



Stepping out and Moving in...

Daughters of Charity Service

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Daughter's of Charity

- Daughters of Charity founded in France by St. Louise De Marrillac and St. Vincent de Paul
- Inspired to provide a service for those most in need.
- The Daughters were out on the streets helping directly
- Came to Ireland late 1800's (Drogheda)



Our Vision

- **..To support people with disabilities and their families, in a person centred community based, socially inclusive manner in accordance with our core values...**

Our Core Values



- Service
- Respect
- Excellence
- Collaboration
- Justice
- Creativity



St Vincent's Centre

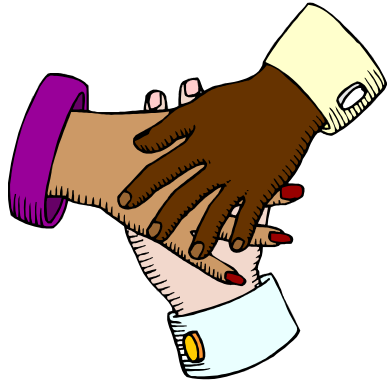


- Opened in 1925
- Provided residential care for people with intellectual disability from all over Ireland due to lack of services.
- Developed eleven bungalows on campus for all residents in 1992.
- Currently 98 people living on campus.

Move to community living

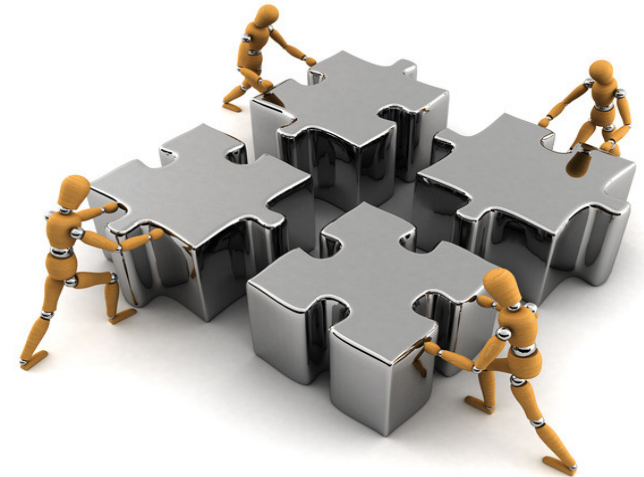
- . Initially rented an apartment for trial within the service in 2011 with James and David. Trial extended due to success.
- . Trial made permanent in January 2012.

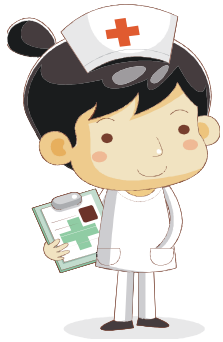




Next steps project

- Member of the project , Jan 2012
- Nominated person attended meeting from community group
- Ongoing reports – goals
- Working together





Changes for Service



- . House is not staffed by qualified nurses
- . There is currently a sleeping night staff on duty
- . The house is closed when David and James are at work or at home with families
- . David and James no longer have an escort on service transport



Changes for staff

- House is self sufficient
- Staff expected to manage weekly budgets
- Staff assist David and James with paying bills, grocery shopping
- Staff assist with cooking, cleaning and laundry



Changes for David

- Previously lived with eight other men
- Getting used to smaller space
- Previously shared a bedroom
- Previously had three staff on duty
- Students / visitors



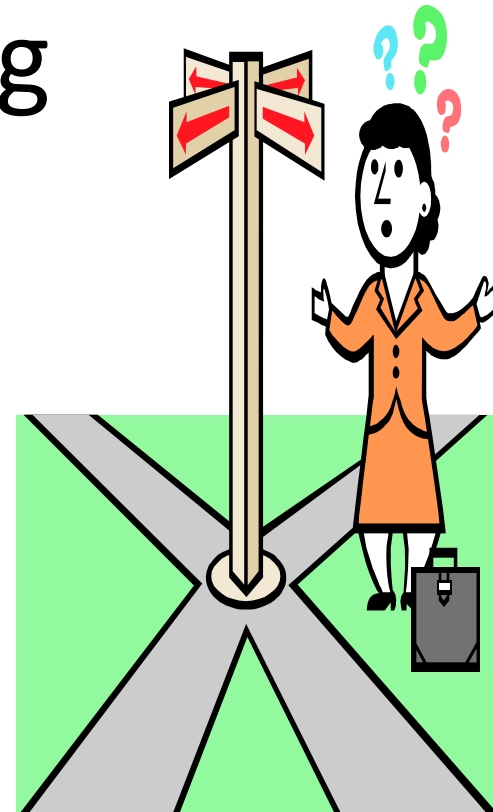
Changes for David contd

- David did not have to travel to work
- Was not involved in cooking or cleaning
- Had limited choice regarding activities
- Had reduced independence
- Not involved in money management



Response to Move

- David's understanding
- Family anxieties
- Staff's opinions
- Settled v's Unsettled
- Lack of knowledge
- Fear of change



How have we settled

- Originally on trial for 12 months, extended by 6 months.
- Had security of returning to Maple House
- David and family very happy with move
- Improved confidence and ability to be independent
- Try new things



Where are we now ?

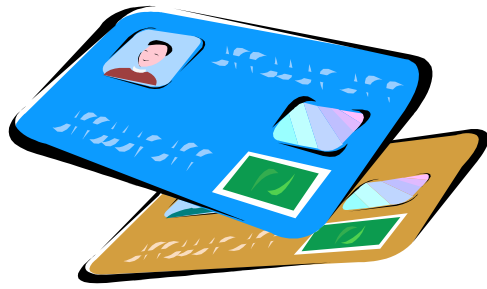
- Moved in August 2012
- 4 bedroomed bungalow
- Within walking distance of family home
- Easy access to all amenities



What has David achieved?

- Confidence
- Independence
- Ability to choose
- Inclusion





2012

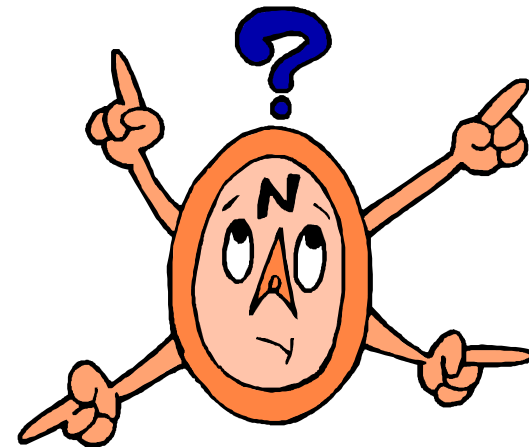


- Moved House
- Holiday to euro Disney
- Ferry Trip
- Completed ASDAN programme
- Opened a bank account
- Residents association
- Cookery class



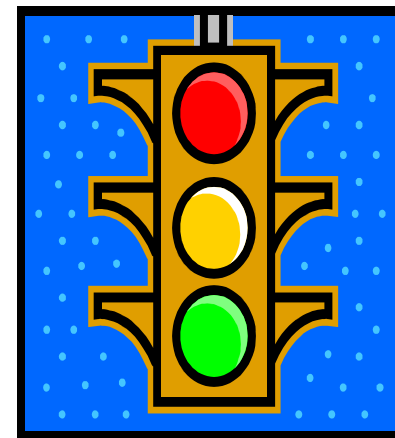
Management Challenges

- Changing opinions
- Organisational policies i.e banks, passport offices
- Remain dependent on carers
- Lack of awareness



Challenges

- Housing
 - rental v purchasing
 - amenity bills
 - structural changes
 - wheelchair accessibility
 - community living v regulations



The future

- David now has the key to his own future

