



Supporting People With
Intellectual Disabilities

November 18, 2016

Dear Friends,

We met with John in the winter of 2015. He was living in a boarding home that left him isolated and lonely. His “family” consisted of his grandmother, aunt, and his co-workers at Giant Foods, where he was employed as a Courtesy Clerk. He was proud of the work he did bagging and loading groceries, but he was lonely.

At the time John was referred to Richcroft, we were in the process of opening a new home in Timonium that was within walking distance of the Giant where he worked. Sam and Eddie had just moved into the new home and in our planning with John, we introduced him to the idea of living there, too. Following a series of visits and with the support of Richcroft staff, John decided to give it a try. Eighteen months after making the move, isolation and loneliness are a thing of the past.

When John first moved in, he was quiet and unsure. Living in a new home with people he had only known for a short time was an adjustment for him. But, with the help of caring Richcroft staff, he converted his bedroom into a full blown “Raven’s Man Cave” and his confidence blossomed.

John is now active and involved in his community doing things he enjoys. He is a member of the local YMCA, where he enjoys swimming and exercising. He enjoys weekly church services, and eating in local restaurants. He has an extensive music collection and likes to read on his Kindle. He loves to travel and this past year he took the vacation of a lifetime whale watching off the coast of Cape Cod.

John met and immediately connected with his neighbors. He began bringing his neighbors’ trash cans back to their homes once they were emptied. They have returned the favor by bringing baked goods and their fresh grown vegetables to his home. They have even made it a point to shop at “John’s Giant” and will only check out in John’s lane so they can see him and chat about the upcoming Ravens’ game.

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I am proud of the role Richcroft has played in helping John. More than 250 people throughout Central Maryland depend on Richcroft every day. We depend on you and your generosity to help us make this happen. I am asking for your help this holiday season.

If you give \$50 or \$75, you can help provide the necessary maintenance to John's home. If you can give \$200, \$500, or \$1,000, you can help pay a utility bill, a car payment, or help us pay the caring staff we have here at Richcroft.

Your gift is more important now than ever as we continue to do our important work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David D. Coughlin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

David D. Coughlin
Executive Director

P.S. Please send your gift to Richcroft, Inc. by December 31 so we can use it immediately to improve the life of someone we serve!