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Dear «ShortSalutation»,

What if you could no longer take care of your developmentally disabled child? What would you do? Who would you turn to for help?

Wayne had to make this difficult decision for his son Eric.

Eric is 44 years old and until October 2017 lived at his family home in Highland. Eric and his mother were very close until her death a few years ago. Losing her took quite a toll on Eric, but his father Wayne continued to care for him the best that he could.

As time went on, caring for Eric got more difficult and Wayne's health began to decline. Although he wasn't ready for Eric to leave him, his father knew it was time. Deciding to let go of his caretaking duties was difficult for Wayne. He worried that no one would be able to care for Eric as well as he could.

Wayne knew about Community Link because Eric had worked in our production area for 20 years. This made choosing Community Link as Eric's residential provider easier for Wayne.

Because of generous donors like you, our residential and adult day programs are the best in the area.

And, «ShortSalutation», it is my hope that you will continue to help those like Eric by sending your year-end donation today.

Wayne was nervous and was not sure what Community Link's residential program was about. Our

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team provided him with the information he needed so that he was comfortable making the decision to leave his son in our care.

It was important to Wayne that Eric could still spend the weekends with him at his home. One year later, Eric still enjoys his weekends with his dad. And, Eric also looks forward to returning to his Community Link home after his visits with his dad. It’s his “home away from home.”

«ShortSalutation», please send your year-end donation today. It is our hope that families like Eric’s can continue to take comfort knowing that their loved ones are safe, happy and well cared for by Community Link.

Eric has taken on many responsibilities at his Community Link home. He watches for the bus in the mornings, opens and closes the blinds every day and rearranges the furniture.

He likes to be outdoors and enjoys helping in the garden. Eric assists with all the household chores and enjoys making shopping lists.

Wayne was right in thinking that no one else could care for Eric like he could. We will never take the place of Eric’s dad. But, we can challenge Eric, teach him how to live independently and inspire him to reach for his goals.

Wayne is still taking care of Eric—he is just doing it a little differently these days.

«ShortSalutation», you are so important to Community Link. We could not provide the high level of service to our participants without your support.

Please send your year-end donation to Community Link today. Help us continue to assist individuals with developmental disabilities like Eric.

Gratefully,



John Huelskamp
Executive Director

P.S. «ShortSalutation» please send your tax-deductible gift by December 31st to help individuals with developmental disabilities live their best possible lives!

Because the holiday season is a time for sharing, we’ve included a one-of-a-kind greeting card designed by one of our participants for you to share with someone special in your life.



About the Artist

Marcia Taylor painted the image on the front of this card. Marcia lives in a Community Integrated Living Arrangement (CILA) home in Breese owned and operated by Community Link and she also works in production.





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Wishing you a wonderful holiday season and a joyous New Year.



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