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## Man on a Mission!

**TROY, MI April 14, 2008-** For someone who was told by his family members that he would never amount to anything, Troy resident Justin Rankin has proven everyone wrong and then some.



“When I was little, I was teased a lot by family and friends because of my disability,” said Rankin. “My mom even tried to upset the life I was trying to start several years ago when she took me out of my school in Michigan and moved me to Baltimore. I did not like it there.”

But Rankin was able to get back to Michigan and back on his feet and in a short period of time, he found a place to live, got a job, started a new business, taken advocacy trips and is planning a trip aboard next year.

“I have taken control of my life and part of that is due to the support that I have received from Community Living Services,” said Rankin. “The organization has shown me the tools I need to control my own life.”

Rankin is actively involved on several Boards including the newly formed Citizens Advisory Committee where he is the Chair. Rankin is also an athlete, he loves to play hockey and his former soccer coach has invited him to participate in the 2009 Paralympics in China next year!

And if you are ever looking for something fun to do at your next party, he is for hire! Rankin has his own DJ Salsa business and he’s always looking for new customers.

“I have so many things that I want to do with my life, I am just getting started!”



Justin utilizes supports and services provided by Community Living Services, Inc. located in Oakland County. CLS provides supports and services to adults and children and is funded through the Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority.

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