



PROTECT Vermont's MEDICAID-funded Services

My name is David. I am a gay man and a person with a developmental disability. I am a Vermonter, a son, an activist, and an entrepreneur.

I have a TV show on public access television called Pride-ability. I cover issues related to being LGBTQIA and having a disability.

I have two jobs. I have an antique stall at the University Mall in Burlington, and I work 20 hours a week at Wake Robin. My true love for antiques comes from my grandmother. I have worked my whole life in food service.

I receive services from Champlain Community Services. My services matter to me, because they give me independence. I've gotten job coaching, support finding housing, and case management.

I want us to do more to protect Medicaid and the community-based services it funds.

David Frye. 2019. Charlotte, Vermont.

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My life matters.”**



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An INCLUSIVE EDUCATION showed me I'm capable.

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I began my education at a school called the St. Johnsbury Community School, which was only for kids with disabilities. I didn't like it there. My mother worked with other parents to close the school.

After it closed, I went to St. Johnsbury Academy.

I liked going to school with the other students.

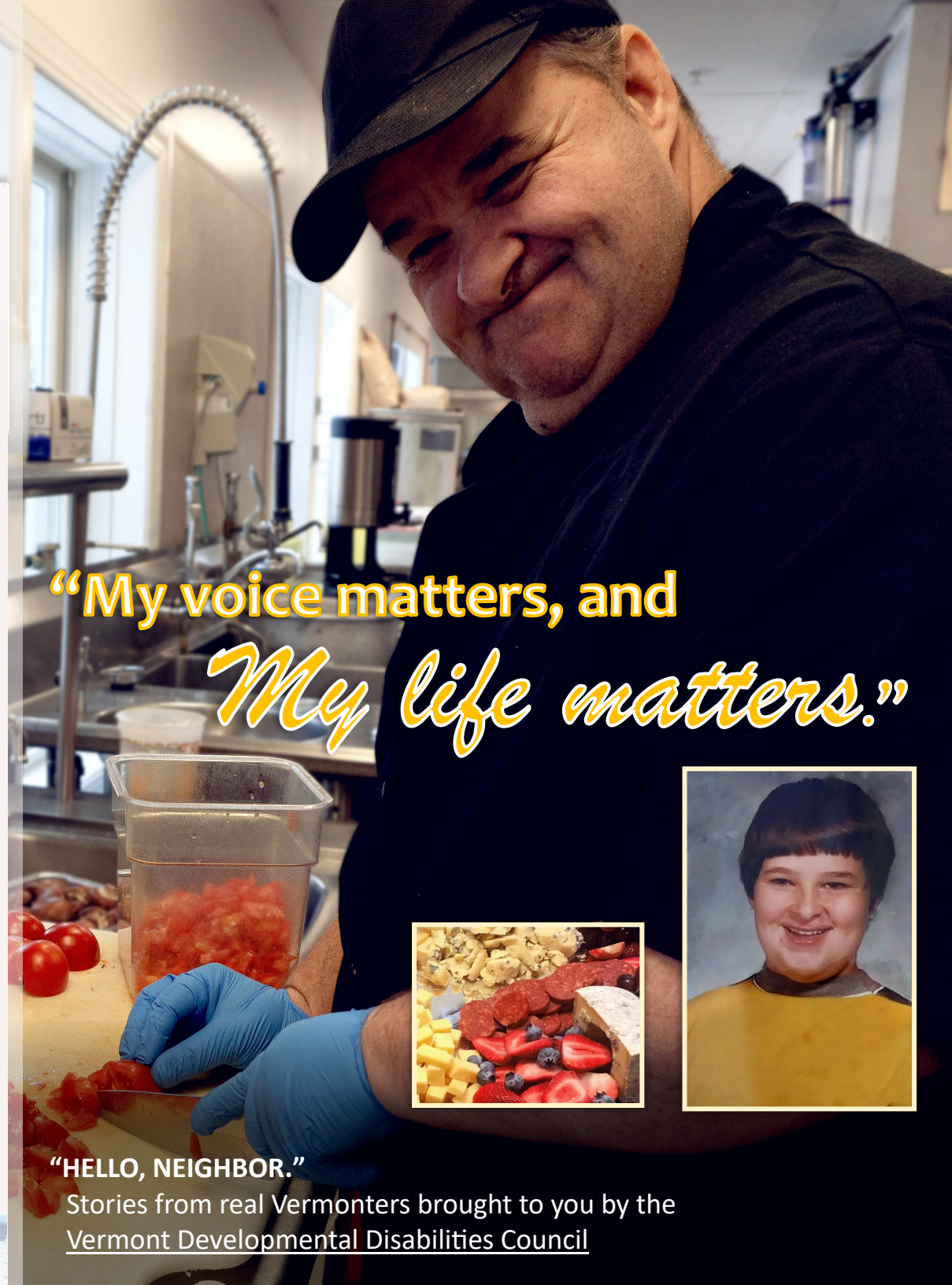
I learned from my teachers, but learned best from my peers. They spoke my language.

I have a great work ethic. I've worked at Wake Robin in Shelburne for more than 10 years. I enjoy my work, especially when I get to be a food artist.

Students who are welcomed into the community become adults who work in the community.

Keep segregated education out of Vermont.

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