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# the **Patchwork** newsletter



## *New at EDCL...the Education and Training Program!*

**Wow!** These are exciting times for the Education Program at EDCL! We just completed our first pilot workshop and it was very well received and a great success! This workshop entitled "Job Smart - Essential Skills for Workplace Success" ran once weekly from March 2 to April 20 and had eight participants. We learned a lot together and had fun!

The feedback from participants has been very positive with an overwhelming request that the workshops continue and expand to include other topics. One participant said "I love it. I love it so much! It teaches me lots of stuff about outside work, like my attitude and doing a good job and to be respectful to other people. I don't want the course to stop. I want it to keep going." Well...I guess we had better keep going!!

The enthusiasm for this type of program at EDCL, from both staff and individuals as well as the broader K-W area (we have a waiting list!) is gratifying. It has confirmed our sense that there was a need and now we know that we were on the right track a year ago when EDCL decided to move forward with the program. In April of 2010, EDCL made another investment in the future by purchasing a series of educational/training DVD's for use in the development of an Education and Training Program. Staff from various programs such as Employment Supports, ARC, Avenues, TIFS and ILS will work together to deliver the

workshops to all interested persons at EDCL and the broader K-W area. In the future we also hope to establish a lending library to enable other organizations to present the materials and to fund the purchase of additional resources for our library. The educational materials can be divided into two basic categories, namely Employment Skills and Life Skills. The Employment Skills Curriculum consists of materials that cover topics such as First Job Survival Skills, Attitudes and Habits for Getting and Keeping a Job, Workplace Communication and Interaction, Workplace Delusions, Avoiding Trouble on the Job, Job Safety and Behaviours Related to Promotion.

The Life Skills materials are comprised of seven different training series. The Life Smart series focuses on topics such as friendship skills and gullibility, safety skills, shopping savvy and money sense, dating skills and self protection. The First Impressions series focuses on teaching the four elements of making a good first impression, namely, Hygiene, Grooming, Dress and Attitude. The Basic Social Skills series is comprised of "Mind Your Manners" (basic people skills and manners) and "Being with People" (social skills for successful social interaction). The Community Living series is comprised of "Home of Your Own" teaching cooperative living skills and how to resolve domestic conflicts and "Community Man" which teaches the skills of accessing and receiving community services such as fire, police, hospital and the pharmacy. The Life Facts series focuses on topics such as Sexuality, Sexual Abuse, AIDS, Managing Emotions, Anti-Gullibility training, Substance Abuse and Managing Illness and Injury. The BE Cool - Coping With Difficult People series focuses on teaching coping skills when dealing with teasing, anger, criticism and bullying. Participants will understand the three choices in responding to conflict and the consequences of their behavior. They will learn to "Be Cool... and in control." Lastly, the Transitions Curriculum prepares individuals for the transition from "school to life" or "school to work" by assisting them to develop a plan for this transition. The program focuses on "transition readiness" not "transition shock." As we look to the future and move toward greater community inclusion, the content of the Education Program will enable individuals to position themselves to develop the skills, habits and attitudes to be successful citizens of their community.

Submitted by Michelle Ingram-Smith, Employment Supports Program Supervisor

## Three-year Accreditation awarded to Elmira District Community Living!

*C.A.R.F. (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities) International surveyors were very complimentary of the Elmira District Community Living association. Our homes are homes - not buildings, and all are in good repair; our people are lovingly cared for - not just looked after. The general happiness and smiles shared between staff and people supported, is indicative of joy given and received. The administration and governance is of high quality. Thank you everyone; the people supported, the families, the membership, the volunteers and all staff; you are commended for your continuing efforts and the quality of work performed daily for Elmira District Community Living. Achieving the recognition of accreditation continues the high regard Elmira District Community Living enjoys throughout the province of Ontario.*

*Donna Haid- President*



## ***EDCL Recognition Day!***

On April 19<sup>th</sup> the Elmira District Community Living held an afternoon celebration at the Elmira Legion to recognize its staff and to receive its 3 year Accreditation Award from CARF Canada presented by Mayor Todd Cowan and Susan Ross, Regional Manager from the Ministry of Community and Social

Services. The Association recognized Maureen Phillips upon her retirement of 30 years of service and a number of staff for attendance. Maureen Phillips has been an employee of the Elmira District Community Living since 1980. Maureen began her employment with the Association at ARC Industries. Maureen oversaw the provision of a hot lunch every day to the participants at ARC and in the process taught basic food preparation skills to individuals who assisted her in the kitchen. Maureen went on to oversee the employment support service which assisted individuals in finding competitive work outside of ARC Industries. Maureen assisted in the establishment of Six Star Maintenance a business owned and operated by individuals formerly supported in our sheltered workshops. Maureen was instrumental in assisting Six Star achieve its notoriety and appreciation in our community. Her work with Six Star assisted in changing community attitudes as to the value of individuals who are "differently abled". After a decade or more of working in the elements Maureen returned to her roots of employment with the Association. Maureen spent the last five years of her career with EDCL at the recently constructed Elmira Assisted Living Centre. Maureen prepared meals for the residents, work support and was a friend and familiar face to the residents who moved to their new home at the Assisted Living Centre. In addition to her employment responsibilities Maureen was a long time volunteer at the Maple Syrup Festival and the Elmira Charity Quilt Auction. Both of these events are major fundraisers for our Association. Moe's work at the Quilt Auction resulted in a food served on the day being named after her "the Moe Burger".



**Maureen was joined by her siblings, her children, grand children and great grand children to celebrate her career. *Maureen we thank you for all that you have done over the years. You never lost sight of why we do what we do. It was always about the people for you. Your contributions over the past 30 years have made a difference and will always be appreciated!***

In addition the association also recognized a number of individuals for their exemplary attendance. Kim Detweiler and Donna Boht were recognized for perfect attendance this year. Kim had perfect attendance last year and Donna missed one day. The following Managers received awards for perfect attendance; Donna Fulcher, Julie Martin-Jansen, Cheryl Peterson, and Laurie Thomson.

In addition the following Staff received attendance awards; Christine Black, Sandy Evans, Rodger Hanna, Michelle Ingram-Smith, Christine Kitching, Theresa Littlefield, Alanna MacDonald, Cindy O'Connell, Geri Reid, and Allyson Scott.

Also recognized for their work with the Maple Syrup Festival were Cheryl Peterson, Laurie Thomson and Christine Kitching.

This past November EDCL opted to undergo an accreditation of its services and supports. Although it is not mandatory we felt strongly about the need to ensure that the services we provide are of a standard worthy of the approval of a third party accrediting organization. We brokered with CARF Canada, an international accrediting organization to do a governance and supports and services review. I am pleased to announce that after four days of intensive scrutiny from a number of surveyors from Canada and the United States we were awarded a three year accreditation, the highest award given by CARF. It is important that our Association strive to be the best that we can be each and every day when so many people rely on us. The people we serve, their families, our donors and the Government of Ontario who fund the services that we provide deserve no less. Thank you to all the individuals who assisted over the period of the survey and in preparation for the survey. We appreciate your hard work and support.

## Maple Syrup Festival

The success of the festival depends on the weather, and with the weather we had this year, success was sweet!



*Success is also measured in terms of community spirit. This community embraces the Festival and supports it in so many ways:*

- *Businesses sponsor the festival with in-kind and monetary contributions;*
- *The township's employees do a lot of work ahead of time to get the town ready for the big day;*
- *The committee of 25 works extremely hard to produce an excellent Festival, committing long hours throughout the year and in the week leading up to the Festival;*
- *And of course all the volunteers, young and old who come together the day before to set up and on Festival day to participate wherever help is needed.*

*The Elmira District Community Living receives 40% of the proceeds from the Festival. Since it started 47 years ago, EDCL has received approximately \$500,000 from Festival proceeds. This is an enormous contribution that has benefitted EDCL tremendously, particularly the individuals and families that we support.*

***Hope to see everyone at next year's festival on March 31, 2012.  
Cheryl Peterson, Chairperson of the Maple Syrup Festival***



# Attention All Staff

*Do you have a spouse, brother, father, grandfather, uncle or female equivalents who like to do woodworking, especially make things like birdhouses etc.? If you answered yes to this could you ask them if they would like to have some help?*

*We have a very eager and willing person who would love to be able to put his talents with woodwork to good use. I am sure a lot of you have guessed that I am referring to Donnie VandenHoogen who lives at Crane Drive. He is great company and would be a good help to anyone who has a bit of patience and a willingness to explain how to do things.*

*Donnie's big dream is to be employed doing either something with wood or farm machinery, unfortunately he has been unable to realize his dream, and so we are appealing to you to let him help out in some way.*

*If you can help Donnie please call us at Crane Drive (519) 669-8444 to talk over your idea.*

Submitted on behalf of Donnie, Cheryl Smith



**Congratulations! to our Woolwich Wolves who placed 2<sup>nd</sup> place at a Floor Hockey Tournament in Mississauga on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011.**



## Sheila's Journey to Independent Living

One of the most rewarding things to experience is the achievement of your goal, something we continuously strive for but we may not always succeed. Such was not the case with Sheila Herteis! A very familiar face of the E.D.C.L. Sheila has worked many years at ARC, the administration office assisting with mailing, shredding and copying and at the Assisted Living Centre where she helped in the kitchen. To all who knew her and to people she had just met, she was friendly, sociable and concerned with how you were. In the past year, Sheila had made a significant change in her life; one she had wanted to share ...

*After living many years with Mom and Dad, Sheila began to feel that she would like to have a place of her own ... "A very emotional time; excited and nervous about wanting a place of my own" Sheila says. She attended a Network Info. Meeting about the Trying It On For Size program (TIFS) and decided she wanted to apply. She remembers asking her mom "What do you think about me wanting my own place?" and her mom saying that she should try it out. When she was accepted into the TIFS program, she said she felt uncomfortable about leaving her parents and asked her mom "Did I do the right choice?" and she said to see if I liked it. When asked how she felt about the program, Sheila said she enjoyed it because she "got to do different things like cooking and making meals by myself and doing laundry completely on my own." She said she found*



*some things difficult like cooking for one person and with laundry, it was remembering the different settings and cycles and having correct change for the machines. "I needed a lot of help with that, she says. Then, as she practiced more, she began to feel that she could do it. "Staff was wonderful to me; helpful. It was nice that the staff was there as I was trying things on my own." After being in TIFS for a few months Sheila says that she "heard about an opening at Snow Goose and Riverside"... the Independent Living Supports (ILS) program. Sheila toured both apartments and decided to choose Riverside because she says she "preferred it because some of my friends live there. I liked the way I was comfortable there and I could walk uptown." Sheila applied for the apartment of her choice and began to prepare for the move. "Lots of running around to get things." Sheila said she felt happy but stressed. Then finally in September, Sheila moved into a home of her own! Sheila says she felt overwhelmed and thought "I can't believe I'm in ILS." The move did not go according to plan. "Things didn't work out and I felt frustrated; move was bumpy." Sheila adds that despite feeling "like a yo-yo" she was pleased with the house-warming gifts she got and having people visit her. When she was finally settled in and able to start relaxing, Sheila says that "It's nice to be home with my parents, but I need my own space; have my own thing to do [be] more independent." She adds that staff at ILS are "great to me ... they help me with things like taking me to swimming, grocery store, and to my computer class". When asked about what she wants to do next, Sheila says to explore more of the area with her friends. Written by Sheila Herteis and Tami Schaafsma*



On behalf of her E.D.C.L. community, 'Congratulations' to Sheila on having had a fantastic journey and achieving the dream of her own home! She worked hard to accomplish her goals and her story is an inspiration to all of us to never give up. Sadly Sheila passed away on January 23, 2011 after living in her new home for only a short period of time.

*Sheila is loved and will always be missed.*  
**E.D.C.L. Membership Meeting - October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

The October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Elmira District Community Living Membership Meeting was once again well attended. Forty-six members and guests were greeted and welcomed by Shawn Beaupre and Ryan Martin.

**Shawn Beaupre** and his family have been members of Elmira District Community Living since Shawn was twenty-one years of age. Shawn thrives on cleanliness and each Thursday at ARC he ensures the floor is clean and everything is in place. At break time, Shawn enjoys playing the music. Shawn also does some contract work and when possible, he likes the outside jobs. Shawn works at the St. Clements arena and seasonally on the ball diamonds in St. Clements. Not one to sit when he can move, Shawn is often seen biking around St. Clements. Number one on Shawn's 'things to do' list is his weekly library visit where he finds many books to check out. Shawn is an occasional 're-cycle man' for the library needs. Shawn is a bowler, a swimmer, an ice-skater and he enjoys walks. Shawn attends as many of the friendship dances arranged by the Elmira District Community Living recreation committee as possible. Shawn's parents are Pat and Ron Beaupre.



**Ryan Martin** is a young man who loves to keep himself busy. His day job is at Mar-Co Clay Products where he is in charge of keeping the grass mowed and doing other odd jobs. In the evenings he can often be found at the Woolwich gym, trying to keep in shape for Special Olympics floor hockey or baseball and on Friday nights at the Kitchener Auditorium cheering on the Kitchener Rangers with his family. Ryan is in charge of the music at Friendship Club at his church where he plays the bass guitar along with the small band he has assembled for this. He does a very good job preparing all the songs on power point. While he is waiting for the day when he can get his driver's license, Ryan makes good use of the Kitchener Transit with weekly treks to the market, Conestoga Mall and has also figured out how to connect with other buses to take him to Fairview Mall. Ryan was a member of the second group visiting Ireland in 2005 and shortly after that he began making preparations to live independently, in a suite in his parents' home. For the past two years Ryan has lived in his own apartment. Ryan's parents are Margaret and Ron Martin.



The evening's agenda included approval and acceptance of the previous membership meeting; board meeting summaries and the executive director update. We enjoyed a power point and verbal presentation from Stephanie, Sarah and Brandon from Community Living North Perth outlining how North Perth has developed a 'Community of Character.' Congratulations to Stephanie Gratton who has been awarded the North Perth 'Citizen of the Year' for her work developing a community of character. Pat and John Scherer were recognized with a recognition plaque in honour of their support to our association. A time of fellowship and refreshments was enjoyed, providing an opportunity for conversations among member's guest, board members and EDCL senior managers.

*~ Donna Haid, President ~*



## Thank-you to Sherri Bender and the Olsen-Europe Clothing Boutique ...

Sheri Bender; Elmira District Community Living applauds your inclusion efforts. Recently, Sheri successfully partnered with a local secondary school in providing work experience opportunities for people with intellectual disabilities. Sheri is manager of the Olsen-Europe Clothing Boutique at Conestoga Mall, Waterloo.



Congratulations Sheri, realizing the ability and taking the initiative to provide work experience in favour of an intellectual student. Congratulations Olsen-Europe, grasping the opportunity to become acquainted with amazing people. Offering work experience creates feelings of self-confidence, self-worth and self-esteem. Congratulations to the student, who is participating as a valued member of the Olsen Team.



Inclusion is close to Sheri's heart. Her brother, Shawn Beaupre, conscientiously enjoys his work in Elmira and St. Clements. Sheri strives for equality and possibilities for everyone. "Thank you for demonstrating Character in Our Community!"



Donna Haid - President

## Companions Ride for Free!



Whether for vacations, doctor's appointments or just visiting friends, taking a bus or train can be costly and even more so when a support worker or companion is necessary. **In an effort to reduce the expense for individuals who have a permanent disability, Easter Seals has a program where, once approved, the individual in need of a travel companion will only have to purchase one ticket at regular fare for themselves and their companion can ride for free.**

Called the **Disability Travel Card**, this program can be applied for by going on-line at [www.easterseals.ca](http://www.easterseals.ca) and printing off the application form or by calling **1-877-376-6362** and having one mailed to you. A health care provider is required to sign the form, verifying that the applicant does have a disability and is in need of an attendant when travelling (various professionals ranging from doctor, nurse, pharmacist or occupational therapists are accepted). Services accepting this card are Via Rail, Motor Coach Companies, Coach Canada and Greyhound. \* Please note for Via Rail, anyone 13 years and younger is required to have a companion based on their policy and therefore cannot use the Disability Travel Card. Unfortunately, air travel is not included with this program. Anyone traveling by plane is encouraged to call the airlines directly to see what programs they have to assist in the cost of airfare for individuals who have a disability.



*"Happy Travels!"*

*~ Tami Schaafsma ~*

## Thank-You Mary ...

We would like to take this opportunity to recognize Mary Turpel for the time she has faithfully given over the past four years and continues to do so in our day supports. Jeff and Sean look forward to her visits. They find a quiet place in our building and spend time reading and chatting. Thanks Mary for making a difference

in their lives! Volunteering encourages building new relationships and ideas. We are currently looking for more volunteers.

Our supports facilitate community involvement and transition in the areas of life skills, work, social and recreation activities. Do you have a hobby or interest you would like to share? i.e. crafts, music, reading, hiking, bird watching, photography, computer skills, fitness, or just going out for a leisurely cup of coffee, etc. The amount of time is flexible. It may be one visit to share an interest or your time could be set up on a weekly or monthly basis.

*Please contact any staff member at our day supports @ 519-669-1567 to volunteer or for additional information.*



*John O'Neil, enjoying his newly adopted friend! Many thanks to the Herteis family who donated the little blue guy (among other treasures of Sheila's) to a loving home. John adores his new gift.*

*Thank-you.*

***Congratulations to Joan Goncalves for her very successful completion of the DSW Apprenticeship Program. She is EDCL's first graduate!***



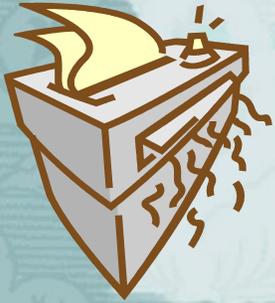
# Meet the 'Super Shredder Team'...



The 'Super Shredder Team' at ARC has been busy shredding paper for the last eight months. They delivered ten huge bags of shredded paper to the Eldale Vet Clinic next door, which they use for bedding for the animals. The team includes: Jim, Jon, Josh, Trevor, Wayne, Eileen, Don and Robert.

Eldale Vet Clinic hopes to receive shredded paper on a regular basis from us.

So ... if you have paper that needs to be shred, please send it our way.



**The 'Super Shredders' are happy to help 'save a tree!'**

A few members of the Super Shredder Team at ARC posing with a few bags full of shredded paper! If you have papers for shredding, the team would be happy to help.

Contact Jeanette at ARC Industries at 519-669-1567 to book your shredding. 😊





38<sup>th</sup> annual  
**Elmira Charity  
Quilt Auction &  
Country Market**



*The next Elmira Charity Quilt Auction will take place on Friday, October 28 and Saturday, October 29, 2011 at the Riverdale Poultry Express building, 6811 Church Street, W., Elmira.*



*Once again, there will be a children's auction Friday evening with face painting, food, drinks and snacks. It's a great chance to take a peek at the many quilts that will be auctioned off the next day.*



*Starting Saturday at 8:00 a.m., there will be the country market sale and silent auction and at 9:00 a.m., the general auction begins and silent auction continues.*

*The Quilt Auction begins at 12:00 noon, where you will find an amazing selection of quilts of all sizes, waiting for you to claim one as your own.*



*So mark your calendars everyone. We hope to see you all there!*



# *Speaking Of Auction* *See our STARS ...*

Here's a pic of our friendly, hard-working auction committee members at their meeting held after the 2010 Auction at Riverdale Poultry Express. Thanks for all your volunteer time and efforts over the years in making the auction such an enjoyable and successful event!

**We appreciate all your support!**



# Membership Meeting April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Joyce Weber and Andrew Martin greeted forty-one members and guests.

Thank you for such warm welcomes.

**Joyce Weber** is a pleasant friendly person who takes pride in a job well done.

Joyce works at ARC, the Elmira Community Nursery School and has two cleaning jobs in the community. Joyce went to Ireland on exchange with the group in 2005. Joyce lives with two of her sisters in Elmira.

**Andrew Martin** works with the Six Star Maintenance Team as well as at ARC.

Andrew enjoys spending time with his family, bowling, floor hockey, biking and swimming. He also has a membership at the gym. Andrew was a member of the 2005 Ireland exchange. Andrew lives in an apartment in Elmira.

The agenda for the evening addressed minutes of the previous membership meeting, summaries of the board meeting minutes and the executive director report.

The feature presentation from the 'Elmira Players'; Wayne, Ann, Karen, Brittany, Ian, Shawn, Trevor and Heather; under the theatrical coaching direction from Deb Lloyd, was a delight.

**What a blissful twenty minutes in time shared.** The audience learned during pantomimes; silence isn't essential, especially if one knows the narration. Bless their hearts; during their skits the audience heard, "there's my mom;" "hi Dad" – pure happiness from talented people. Deb Lloyd is an enthusiastic, energetic inspiring theatrical coach. 'Bravo' everyone and thank you for sharing your talent with the members and guests. The troupe's wonderful performance received a standing ovation from the house! Comments from the audience included: "this was the highlight of my day;" "I wish I had brought my daughter, she would really have enjoyed this;" "so needed at the end of this day;" "members who missed have no idea how much pleasure we felt;" "these interactions between people so outweigh high tech." Perhaps with whispers heard in certain ears, the membership and guests could have the pleasure of another performance!

**Thank you Donna Fulcher;** always giving of your time, along with your team of helpers, setting up for the membership meeting and cleaning up after the meeting.

Donna we appreciate your helpfulness.



*A gentle reminder ...  
Membership meetings require a quorum of twenty-two members.  
To remain vital let's not become complacent and slip into past habits of absenteeism.*

*Donna Haid – President*

# Welcome to **\*DISC\***

## (Developing Individuals Studying Computers)



The idea for DISC was to create an avenue to learn about computers, and provide a way to support independence through skills building. A tertiary effect has been building positive relationships based on shared interests and activities for individuals we support. We developed a partnership with the Elmira District Secondary School, who provides the use of their library/computer lab, and connects the DISC participants with students in the Leadership class. These students assist eight participants in exploring how to use computers and they tailor the learning to the individual's level of ability and interest. Ruth Wedman says she is, "learning a lot", a feeling shared by Janine Haid who adds, "I like learning how to get on the internet and email her friends."

Many of the participants take notes of the things they learn, and waste no time in logging in when they arrive. A couple of participants have even brought their own lap tops in order to get assistance with how to use them more efficiently. One of these individuals is Paul Quenneville, who states that, "I love learning how to use my laptop, and I really enjoyed when they plugged in the thing (USB cord) and they could print what I had done."



Currently in its second 'semester', the DISC participants are working with a new group of students and are continuously showing their enthusiasm and support of the program. "[The students] are really nice and patient, and explain things well", says Michelle DeCosta, "I think that the program is really good". The students themselves have proven their interest and dedication by volunteering their time, and focusing on the participant they are working with. They even add a little something extra once in a while like encouraging everyone to dress up for Halloween last fall, and providing treats for this Easter.



To all the participants and students...Excellent Work, and Thank You!

*Tami Schaafsma*





## **Happy Hearts Seniorcise 'SOS' with Mary Jane Berry!**

The participants are gathered weekly for an exercise program that get's everyone moving to the beat of music. For an hour everyone is smiling and laughing and showing off their moves whether they are stretching with bands or throwing rubber balls or bean bags. This program promotes physical activity for everyone. The group never knows what surprises the instructor will have every session but you know that it is going to be FUN!

*Thank you MJ for your dedication to a healthy lifestyle!*

*Submitted by Diane Bauman-MacLachlan*





### Changes with the Executive Assistant at Adms....

Allyson Scott helmsperson of our Association Office has accepted a job in her home community of Cambridge with the Cambridge Association for Community Living. Allyson has been an able assistant to the Administration of our Association and assisted with the Quilt Auction over the past three years. We wish Allyson all the best in her new endeavours. We are fortunate to have had waiting in the wings Diane Bauman-MacLachlan to assume these important responsibilities. Diane has worked for the Association in the front office for the past seven years in a full and part time role in a variety of capacities. Diane is a familiar face at our Quilt Auction assisting with the registration of bidders. Diane has had a lifetime affiliation with EDCL. Diane's sister Debbie Bauman was supported by EDCL and her parents Urban and Mildred served this Association on the Board and Committies for many years. Diane lives in Elmira with her

husband Rob and her two sons Cameron and Jordan. Diane has hit the ground running with a number of deadlines in front of her including our final board meeting of the year and preparation for our Annual General Meeting and assisting with the dedication responsibilities for our Snow Goose Apartment Complex. We welcome Diane to her new permanent responsibilities and look forward to a long term relationship with our Association.

*Written by Greg Bechard*

### In the Spotlight..... Andy's New Riverside Home!!!!

On April 30<sup>th</sup>, I moved to Riverside Group Home with Jason, Ruth, and Paul. My family helps out. It took some planning how I would set up my very own place and what different way it would be compared from my old place. I can wait for rides when sitting on my outdoor bench. I like the apartment kitchen cupboards and having enough wall screws to hang my clocks and achievements I earned. My freezer and fridge works but it's small. It's better now compared to the other apartment freezer I had, cause it wasn't as cold. I will have more company with visiting the Riverside people and staff close by. I hope to get a bike before summer to keep by the shed for riding it to Dad and Mom's place. Most of all I can use for work, so I save money from Kiwanis Bus. I hope my bike is a 2006 or newer. I have a bookshelf in my apartment that's got to be set up so wooden shelves will stay on. I have a basketball net outside on the driveway. I would like to watch some sports on TV with Jason in his apartment when he's around sometime. I'll tell you's, that I will enjoy my new home!!!

*As written by Andrew Martin*

*Thank you Andrew for sharing your thoughts with us.  
Congratulations on your new home and we are very happy for you!*