

OUR STORIES

THE CLEARBROOK FAMILY



A home, a job, a support group, a friendship, a community, an opportunity, an answer...

CLEARBROOK IMPACTS LIVES.

Everyday and spanning entire lifetimes, this impact comes in many forms. Speaking for themselves, clients, families and volunteers give voice to the impact of Clearbrook on their lives.



TERRENCE WHITE CLIENT

"Over the past nine years, Clearbrook has been really important in my life. The staff provided me with my dream job of working in the hotel industry. Now, I receive a paycheck to use for whatever I want. I am also able to enjoy a lot of activities including basketball, volleyball, soccer and bowling. I love snowshoeing and am

a five-time gold medal winner in the snowshoe competition with two state appearances. I also participate in the Special Olympics Bowling tournament.

Clearbrook is a wonderful place to come and be a part of. I am very appreciative of all that they have done for me. If it wasn't for Clearbrook, I wouldn't be the person I am today."



LEANA GUSTAFSON CLIENT

"I came to Clearbrook full-time right after high school. I have been here for 20 years. Clearbrook was able to get me an outside job working at Bonefish Grill five days a

week. Working at Bonefish lets me buy all the stuff that I need and buy my favorite movies. I really like watching movies.

I have a lot of friends and I really like the staff because they help me a lot. Clearbrook is a really nice place. If I wasn't at Clearbrook, I wouldn't know all these wonderful people."



SUSAN GUGLIOTTA CLIENT

"I love Clearbrook because everyone really helps me. I've made lots of friends at Clearbrook, and my favorite supervisor and my friends are always there for me. They even nicknamed me Susie Sunshine. I drive

a fancy red cart that my parents bought me for my birthday, and I am really good at driving.

I come to the Clearbrook Workshop everyday and I work so I can make the big bucks. When I get paid, I like treating everyone to dinner because I like to be nice. Everyone at Clearbrook is really nice to me too. I love Clearbrook and Clearbrook loves me."



SUSAN LYMAN CLIENT

"I have been at Clearbrook for five years. I love that I have lots of choices. I am able to work and participate in activities. I work at the resale shop where I hang up clothes. I

love to go bowling and swimming and I like watching movies at home.

I love living at Clearbrook. I live in a group home with seven other women. It's a really nice home. I have my own room with my own television. My sister even came in from San Francisco to visit me and we went out to dinner. I love everything that Clearbrook has done for me."



JENNIFER "JENNY" GOTT CLIENT

"Clearbrook gives me the opportunities to spend time with my friends and to work in the community. The staff comes with to help me

at my job and I love to work because I like to make money. I also like to shop, go to the movies and walk around my block

when the sun is out.

All of the people at Clearbrook are really nice. I live with five other people in Brookmeade, one of Clearbrook's group homes. I share my room with a roommate. The staff cooks for us and teaches us how to cook and Fridays are my day to cook. My favorite meal is pasta. Clearbrook is the best because the staff really cares about me and I can always go to them when I need help."



TRACEY DOBBERSTEIN CLIENT

"I have been at Clearbrook for 10 years. I live at a Clearbrook residence and share my room. It's fun to share. I like coming to Clearbrook everyday because I get to do things I wouldn't normally

get to do. They taught me how to read, so I have been doing a lot of reading and studying. They also offer a lot of different activities so I never get bored. I love to walk, and I get to go to

the YMCA and do indoor walking. I also love swimming at the Clearbrook pool.

I really like the staff too. Everybody is so nice to me. My job is to help them out and help out the other clients. I get to walk around with the clients in wheelchairs and talk to them.

Clearbrook helps me out a lot, and I really like it here."



CHARLOTTE LATTOF PARENT

"As a parent, you think that there is a natural progression. You have kids and you are very hands on and then they grow up. Our children at Clearbrook grow, but don't progress to being on their own.

In 1982, at age 18, my son Michael spent part of his school day at Clearbrook's Workshop and eventually moved into Clearbrook's Residential Program where his needs could best be met. I am so grateful for Clearbrook. As a parent, I know that there are places where services like Clearbrook simply don't exist. I cannot imagine what Michael's life, or even my life, would be like without Clearbrook. I care about Clearbrook's future because I care about my son's future."



TINA YURIK PARENT, VOLUNTEER & CLEARBROOK STAFF

“Not only have I volunteered and worked at Clearbrook, but I have also received services for my son, David. I know it can be horrifying when doctors tell you they don’t know if your child will ever be able to learn. But today, David is doing great, attending regular classes and playing football. I am convinced this is due in large part to the early intervention services he received at Clearbrook.

When you experience an organization with such caring and capable staff, you are beyond grateful. We want the programs at Clearbrook to continue for more and more families. When it came time for my husband and me to think about our future, the idea of including Clearbrook seemed only natural. It’s nice to know we have taken care of our family and the organizations that are important to us, like Clearbrook.”

MARY LOU ANTON PARENT



“For my son Dean Ghannam and me, life without Clearbrook just wouldn’t be the same.

Ever since he graduated from high school in 1980, 48-year-old Dean has worked in

Clearbrook’s Workshop and was one of the inaugural members of the onsite Residential Program in November 1985. Dean now shares a house with seven other Clearbrook clients and one staff member in a traditional neighborhood nearby.

With the emotional and social outlets at Clearbrook, Dean’s life wouldn’t be anywhere near as enriching as it is now. He has a lot of social activities that he would not be involved with if he lived at home. There is no way I could provide all of those things for him.

By bestowing generosity to Clearbrook, I have been able to fulfill two goals at one time. Not only have I helped provide Dean with everything he needs now, but it also gives me the emotional security of knowing that when I’m gone, Clearbrook is still going to be there for him and other people like him.”

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