

FAMILY TIES



Kenny takes the WAVE bus to work at McDonald's five days a week.

WHAT DO YOU DO IF YOU BECOME LEGAL GUARDIAN OF YOUR SIBLING WHO HAS SPECIAL NEEDS?

PROGRAMS AND AMENITIES OFFERED AT SLC

- Independence College
- Music Therapy
- Kiwanis Aktion Club
- Daytime Enrichment
- Cooking Club
- Gardening
- Tiny Libraries (coming soon)
- Guided Activities
- Special Olympics
- Private Bedrooms
- Private Bathrooms
- Family Integration

Linda Recca has had to make tough choices regarding her brother, Kenny. After the passing of their mother 11 years ago, Linda took over as the decision-maker for her brother. Although Kenny had been living in assisted care, it was still a big change for the family. With mixed emotions, Linda came to St. Louis Center in her search for finding a home for Kenny that would suit his needs and the needs of their close-knit family.

In May of 2021, Kenny became a resident of SLC, and Linda could not be more pleased with how things have turned out. Kenny quickly adjusted to his new home and Linda feels at ease having him somewhere he is so happy. There are meaningful activities available and they have assisted Kenny in getting his first job - Custodian at the local McDonald's restaurant.

Not only has the Center become a home for Kenny, but it has also become a place that Linda feels welcomed. Quickly, Linda became part of the SLC Family Association. The Family Association is comprised of loved ones of the Center's residents. As a part of the Association, Linda has begun to volunteer in many aspects of the Center.

The Fall Dinner Auction was her first major task. She enjoyed being a part of a major fundraiser that will help the Center where her brother lives. Linda was able to attain many donations for the silent auction and was a vital part of the planning and execution of the event. Sorting donations is also a volunteer opportunity that Linda has helped with. In the spring, Linda will be joining the planning of the annual Golf and Glory event.



Moving a family member out of your home or to a new facility is a brave move. Together, through their sibling bond and friendship, Linda and Kenny remain resilient throughout every situation. Linda feels that she made the right move for Ken, and he is so happy and pleased to be at the Center.

Linda says, "My favorite thing is I feel confident that he is well taken care of. It is a good feeling that he has another family there and I feel comfortable leaving him, no matter how hard it is."

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