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Living Arrangements Suits Everyone Just Fine!

Allen Park, MI.,--July 24, 2007- Most of us get up everyday, get ready for work and head out the door, not Choice Cooper, where he lives, is also where he works.

“I am a caregiver at heart and after I had worked with Tom and Roger for awhile, it seemed like being a “live-in” companion was the right thing to do,” said Choice Cooper, caregiver for two gentlemen with developmental disabilities.

Cooper has been a live-in companion for Tom and Roger for over two years. This kind of living situation has become sort of a trend in the human service field where more and more caregivers are considering living with the people they support, some for financial reasons, others because it just seems to make sense.



“I don’t have to drive to work and if there is an emergency, I am right there for them,” said Cooper. Of course, there have been challenges, especially for Tom. He lost both parents a few years ago and his family home, the one he grew up in was sold, he had to find a roommate and move into a brand new area. But you would never know that all of that turbulence was going on in his life. Tom is vibrant and excited to tell you all about his life.

“We like to ride bikes to Heritage Park. We ride the trails, I really like to do that with Choice,” said Tom Desmond.

Choice keeps the guys busy. Tom volunteers at the VA hospital in Detroit and has logged over 7,000 hours. And if they’re not working on the house or enjoying the outdoors, they’re chatting with the neighbors.

“We all get along so well and the neighbors are very helpful,” said Cooper. “It was a good decision and we’ve all benefited from it.”

Tom utilizes supports and services provided by Community Living Services, Inc. CLS is a non-profit that provides supports and services to 2700 people with developmental disabilities in Wayne County. CLS is funded through the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency. For more information, visit our web site at www.comliveserv.com.