

## Making Dreams Come True

### Jubilee Expands Focus on Person-Centered Planning

“How do you want to spend your day?” Dominique Clark asks people Jubilee supports when she meets with them. “Where do you want to live?” And “do you need help learning new skills?”

Dominique leads Jubilee's work to help the people we support set life goals for the year ahead. Our new person-centered planning process takes people on a journey of self-discovery. Once goals are set, direct support professionals help people live the life they want.

**“We tripled our person-centered planning professionals and added four new program managers. These changes mean we can now take a more holistic approach to helping people define success in their own lives,” said Executive Director Steve Keener.**

Jubilee is now using The Council on Quality and Leadership assessment tool. This is the gold standard in measuring personal outcomes for people with disabilities.

**Your donations and a Phillips Charitable Foundation grant funded training for Jubilee staff in the CQL interview process.** Our PCP staff are now certified by CQL.



*Inclusion is important to Davin (pictured left) and his family. Whether it's living independently or singing with his church choir, Jubilee helps Davin achieve his dreams.*

Through regular assessments, Jubilee will help each person we support meaningfully plan their goals for the year ahead. Whether the goal is a new hobby, a job, reconnecting with a friend, or finding a new home, Jubilee is here to help.

**“It's rewarding to see how this process translates into action. Together, we help people identify and achieve their dreams,” said Dominique.**

## Greater Accessibility Improves Inclusion

### Your Support Funds Improvements



Outings just got a lot easier for members of the Jubilee family who rely on wheelchairs. **Your donations, and grants from generous funders, helped us buy three new wheelchair accessible vans!**

Thank you to **The Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation!** Your support of Jubilee funded an automatic door opener for our building, which serves as our community hub. Now, people with limited mobility can better access our building.

## Planning a Bright Future

### First Participant in Jubilee's New Person-Centered Planning

As told by Kirsten Davidson

I've always liked to be independent and keep busy. I can't see, but I don't let that slow me down.

I've been with Jubilee for more than 15 years! I live in a great house with my friend Michaelis. Odunayo from Jubilee lives with us and helps me be on my own.

On the weekends I like to be with my mom and family. My mom and I like to travel. On our last trip, I made a cherry pie from scratch. First, we went to an orchard and picked the cherries, then we had to pit them, and then bake the pie. It tasted so good, especially since I did it myself.

For 29 years I worked at the U.S. Consumer Safety Product Commission. I loved delivering the mail and being with all my friends on staff. I decided to retire during the pandemic. I turned 50 right at that time too.

It was time for me to think about what comes next.

**I met with the people at Jubilee, and they helped me think about what I want to do.** It was really helpful. I want to go back to work, either paid or volunteer. I'm a people person, and I like being useful.



*Kirsten loves staying active. She participates in Jubilee programs each week with the help of Jubilee support staff.*

We also talked about how I want to keep being active and healthy. I exercise with a trainer, and Odunayo helps me with the Jubilee fitness classes too.

I'm really excited that Jubilee's beach trip is back this summer. I can't wait to feel the sand in my toes and laugh with my friends at the beach.

**I have a great life. I can't wait to see what comes next for me.**

## You Can Make a Difference in Just 30 Minutes

### Become a Jubilee Ambassador to Help People Learn About Our Work



"I met Elaine Carney, who Jubilee supports, at Mass one Sunday and we became good friends. **When Jubilee began their new Living Our Best Lives tours Elaine asked me to be an Ambassador, and to invite my friends to learn about Jubilee. Of course, I said yes! I encourage anyone who has even a small amount of time to offer to take part in this program.** You will not only be an ambassador for Jubilee but more importantly one of God's as well!"

- Margie Cuff

*Margie (pictured left) became a Jubilee Ambassador thanks to her friendship with Elaine (pictured right). You can help too!*

**Can you host a Jubilee tour for your friends and family? Only 30 minutes long, tours can be in-person or virtual.** Help us spread the word about Jubilee! Contact Andrea Luce at [aluce@jubileemd.org](mailto:aluce@jubileemd.org) or at 301-949-8628 ext. 115 to learn more.

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