

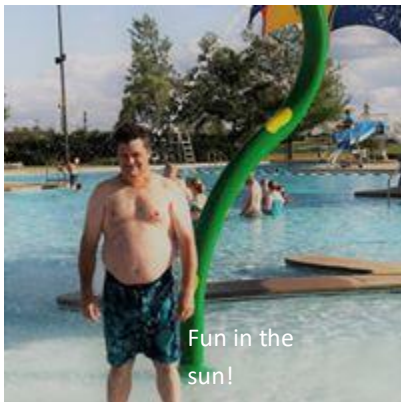


Last spring we had an unexpected opening in one of our homes. As I began to review our waiting list, a particular applicant stood out to me. The information I had said this individual was named Bill and he was 58 years old, living with his elderly mother who had dementia. When we have an opening we look at who on our waiting list might be a good fit for that opening as well as the urgency of their need for a place in one of our homes. This applicant had been on our waiting list for over 2 years, so I knew he either had already found placement or it was very likely his situation had gotten more urgent.

I reached out to to Bill's sister, Dawn. Dawn informed me that Bill was still living with his mother and that her dementia had progressed. They both were in desperate need of a different living situation. We quickly scheduled a time for me to meet with Bill and his family. It became very apparent that Bill's sister Dawn was overwhelmed with the task of finding not only a safe place for her brother, but also for her mother. To say the least, she was overwhelmed and needed help. We arranged for the family to come to our Westfield Home and meet the other core



members living there. This would give Bill as well as his potential new housemates an opportunity to meet each and chose if they wanted to live together. Bill fit in immediately and all were in agreement, Bill would join the Friendship Ark family and become the 5th core member at the Westfield Home.



Bill moved in on May 23rd, 2018. He loves his new home. His room is set up just how he wants it. He participates in Day Hab and gets to enjoy lots of opportunities he hasn't had for quite some time, as well as make lots of new friends. Bill is not only safe and healthy in his new home, but happy and thriving. Bill's sister was also able to find a wonderful nursing facility for their mother. Dawn said, "You, and the entire Friendship Ark organization, were a literal answer to my prayers! He is happy and so well looked after. I am so grateful".

The support you give to Friendship Ark makes an impact not only on the lives of our core members, but also on their families and the community they join. **Thank you for making an investment in Friendship Ark and an impact on someone like Bill, his sister, Dawn, and their mother. You truly do make a difference!**

