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**Andis Company Graduates Seven Interns from
Project SEARCH Workforce Development Program**
Four graduates hired into full-time employment at Andis Company

STURTEVANT, WI (June 12, 2018) – This month, seven interns from the Project SEARCH workforce development initiative completed their six-month long program at Andis Company where they learned transferrable work skills to prepare them for future employment. Upon completion of the program, all seven graduates received job offers at Racine-area companies. Four interns were hired by Andis to join its Assembly team where they will help build the company’s clipper and trimmer products used by hair professionals and animal groomers worldwide.

“We’re excited and honored to have helped these young people gain real-life experience and develop skills they need to obtain sustainable employment,” said Matt K. Andis, President of Andis Company. “The Project SEARCH partnership exceeded our expectations.”

Project SEARCH is an initiative led by Easterseals Southeast Wisconsin in partnership with the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, Racine Unified School District, Department of Health Services, the families and the interns. The partnering organizations provide internships from September through early June in professional work environments with the goal of providing young adults with marketable, competitive and transferable skills that lead to employment. Eighty percent of Project SEARCH graduates have found community-based employment through the program.



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The Project SEARCH program at Andis Company is one of many sites in Wisconsin. When school starts in the fall of 2018, there will be 27 active programs. The application process for the 2018-19 work program is now open. For more information on the Project SEARCH program contact Allyson O'Leary, Project SEARCH Manager, at allysono@eastersealswise.com, or by calling (262) 953-2206.

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Andis® Company, a family held business founded in 1922, is a leading manufacturer of handheld tools to trim, cut, curl, straighten and dry hair. The company’s products are purchased in more than 90 countries by barbers and salon professionals, consumers, hotels, motels, resorts, small animal groomers and large animal groomers and shearers. To find a local distributor, call 800-558-9441 or visit www.andis.com.