

Community Life Engagement



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This month has been a busy one. It has been the first time in a very long time with no snow days! We also have some very exciting news to share. We received a full grant to install the Smart Living Technology pilot program for some of our members. "Living the Smart Life" is a story which demonstrates AbleLink's vision for how technology can make a difference in the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. People with cognitive disabilities can benefit from the same mainstream technologies that everyone uses to manage and enjoy life when provided with the appropriate access. Greater independence and self-determination are very realistic outcomes for a population that, to this point, has benefited very minimally from other assistive technologies. I have included the following link if anyone would like to find out more about this.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TuHLj2U0SMQ>

Highlights in May

With Memorial Day this month we have taken time to talk about what Memorial Day is and why we celebrate it. Members hold this holiday very special in their hearts because most of them have a friend, loved one or family member that has served. We visited some area monuments and paid our respects. A lot of members went home for the holiday weekend and enjoyed time with family.

Everyone has been getting out and cleaning up area parks and trails. Horizons members have even got some fishing in. There is always time for volunteering at the Animal Shelter and taking some friends for a walk. Who can say no to outdoor bowling.

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