

Affordable Home Enhances Self-Determination

COUPLE FINDS HAPPINESS IN NEW HOME

Christy is young woman with many successes. In 2003 she chose to utilize Self-Directed Supports and continues to make great strides in self determination, building independent living skills, and improving her quality of life. Christy and her husband Charles lived in a small duplex in Bolivar for many years with limited space that did not meet their needs. Even so, they made the best of it and were resourceful and creative to make it work for them. Christy planted tub gardens on the front porch as she did not have the space to have a real garden. The home was too small for their needs and took away from their disposable income each month. She stays very busy with arts and crafts, plus she has a doll collection she is very proud of and the size of the duplex didn't give her the space she really needed for these activities that are very important to her.

Through an open house event organized by the Springfield Regional Office and Missouri Inclusive Housing Development Corporation (Mohousing) Christy and Charles were able to locate a quality home in Bolivar that provides them with more space. The home was developed with funding from Missouri Housing Development Corporation, making it an affordable option. Mr. Dixon, Christy's father completed the application process and Christy and Charles moved into their new home in town, close to the grocery store and places where they do business. The home rents for \$110 per month less than their previous home, giving them an opportunity to plan and save for their future.



Christy loves her garden and her art room. Her husband, Charles is a volunteer fire fighter for the city. His favorite features are the exits and the increased amount of space to move and access their home comfortably. Keeping his family safe is important to Charles and they feel safe in this neighborhood.

This move has changed Christy's and Charles' lives and has been a catalyst for Christy to develop new skills. Christy's father sees her taking pride in her home and acting with greater responsibility and self-determination. He is very excited and happy with this opportunity for his daughter and son-in-law.

Christy's and Charles' new home is beautiful and spacious. The home is available for them to purchase in the future if they should choose to do so.



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