



Joe

Joe would like to own a house—he has lived in one at various times, first with his parents, then his sister, then with his friends at a group residence and now in a supportive apartment. He looks forward to living independently in an apartment of his own and then to own a home!

Joe has always been determined and his determination has paid off in many ways. He has worked in supportive employment and then more independently with a job coach. He is an avid bowler, always trying to get just a little bit better. He participates in a writers' group through Barnes & Noble Booksellers and has written and published three books of poetry and has another underway.

His family is very supportive and has encouraged him to learn about things and do what he finds interesting. This has led him to travelling which he enjoys very much; he travelled to Florida recently with a tour guided by People and Places Travel.

Joe's independence—his lifestyle, his desire to work, his desire to write and his desire to travel—has impressed his service coordinator. In fact this drive to move forward has prompted his residing at Catholic Charities Community Services' city house designed with separate and private apartments for one or two residents. Although the house does have staff available as needed, the residents are encouraged to cook, clean, do laundry for themselves, go out or stay home as they please. Each of Joe's living situations have been forward steps. They are milestones in a life that is moving toward independence.

In fact, Joe is now seriously considering living independently in an apartment in the community. He will do it; it is just a matter of time and Joe's determination.

Next, who knows, home ownership? It is possible with a person as determined as Joe!

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES



Maria

Maria has had many battles in her life but this time she had help. Before she knew it, this time she had an entire team on her side. What had seemed insurmountable was manageable; what seemed wrong could be righted.

Maria is HIV+. She has two children, ages 2 and 6. Maria needed a safe home for her children and asked for assistance through a case manager in Catholic Charities Community Services' Housing and Supportive Services program. Maria saw the value of staying in the same school district for her child's sake. The agency housing coordinator worked with the family and located a good, safe, clean single family house to rent. It was everything Maria had hoped for her children.

After seeing the house and with a verbal agreement with the potential landlord, she gave notice at her apartment and the housing coordinator put in place a subsidy from the Housing for People with AIDS Program. They even arranged for a moving van.

The family went to their new home to sign the lease, accompanied by the housing coordinator. The children were so excited, happy and dancing...a new, safe home for them and their mother. The landlord hesitated and then said he didn't want to have Maria sign the lease. The housing coordinator asked what had changed his mind. He said he didn't like to rent to those children.

The housing coordinator asked if he knew what he had said to her. He did and he was not changing his mind. Recognizing that this was a case of discrimination, the coordinator contacted the Monroe County Legal Assistance Center who has taken the case to court.

In the meantime, Maria felt despondent, had no place to live, had to move in with friends and had to store her furniture. Eventually when the staff member found another rental for her and her children, they moved in, but not without a great deal of apprehension. This time it was a successful re-location.

Maria now has a good safe home for her children and that is most important to her. If the Legal Assistance Center is successful in establishing discrimination Maria may get back some of the costs she had when her housing plan abruptly changed.

The family continues to make progress, functioning well in the community despite Maria's diagnosis. She insists on looking toward a bright and independent future. No matter what happens though, she is assured of all of the support and assistance she might need from Catholic Charities Community Services.

AIDS SERVICES

Dan

Dan and Katie, in their mid thirties, have two children, ages 11 and 13. They live in a small, rural community near Rochester. They have been an active and strong family, Dan as the wage earner and Katie as a traditional mother who cherishes her role and the children she nurtures. They live in a modest home, have a mortgage and fairly ordinary living expenses.

Things were wonderful, almost idyllic, until the fall of 2008. Dan, who suffered from chronic back pain, sneezed one day, just a sneeze, and the family began its odyssey into the morass of health care, disability and dependency. The sneeze gave him relief from the back pain for a day but was followed by numbness below the waist and now paralysis and life in a wheelchair. It was a nightmare and seemed that Dan was destined to live in a nursing home where he could get the assistance he needed.

But that is not what Dan wanted and not what his wife wanted for either of them. Katie was determined to provide care for her husband and, by doing that, to provide an ever-present father for their two children. With the help of Catholic Charities Community Services' Nursing Home Transition and Diversion (NHTD) Services for Persons with Disabilities, Katie and Dan are accomplishing that.

NHTD Services lets those who are eligible for nursing home placement because of their health needs return to their own homes with the support of family, friends, and professional services. The program provides a service coordinator who assists the client in accessing needed funds and services that might include modifications to homes and adaptive equipment to adequately provide for any specialized needs of the client, skills training to develop personal independence, psychological counseling to address changes in lifestyle, supportive healthcare and food services, and day program activities.

With the help of his service coordinator, Dan applied for and received funding to modify and equip the family bathroom. With the modifications completed, Dan was thrilled to have his first shower in 18 months using the adaptive fixtures and a Hoyer lift for mobility!

Other than the bathroom modifications, Katie and Dan have chosen not to accept any of the other support services available to them through NHTD Services. The family receives \$1,500.00 per month in Social Security Disability benefits and extraordinary support from family and their church. They might need more assistance as they continue to face the challenges of Dan's disability and other changes that occur in everyday life and the Catholic Charities Community Services' service coordinator is prepared to address any needs with them.

Katie and Dan know that additional help is available but, right now, they are not concerned. They are functioning, happy, and content to be together as a family – and, right now, that is enough.



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Catholic Charities Community Services

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Statement of Activities

Operating revenues and other support:

Client fees	\$ 7,031,282	
Grants and contracts	1,270,748	
Contributions	81,508	
United Way	25,593	
Other Income	<u>16,216</u>	
TOTAL revenue and support		\$ 8,425,347

Operating Expenses:

Program	\$ 7,510,485	
Management and general	870,881	
Fund raising	<u>22,632</u>	
TOTAL expenses		\$ 8,403,998

Net Assets at end of year \$ 1,493,337