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Oaks of Hebron, inc. exists to honor and glorify our Lord Jesus Christ by providing services to persons with developmental disabilities.

THE VALUE OF A HOME

We hear a lot these days about the lack of affordable housing in Sonoma County. It is expensive and not within reach of many. Though there is difficulty with housing, there are some successes with finding housing. Today we celebrate two people who achieved their dream of living in their own home.

BY TAMARA JONES

NATHAN

When Nathan moved out of his parents' home he was able to find an apartment rather quickly. After waiting four years, Nathan's parents were surprised how fast he was able to find an apartment with the help of Eric Martin. Nathan liked having the opportunity to live on his own. However, it was not an ideal location. He did not feel safe, his neighborhood was rowdy and the street was busy. Nathan was on a wait list for eight years to get into an apartment that he really wanted.

During the eight years that Nathan waited he was helped by his parents to continually keep his name active on the wait list at each low income housing apartment complex he was interested in.



Nathan feels safer in his new digs. He can walk the creek near his home and listen to ducks as they fly overhead. He has a nice view of nature rather than apartment buildings. He reports that he likes to walk to the farmers market at the library. When asked what his favorite thing is about his own place he shared that he has his own recliner chair that he doesn't have to share. (Although, there are nice chairs for company to sit in). Nathan enjoys being able to eat what he would like for dinner, having the remote control all to himself, and "moving on with the next part of life".

SARA

According to Sara, waiting can be very rewarding. After being on a waiting list at several low-income housing apartment complexes for approximately four years, Sara has been enjoying her own place for nearly a year now. Sara was certain that she wanted an apartment on the first floor that would allow a dog. Because of this, her wait lasted

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a bit longer. Although her apartment is on the second floor, she is able to have a dog. Sara said, "Yes" to a second floor apartment because she was willing to compromise mostly due to the fact that she was motivated to live independently. What Sara likes most about living on her own is having her dog and making her own decisions including, when to eat, what to eat, how to decorate, taking charge of the remote control and her life.

Sara enjoys having her friends over for movie nights, games, and holiday celebrations. Family comes to visit too and Sara enjoys showing hospitality to them. She has been trying new recipes, cleaning her home on her own, taking out the trash and doing her laundry. Sara enjoys the domestic life when she is not at work or on

walks with her dog, Jasper.

Sara is grateful for the waiting process because during that time she was able to save. Sara was able to buy a car and pay it off. She is thankful for the housemates she had before because they gave her support and encouragement to start this new journey on her own.



Sara loves many things about her place but especially decorating, like her chef pictures in her kitchen and her beautiful tree at Christmas. Sara is thriving.



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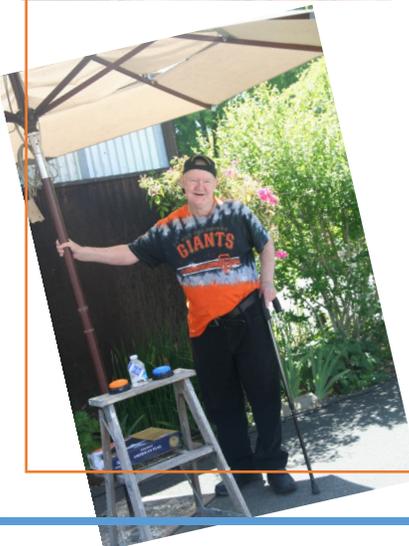
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Stephanie, Chris, Brianna and Johnathan

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