



Building Dreams at King Street



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—Jodi Stewart***

"I don't see myself here life-long," dreams Jodi Stewart, a seven year resident of Horizons Unlimited's King Street Apartments. "I see living at King Street as a stepping stone." Jodi envisions herself living in a "regular" apartment or a house in the community in her future, preferably with a white picket fence and a vegetable garden.

This is exactly what supported community living should do: Give our Horizons members the freedom, courage, and confidence to step out into the community as independent people on their own.

Jodi has been a member at Horizons Unlimited since 1997, and she has successfully pursued her ambitions for independence in her work and life.

"Our goal for her is that she can live as independently as possible, and Horizons has helped her accomplish her goal," noted Greg Stewart, Jodi's father. "We are so pleased that she is working out in the community—and working successfully."

Emmetsburg Food Pride is a place of opportunity for Jodi, where she currently works part-time. "It took me a long time to get to where I am today," Jodi mentioned. She said it's been a learning process to take on new tasks at the grocery store. Job coaches from Horizons, along with guidance from Food Pride staff, helped her learn job duties and responsibilities, so she could feel comfortable at her tasks.

She is now facing shelves, tagging inventory, bagging groceries and check-out courtesy.

Jodi sees herself as a role



model for others with disabilities. As she is employed outside of Horizons, out in the public eye, she said she's matured a lot with the added responsibility. It was an overwhelmingly positive experience.

"Wow. I don't have to worry about my disability anymore. It's not who I am. I am a regular person. I am me. It's dignity—self-worth—and just gratifying knowing that I can do this."

Jodi feels that getting a job in the community is confidence building—"showing you can be what you want to be."

Jodi praises many people that helped her along the way.

"I am grateful for everyone that helped me. I wouldn't be where I am today without them," exclaimed Jodi.

In her future, Jodi wants to get a job on her own and "show them that I can do it on my own."

This independent spirit is fostered through living at King Street Apartments. Jodi loves living there, the confidence it brings, and enjoys the freedom to come and go as she pleases.

All of us at Horizons are so pleased with Jodi's progress, achievements, and proud of her success.

Our King Street Apartments offer a tremendous opportunity for our members to follow their dreams and find independent success.

You and your support help us make success stories like Jodi's possible. Thank you.





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Dear Friends,

You have made so many opportunities possible here at Horizons Unlimited. Last year, you helped us to make much needed improvements to our 21st Street Home in Emmetsburg. Our members at 21st Street are enjoying all of the improvements your support has funded in the past year. Your generosity is appreciated by everyone here at Horizons.



This year our focus is on our King Street apartment buildings, and we hope you will focus your end-of-the-year giving to Horizons, too. We have been fortunate this year to receive a grant from the Palo Alto County Gaming Development Corporation to fund new entrance doors and a new shed for King Street. You can help us continue this progress, as we proceed with more improvements to the King Street Apartments for our residents.

King Street is an important facility for Horizons Unlimited because it means more independence and self-sufficiency for our members. Jodi Stewart is a go-getter on a mission to be the best she can be. She has worked diligently at Horizons and her efforts have certainly paid off. Her strong-will, determination, and success is a motivating role-model for all of us at Horizons.

Living independently at King Street is a part of Jodi's success. It is through the process and advancement toward self-sufficiency found through programs like supervised community living at King Street and community employment, that members just like Jodi find their way and their niche in being happy, independent and productive members of our community.

I hope you, too, will see the value of our King Street Apartments and donate to our annual campaign that provide opportunities for adults with disabilities in our community.

Sincerely,

Ronald Askland
Chief Executive Officer

P.S. Your support helps Horizons Unlimited in so many ways. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.