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Roommates, Reunited!

There's an old saying that friends are the family you choose. This is definitely true for Will and Tyler—both young men who unexpectedly reconnected with an old friend who felt like family at a time when they needed it most.

When Will started services with Tangram and was working with the Tangram team to identify possible roommates, something amazing happened. "We suggested that a young man named Tyler might be a good fit, and when the two met up, Will's mom immediately recognized Tyler. What a beautiful coincidence!" recalled Peter Zubler, Tangram's Director of Operations, Community, and Intake.

As it turns out, Will and Tyler had attended school together and were good friends when they were young. They had lost touch in the intervening years, but they always remembered their friendship.

"The first time Will and I met Tyler at Mary Castle Elementary, we thought he was so much fun!," remembered Deanne, Will's mom.

Moving out of your childhood home is a big step and can be overwhelming and emotional. Since he had last seen Will, Tyler had endured a couple of tough years. In 2016, his mother was diagnosed with cancer and died unexpectedly shortly thereafter. This necessitated a move into a home with two roommates, which he handled with grace. Though he grieved for his mom, Tyler put his energy into staying busy and adopting a healthier lifestyle. He had wonderful support from his extended family and his journey led him to a reunion with Will.

"They are definitely two peas in a pod!," said Beth, a Tangram program manager.

Both young men are excited about this new chapter of their life and are glad to have their friendship, which makes moving away from home a little easier. We know these two have a bright future and we look forward to sharing more of their successes!

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Will and Tyler celebrate move-in day with a photo opportunity!