

Independent Living at Home



A New Way to Live
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The Terrible Question I don't want to think about:

- After we're gone, where will our special one live?
- <http://www.nctv17.com/building-a-brighter-future-for-people-with-autism-in-naperville/>

Addition Overview

- Single Story
- Totally separate living space – (Shhhh - it's a duplex in single family zoning)
- 1,200 square feet (current house is 2,500)
(doesn't need to be this big)
- “Old people” design, because....
- We plan to live in this space into our very senior years
- Plan View

A Few Details about the Concept (Still finalizing)

- Mom and Dad will live in the ADDITION (their single story ADA “Florida” condo without the beach and sun) while the original 4 BR house will become a group home (CILA)
- Ray Graham Association (RGA) will provide shift staff for Luke plus 2-3 roomies (24/7 is the goal)
- Parents will rent the home to RGA, and will serve as property managers into their very senior years.
- Luke’s caregivers may care for Mom and Dad later also

Some of the Steps- “Chickens and Eggs”

- Build first or wait for State submission?
- Roomies first or submit to State first?
- Zoning – the first hurdle – Naperville was great!
A Zoning Text Amendment was passed by the full PZC and Full Council that is legally vetted
- Careful design – neighbors, separate kitchen and utilities
- Find a Service Provider that will partner up

We Refuse to Live in Fear

- Build it and they will come.
- The Parents are taking the lead on finding roomies (and that's a lot of work and stress)
- Group home costs exceed \$200,000 per year – will the awards cover that?
- Current State reimbursements to RGA and others only allow staff wages of just over \$9/hour – will staff be available?
- We are Texas Hold 'em “All In,” trusting that God will provide.

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Our conclusion: Luke deserves a great life. So we will do whatever it takes because that's what parents do.

Questions?