

A silver key and a green paper cutout of the state of Minnesota are placed on a wooden surface. The key is on the left, and the green cutout is on the right. The text "Supportive Housing" is overlaid in the center in white, with "2022" below it.

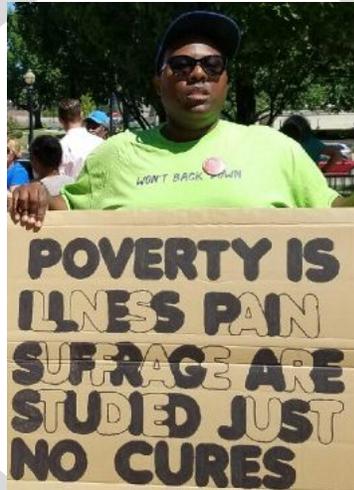
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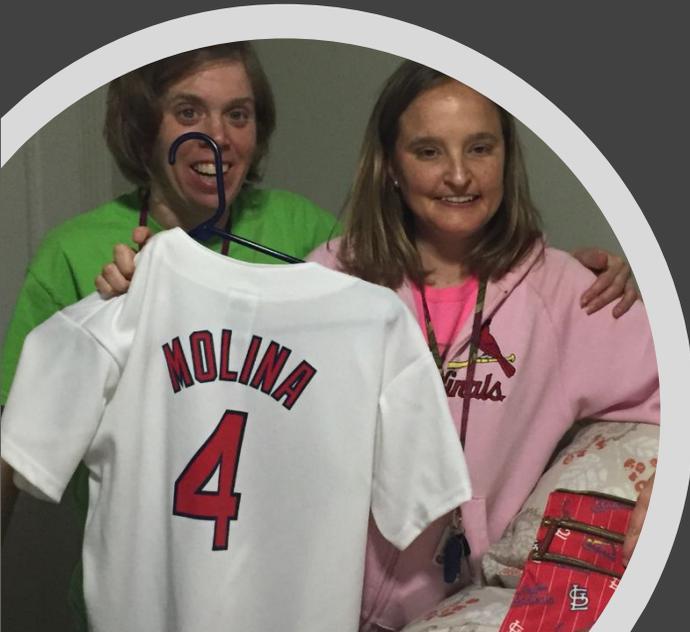
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Curtis

Curtis Harris is an advocate and activist! Curtis is a Chicagoland Autism Connection Board Member and is a Council Member for IL Council on Developmental Disabilities.





Julie V.

Julie Verdu is an expert in Supportive Housing. She lives in Supportive Housing and completed training to be a Supportive Housing Peer Ambassador!



Vincent S.

Vincent Smith is an advocate and believes everyone has the right to live in the community! Vincent is a champion for accessible housing. Vincent is on the Pace Para Transit Advisory Committee and the Arc of Illinois Board. He is a former member of the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Nothing About Us Without Us



Julie

Today we will talk about:



Julie



Why are we here?



What is Supportive Housing?



Why We Love Our Apartments



How to Get Supportive Housing



Why are we here?



To SPEAK UP and SPEAK
OUT!

Vincent

We Choose How We Live



Vincent





What is Supportive Housing?

Curtis

Supportive Housing is Home

- Have a lease
- You pay rent
- In a neighborhood like anyone else
- You live alone or with someone you choose



What is a Lease?

- A lease has the rules of the building
- How much the rent costs
- Who can live there
- It says how long you can live there
 - Leases are usually 1 year, and you can renew
- Some leases allow pets, but not always



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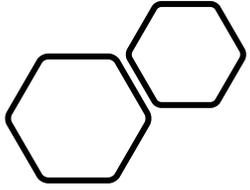
A house can be supportive housing



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**Apartments can
be supportive housing
too!**



Supportive Housing is **NOT** a

- Program
- Group Home
- Institution
- Nursing Home

Julie



Important things to know!

Talk to your family or staff and your landlord about what to do in an emergency!

- Fire Alarms
- Weather
- Tornado
- Flooding



Access for People with Disabilities

Sometimes people with disabilities need something changed in their apartment for accessibility



Changes that might happen

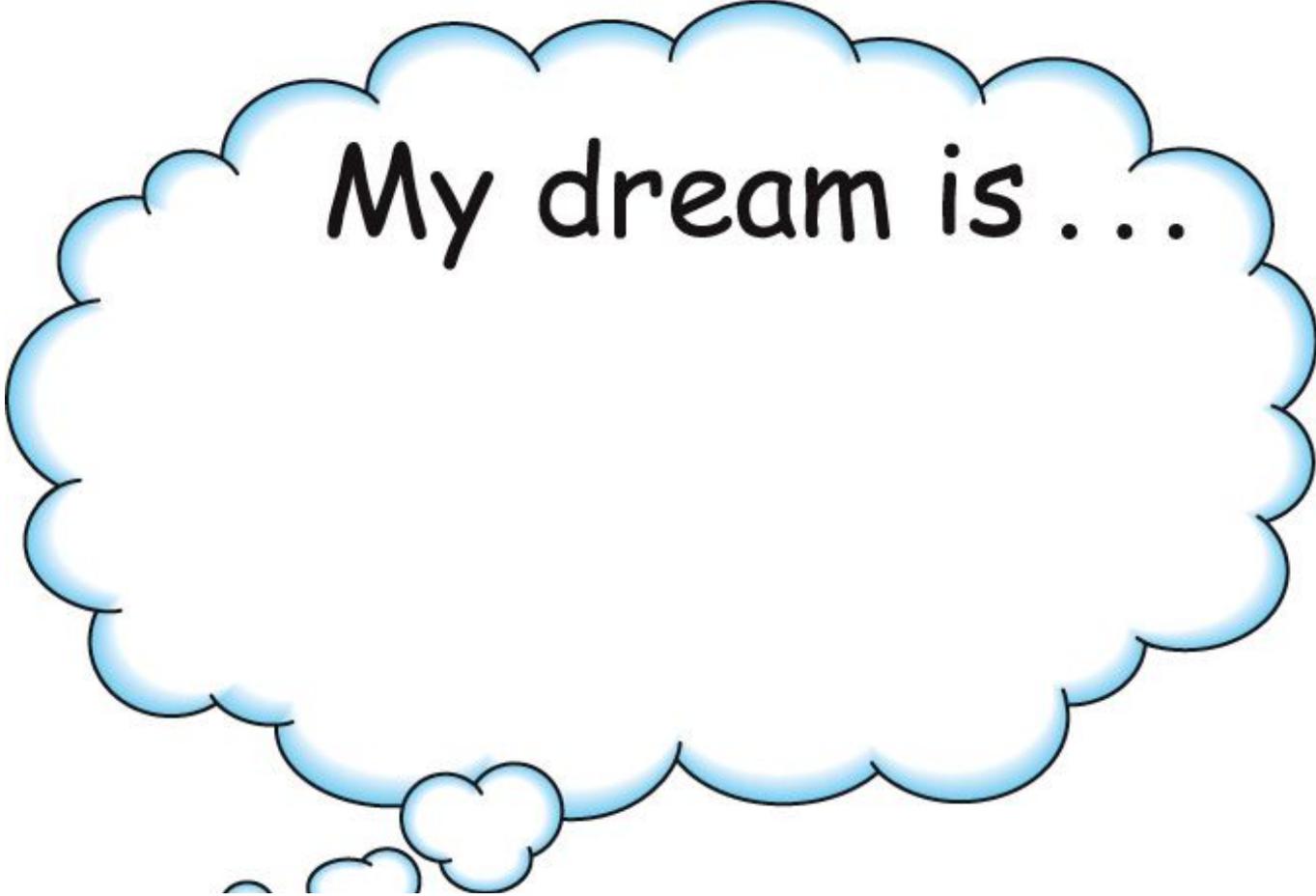
- Income might change
- Change who you live with
- Getting married
- Having a family, having a baby
- Workers or support staff might change
- Health changes – you might need more or less help, both are ok!

Housing Wishes and Dreams

Where would you like to live?

What kind of place is it?

Who do you live with?



My dream is ...

Some things that are important about my housing are:

- Close to family and friends
- Easy to get places
- Near a job
- Accessible
- Safe neighborhood
- Private with my own space
- Allows pets





IT'S YOUR RIGHT TO
LIVE WHERE YOU
WANT

I MAKE MY CHOICES!

I WANT TO LIVE
WHERE I WANT, IN THE
COMMUNITY

Who do you want to live with?



With someone you choose



With family/parents



With a group of people



By yourself

Who do you want to live with? It's your Choice!



With someone you choose



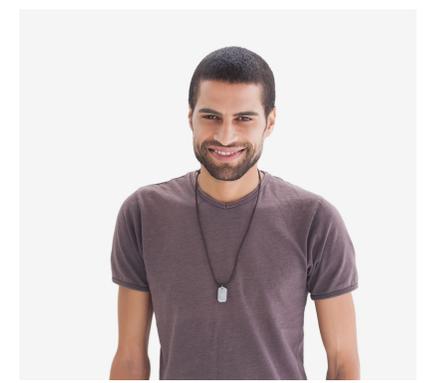
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With family/parents



With a group of people



By yourself



Who should get to choose where you live?



State Service System



Family/Parents



You!



Staff

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State Service System



You!

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Family/Parents



Staff

IS THIS TRUE or FALSE?

1. Self Advocates must live in supportive housing

(✓ one)

TRUE

FALSE

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(✓ one)

TRUE

FALSE



Getting Help from Family or Staff

Julie N

How to Get Supportive Housing

Let people know you want supportive housing!

Talk about it at all meetings about your goals and ask to have it written into your plan.



You can live in
your own
apartment with the
right support

We do!



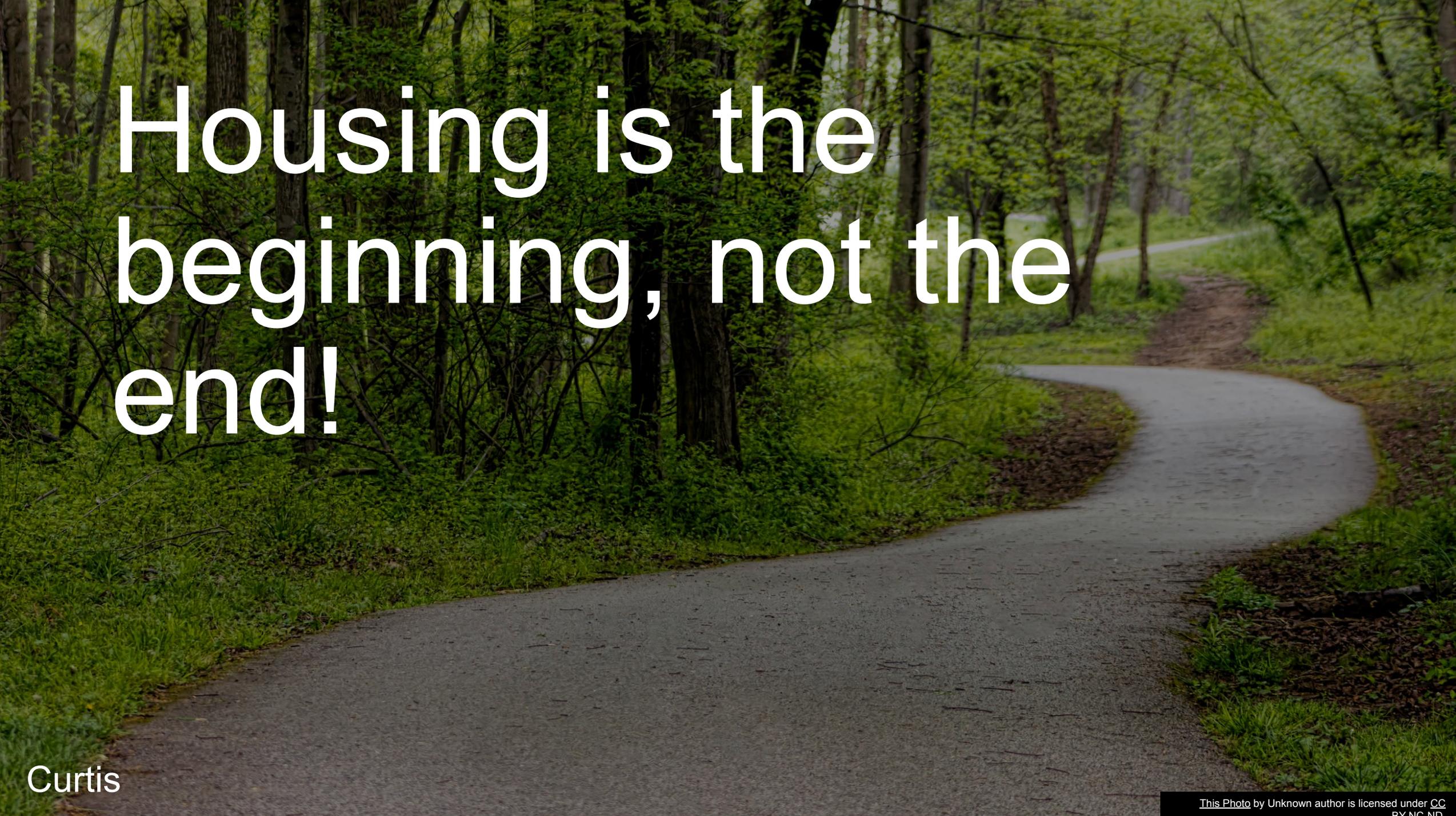
It's Courtney, Adam, Nicole, Chris and Julie!



Julie



What are your questions about living in your own place?

A paved path winds through a lush green forest. The path is made of asphalt and curves to the right. The forest is dense with tall trees and vibrant green foliage. The lighting is soft, suggesting a slightly overcast day. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

Housing is the
beginning, not the
end!

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