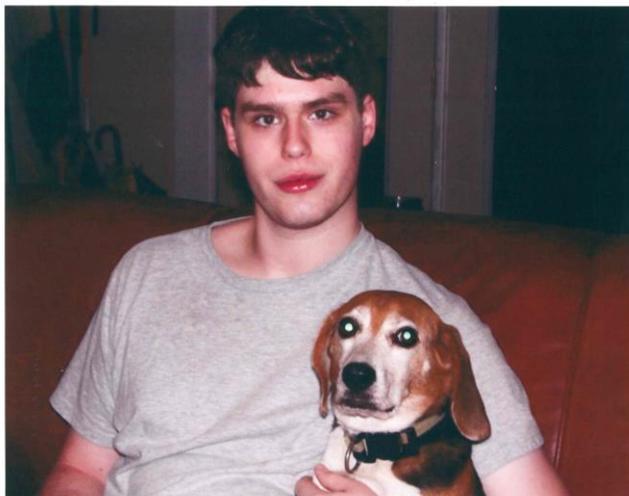


Andrew's Success Story

ANDREW OBTAINS A JOB

Andrew is a motivated, intelligent, funny individual who has worked hard and utilized all the tools available to him to become the best man he can be. Andrew loves animals, the history of life and man, dinosaurs, and Egyptology. Andrew also loves the arts, and is working on ideas for his own comic book and movie. Andrew uses his projects as way to depict people with different abilities. Andrew is always eager to get involved in groups that could make a difference. Andrew worked closely with Vocational Rehabilitation to design a fundraising t-shirt for them using his artistic abilities. Andrew also participates in a social skills group where he makes connections that could be helpful to him in finishing and distributing his comic book.



One of Andrew's biggest goals is getting involved with local programs to get a job. Andrew located and completed an internship at the Dickerson Park Zoo. Unfortunately, Andrew was not offered a job after the internship, but he used the skills and experience he gained to continue his search. Andrew worked closely with Preferred Family Healthcare (formerly Alternative Opportunities) and eventually located a job at the Discovery Center in Springfield, where is currently happily employed. Andrew has

received many compliments during his time at Discovery Center, and made several network contacts to help him continue to work towards his career and artistic goals. While at work, Andrew is known for reaching out to other individuals he notices could use a little extra support. Andrew is an excellent example to others and is a prime example of someone who has used the tools available to make himself successful.

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