

Hello, My name is Maura Lane. My son, Phillip Kellem is 42 years old. He has Down Syndrome. He will never be able to live independently. The only option for him is shared living which is essentially adult foster care. He has lived in 2 different homes in the past 20 years. Both of the families that he lived with were wonderful and I was able to keep in contact with Phillip. He was with the last family for 10 years but they retired and moved to Florida. Phillip is heartbroken about having to leave this family. He is with a relative of theirs but it is just not the same. This disruption in his life has left him depressed and anxious. I am hoping that in the future there would be a group home or community setting where he could live with his peers. Some place that he could call home. A place that he would not have to leave. He will very likely out live us! It would be great if money could be appropriated towards housing for this very vulnerable population, people like Phillip.

Thank you,

Maura Lane