



When my son, [REDACTED] turned twenty-one, we met with his teachers to plan for his transition into the world. We were asked what our dream was for our son's future. There was no hesitation. We wanted him to be able to live in an apartment in the community with a roommate and have a job when he reached age thirty.

That dream has been realized. In May, our son turned thirty years old. In August, he moved into an apartment with a roommate and has never been happier.

This dream also belonged to our son. After an unsuccessful attempt at Supported Living, [REDACTED] came back home to live with hopes of moving out again someday. Every month for six years he would bring home an apartment guide for Bucks County from work, looking for the place where he wanted to live.

When we asked [REDACTED] about Life Sharing with another family, [REDACTED] response was "I already have my family". Life Sharing was not an option. Not only does that course of action cause the client to morph into another family dynamic, but it does not foster independence. [REDACTED] had seen his sister move out of the house to college and, then, to a job and an apartment. Of course, this became his dream and hope as well.

We've tried several agencies in order to match our vision to theirs. In Shared Supports, we found the perfect match. Independence for [REDACTED] in a new community, opportunities for him to integrate into his new town, a roommate who is a perfect match for him, and pride in purchasing new furniture for his apartment, are just some of the positive, life-changing circumstances that have come to pass in just a few short months.

As parents, we all hope for our children to be successful and happy in life. Many of our children leave home and do just that. Our son, [REDACTED] has just one chance at success and happiness. It rests in this opportunity made possible by Shared Supports and their generosity.

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Everyone wants fulfillment in their lives. We all hope for that. We in the “normal” community are able to work towards achieving that goal. Bryan has limited resources in reaching his hopes and dreams. For thirty years, we have advocated and labored continuously for quality medical care, financial stability, good education, and for [REDACTED] needs to be met in every avenue of his life. This move into the apartment is the culmination of a lifetime of advocacy. Now, thanks to Shared Supports, his dreams have come true. Please don’t take his dream away.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]