

WHAT ALL PARENTS HOPE FOR

When Anne gave birth to Christopher, she remembers being surrounded by an indescribable feeling of joy. What Anne didn't know at the time was that Christopher was born with the umbilical cord wrapped around his neck. This contributed to putting Christopher on the Autism Spectrum, changing his life and that of his family forever.

Parents of children diagnosed with Autism often struggle not only with the emotional strain that their child is different, but how to find the right services that will help them to live a safe and productive life. In fact, Anne spent much of Christopher's childhood arguing with school personnel and state programs trying to get the services he needed.

"By the time he hit high school I was so burned out, I thought I would melt down," she says.

The good news is that Anne's tenacity paid off. Today Christopher lives on his own and works full-time as a Dietary Aide. But he still requires ongoing support for things like laundry, paying bills, updating records and medical insurance, and making medical and counseling appointments.

When asked what will happen when she and her husband are gone, Anne says, "We have a trust set up to handle Christopher's finances. But it worries me. Who is going to handle his emotional, social, and physical well-being? Who will accept him and support him?"

Front Porch Cohousing by NDL has an answer for that.

FPC's neuro-inclusive cohousing communities will give people like Christopher the opportunity to live as independently as possible while being safe and secure. And their built-in amenities and natural support systems will give parents like Anne and Dave peace of mind that they will never have to worry about their child being alone or isolated once they are gone.

"I hope Christopher has someone who cares enough about him to help him live up to his ability. I think that's what all parents hope for," Anne says.

Your support could make that difference. With your gift, you could not only help to give adult children with intellectual disabilities a chance to live meaningful lives but give their parents the comfort of knowing their child will be okay once they're gone.

Please make your gift today and help us be the peace of mind parents like Anne are looking for.