# Living a Real Life in the Community: ANNIE'S STORY



This is my PATH. It is a plan to help me reach my hopes and dreams.



My microboard and Community Choices helped me to do all of these things. I got a job, got my own apartment, and have an independent life.



The most important part of my PATH are my hopes and dreams. I wanted to have a job working with children and to live in my own place.

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The second most important part is to talk about people who might be part of the team



This is my house. I moved there four years ago in July. When my parents bought it, it was really junky and stunk like birds.



#### But my Mom and Dad fixed it up and made it beautiful!



Here's what my room looks like now. You can tell I'm a sports fan!

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This is my very own bathroom. I don't Have to share it with anybody.



his is my friend, Kelly. Kelly lives on the other side of my uplex. She helps me when I need help, like when I had a aky pipe, or when I need to get up early. I don't like to et up early.



This door is in my furnace room. It goes to Kelly's apartment. Kelly helps me when I need her, but she has her own place too.



Here I am hanging out with Kelly and some of my friends at my house.



I marched in a parade with my friends from Curves and gave candy to the kids. It was fun, but I had to walk a long way.



Because I live in my own place, I have to do my own chores. I do my own dishes.



#### I do my own cooking. Here I am making Hamburger Helper



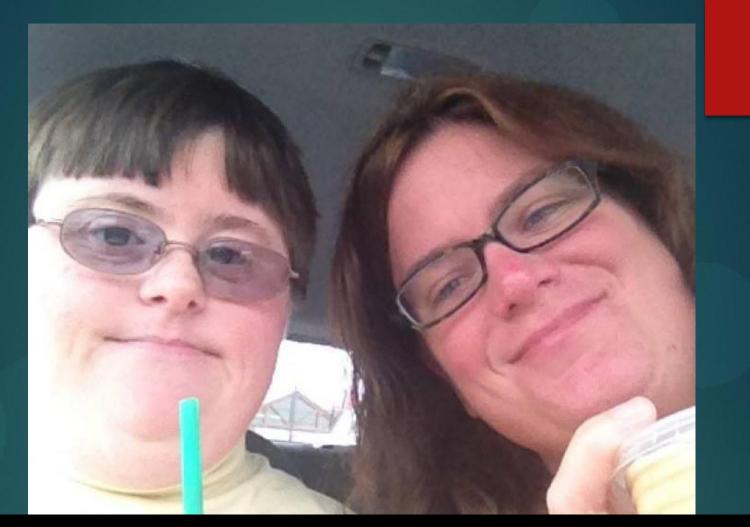
## I do my own laundry.



#### I do my own shopping.



I can go shopping by myself, but sometimes Kelly or my Mom take me. We usually go shopping on Sunday afternoon



This is my friend, Angie. She drives me around town. She helps me with my job, She helps with my book club. She takes me and my friends on vacations.

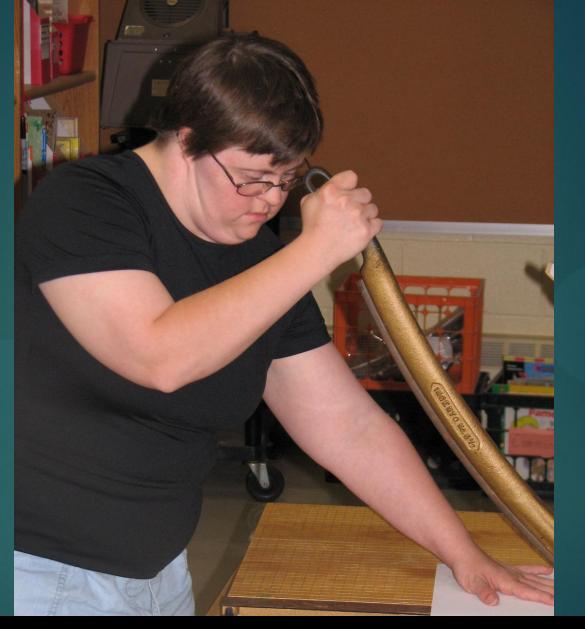
I have had a job working at First School for almost eight years. I work in the after-school program. I love my job, and I love making money.



I am an assistant teacher. I also vacuum and wash windows, and do other jobs. I like working with the kids the best. Here I am helping them play Apples to Apples.



My microboard helps me to live life in the community. I work out three times a week.



On Mondays I help out at a school. I do work for the teachers.



I fold programs at church every Wednesday morning. They depend on me.



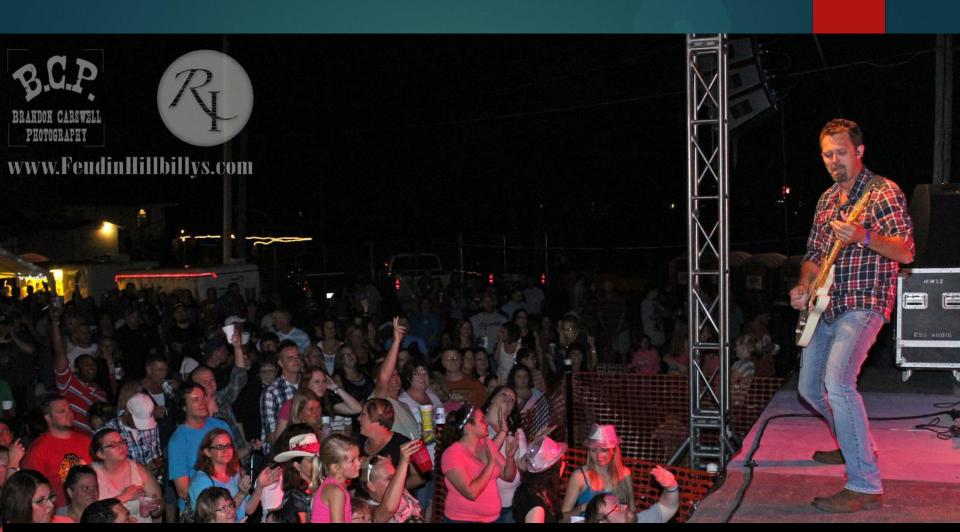
### I am in a community chorus every Monday night.



I go to book club every Wednesday night with my friends. We read a little bit, have dinner, and have fun together.



I eat lunch with friends. Fazoli's is my favorite, but I like Jimmy John's too.



Every year I go to the Mahomet Music Festival. It is only two blocks from my house. I go to the parade, buy food and listen to some great bands. This one is the Feudin' Hillbillies.



I used to go on vacation with my parents. Now I go with my friends. We went to Universal Studios, Washington DC, and the Mall of America and an indoor water park. It was fun!

I love my life! Thank you for listening to my story.









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