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Success Stories

30 Years of Disability Rights!



Mack and Justin

"Ultimately, people with special needs or people with sensory issues, they have wants and dreams and desires like everybody else, and want to be out in the world and interact."

Mack and his brother Justin are in the Personal Assistance program at Independence First. Through this program many can get paid to take care of a loved one. Justin has autism and enjoys the time his brother can spend with him.



Ruth

"I'm going to school right now, I'm about to cry because I have a dream. I'm going fulfill that and I'm going to get my GED. "

Ruth credits the Peer Support program at Independence First with her success, and being able to live in her own home for the first time ever. She is also part of the Independence First Rep Payee program, which works with her on budgeting and bill-paying.



Lily

"I have been the most comfortable in a long time with the people and environment than I have anywhere else. It's just a very uplifting, supportive, open-minded, and positive place and it makes me so happy! "

Lily enjoys the Youth Leadership programming at Independence First, joining in advocacy for people with disabilities. Congratulations Lily on graduating high school and making the transition to college! Lily helped organize the Youth Leadership Summit in 2020.