

WE ARE FAMILY

CLEARBROOK'S LATTOF COMMONS IS HOME, A FAMILY, TO 80 INDIVIDUALS

A resident at Clearbrook's Lattof Commons had lived with his parents until his dad became ill with cancer. His father did not know what to do with his son, so he dropped him off at the emergency room at a hospital assuming they could take care of him. His father went to a different hospital for cancer treatment and passed on shortly after that.

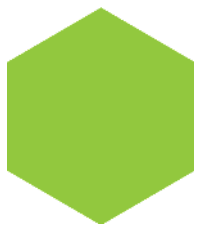
Sitting in a hospital room, alone, scared and not knowing anyone, the Commons' administrator knew she could not leave him sitting there with nowhere to go. He soon had a bedroom and a place to call home with Clearbrook.

He is often observed doing the "cookie dance" in his wheelchair. Cookies are his favorite thing and he has developed a unique dance in the hopes of getting some. People often see him wheeling himself through the hallways in his wheelchair with the greatest of ease and a smile on his face that could light up a dark night sky. He is happy with the simple pleasures in life, a handshake, a smile, folks saying "hello" to him and of course, cookies.

Tasks that we take for granted are a big hurdle for him. When wheeling up to a sink that is a few inches too high and he can't reach the faucet, he can become frustrated and want to give up. But he never does and loves the positive reinforcement for completing these types of simple tasks.

From the indoor swimming pool (from years ago), that is now a large recreational room, the addition of individual living rooms and kitchens for each hallway, the facility has changed over the years. One of the many beautiful things about this environment at the Commons is the range of individuals who are served. From the aging population, to those with more significant medical needs and for many of our Community Integrated Living Arrangement (CILA) individuals who are in need of 24-hour nursing, the Commons is the perfect setting. Many therapies and supports are on-site for individuals.

It has been interesting to see over the years how many residents have taken some ownership. From cleaning, to straightening areas, to how the pillows are placed on the couch, Clearbrook truly is home, a family, to him and many others.



The Lattof Commons is one of Clearbrook's four Intermediate Care Facilities (ICF) for individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities. With room for up to 85 residents, it is Clearbrook's largest ICF and offers 24-hour nursing support, rooms for both men and women, hospice care support, access to community day programs, on-site physicians, and personalized care.