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Making a House a Home

Anyone who has moved from their longtime home knows that moving can be bittersweet. Living in a different place and with different people can be both exciting and a little scary at the same time. Our story this month is about one young man who moved into a new house and found a home, along with some independence.

Terry, a young man in his early 30s, had lived at home with his mother his entire life before moving into a Tangram group home. When he first moved in, he was very shy and he communicated mostly through his mom.

In the beginning, adjusting to a new home was difficult for Terry and Tangram worked to find ways to make him feel more at home. Terry had his mind made up about the home, and it was challenging to overcome some of Terry's apprehensions about his new living situation. The support team working with him was able to make a breakthrough after discovering that he is a routine-driven person.

After about a month of living in the home with his new roommates, Terry started to show his personality and adjust to his new home. He started doing his own laundry and helping around the house by clearing the table and taking out the trash. He has opened up to the staff members and his roommates, and is now vocal about his wants and needs.

Terry never forgets a face or a name and often asks where someone is if he hasn't seen them in a while. He calls his mother every day, just so he can talk to her for a few minutes. Once every two weeks, Terry's mom takes him out for the day. She has reported that, at the end of their time together, he is always ready to come back to his Tangram home and says, "Take me back to Thompson Road."

Terry's Program Manager, Mark Sisk adds, "Terry is a remarkable young man who has overcome a lot having lived with just his mother and then moving into a new home with five other roommates and numerous staff members. He has adjusted so well to his environment and is such a joy to have in this home."



Terry shows his big personality!

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