, accomplishing duties, and earning a paycheck, can make a powerful difference in one's life. (It is) a way to give a 'hand up' rather than a 'handout.'"

To date, VIP clients have completed thousands of ShowerMiSer Kits for distribution throughout the 59 countries worldwide where

Aqua View provides products. Currently, many of Aqua View's products are being installed on Forest River, Weekend Warrior, and Newmar RVs.

Searcy says the VIP program builds quality products for Aqua View while also providing jobs for the disabled, creating disposable income that is spent in the local community, contributing thousands of dollars to the tax base and reducing Social Security benefits.



Special needs workers in a nonprofit program build Aqua View's ShowerMiSer kits.