



MONEY FOLLOWS THE PERSON

**Success Stories as shared by
My Place participants in
Louisiana**

Home with Mom....

Mr. Richard was in an auto accident over fifteen years ago. His mother Mrs. Chaisson fought with his father for over ten years to obtain custody of her son. Once his mother obtained custody, she started the process of trying to get him home. She was referred to My Place Louisiana in 2012, where she received assistance with home modification and durable medical equipment. My Place was able to help her obtain a shower trolley, so Anthony would not be confined to bed bath everyday. He also required an extra long transfer board that was not covered by Medicaid. His mother is so grateful for all the assistance that My Place has provided. The most profound improvement noted with Anthony is his increased vocabulary since returning home. He and his mother are the happiest now that he is home!



Anthony's modifications



Back in New Orleans..... With Ms. Wesby

Mrs. Wesby, a New Orleans Hurricane Katrina evacuee, was injured in a MVA while living in San Antonio, Texas in 2007. She escaped with a C5 Spinal Cord Injury resulting in quadriplegia, Traumatic Head Injury, and her right leg amputated above the knee. She was admitted into a nursing facility in San Antonio where she lived for 2 years. After her family returned back to their home in New Orleans East, Ms. Wesby was determined to make it home as well. She was transferred by ambulance to a nursing facility in Uptown New Orleans in November 2010, where she lived for almost 2 years. The most difficult barrier to moving her was that she did not qualify for Permanent Supportive Housing due to income, however her income was still limited for the two bedroom unit she required for her to have a 24 hour live-in caregiver. Ms. Wesby and her support team, were able to locate a rental home in her hometown of New Orleans East and the landlord was able to make the necessary accommodations needed for her to move-in. My Place Louisiana assisted her with security deposits and some furniture. Ms. Wesby transitioned on November 8, 2012 and her quality of life as she states has vastly improved. Her Stage 4 bedsores are now down to Stage 2 status and she is learning how to manage her UTI's and is making less frequent trips to the hospital. She has a roommate who is her 24 hour caregiver, who also shares monthly bills with her. She receives 52 hours a week through waiver services and has visitors rotating daily. Ms. Wesby gets out of the house at least 3 times a week and the Transition Coordinator and Ombudsman have seen a remarkable difference in her personality and overall health.

Ms. Wesby



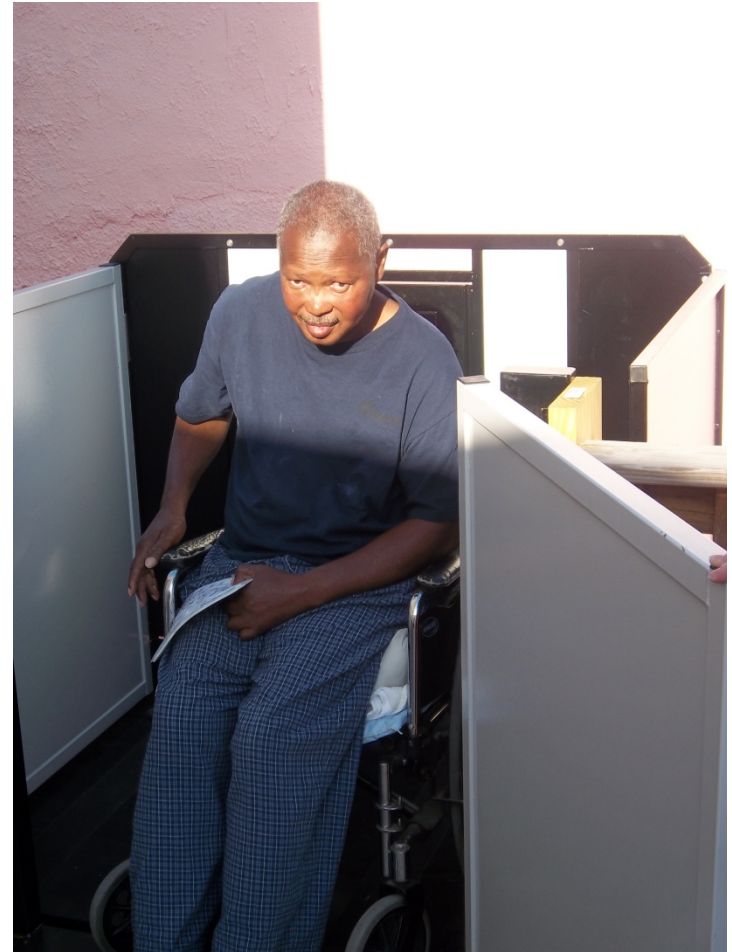
Calm after the storm...

Mr. Mitchell lost his home to Hurricane Katrina. Shortly after, he suffered a stroke which rendered him paralyzed on one side of his body and mute. He was referred to My Place by the Ombudsman in November of 2009, after residing in a nursing facility for five years. Mr. Mitchell was frustrated as Franklin Graham's Ministries rebuilt him a home that was accessible entirely on the inside but there was no accessibility to enter the home from the outside. The home was elevated 6 feet off the ground and had no yardage to build an ADA compliant ramp. Mr. Mitchell needed an electronic lift that costs over \$6000.00 and the current Elderly/Disabled Adult Waiver only allows for a lifetime cap of \$3,000.00. My Place received a supplemental funding award in 2010 which allowed My Place to pay for the expense that was not otherwise covered under the EDA waiver. Mr. Mitchell was ecstatic to return back to his newly built home. His favorite part of being back home is accessing his raised back porch where he can play his guitar and enjoy sunny days outside. He resides with his girlfriend and receives PCA and PERS from the waiver to assist with his personal care needs and his safety in the community.

Calm after the Storm...



Barriers removed



Ms. Patsy comes home!



Bathroom Modified = Home

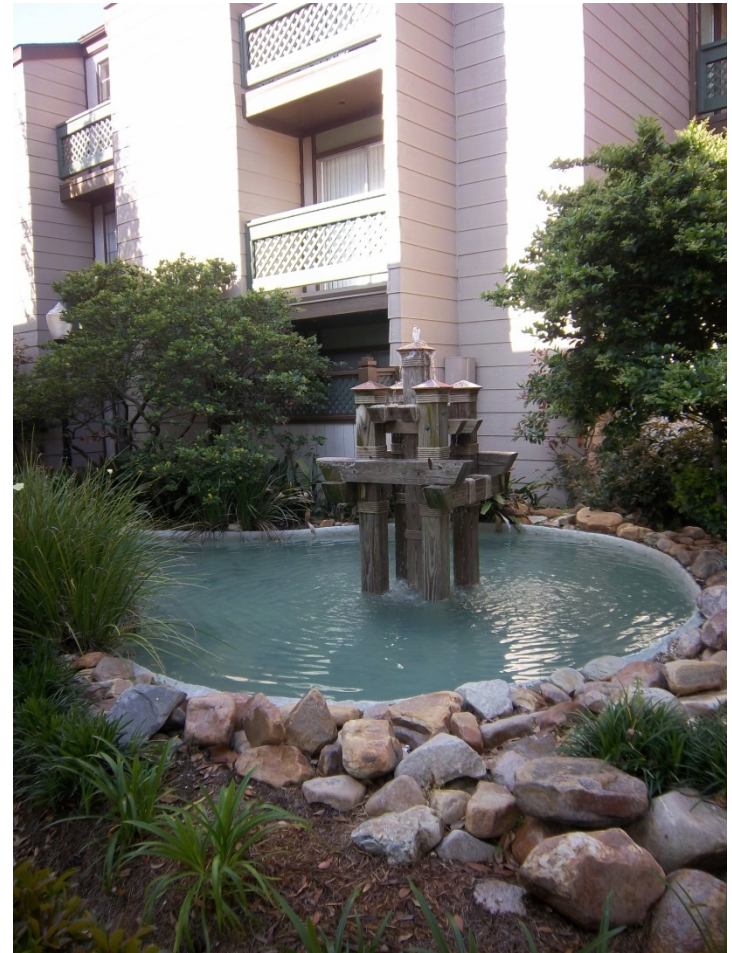
Mrs. Patsy's only wish was to return home to be with her husband. She was referred to the My Place program by the Ombudsman. My Place staff worked to get Mrs. Patsy the supports needed to maintain her health and safety in the community along with needed Environmental Accessibility Adaptations to her bathroom home so that she could receive a bath daily and be care for properly in her home. Mrs. Patsy mentioned that she could have used some grief counseling while in the nursing facility as she made many friends in the nursing facility that subsequently passed away and stated, "no one would tell me anything about them or what happened to them". She opened the My Place staff's eyes to the grief that is often experienced in losing those that become your friend(s) while residing in a nursing facility. Mrs. Patsy, as well as her husband, are happy to be home.

Ronald' Wish?



Ronald endured a stroke which rendered him in a nursing facility for continued therapies. He lived in a nursing facility for many years before being referred to My Place by the state ombudsman. Ronald needed to establish housing to transition. He also required limited assistance with his personal care and instrumental activities of daily living such as light housekeeping chores, to reside in the community. With the assistance of My Place staff and the Elderly/Disabled Adult waiver services, Ronald was able to move back into the community. My Place staff located apartments for Ronald to view. He chose a gated apartment community. His apartment is near the complex's washateria which he loves and pointed out at the home visit recently conducted. He also enjoys being next to the courtyard and states it is the perfect place to gather with friends in the evenings for conversation and coffee.

A Home of His Own!



Mr. Kevin Michael Smith is a 60 year old man with Quadriplegia resulting from a motor vehicle accident. In March 2016 a self-referral was made by My Place Louisiana in order for Mr. Smith to receive a Community Choices waiver offer. The majority of his family either was living or was planning to move to Georgia at that time. The request was made to get Mr. Smith with his family so they could be part of his natural supports. That started the process to get Mr. Smith moved, with services, across state lines. In order to do this Mr. Smith had to first be approved for services here in order to be transferred to Georgia without a lapse. Mr. Smith also did not have Medicaid so he had to be approved in both states before the transition could take place. In addition to his services being approved Mr. Smith would also have to secure housing in Georgia. Transportation to the airport was also a barrier. Because Mr. Smith was a quadriplegic he would need a medical transport to the airport from the nursing facility. Both state agencies were very thorough and able to get all barriers addressed. On January 6, 2017 Mr. Smith's ticket home was purchased and a travel date of February 2 was set for him to go home. He was taken to the airport by medical transport, his flight arrived on time and a transport was waiting on him when he arrived to Georgia. Money Follows the Person in Georgia furnished his apartment before arrival and everything was in place when he arrived.



Case Considerations

To transition or not to transition is
the question

Case Examples for Consideration

“Joe” age 57, has been residing in a nursing facility since he had a CVA three years ago. He is also diagnosed with hypertension, depression, and . Joe has regained his ability walk and can now perform his ADLs independently with some reminders. Joe previously lived with his brother, who is currently unable to provide supports due to his own health issues. He has a high school diploma and held a job at a small convenience store for 25 years prior to his admission. He has a minimal amount of support from his sister and several community members. While Joe no longer has a physical disability, he does have some procedural and short term memory deficits that will require him to have assistance with iADL's.

Case Examples for Consideration

“Charles” is a 65 year-old NF resident who was admitted after bypass surgery & a lengthy hospitalization. He takes medication and has routine follow up with his cardiologist, but has no other significant health problems. Prior to admission, Charles lived with his wife, who at the time was unable to care for him because she works full time & their children all live in other states. Charles is now able to perform his ADLs with minimal assistance and spends his time helping other residents. He wants to move back home with his wife, but is worried his wife will be overwhelmed by helping him transition while she is still working.

Case Examples for Consideration

Mabel is an 85 year-old NF resident who was admitted after being found unresponsive in her home after having suffered a stroke two years ago. As a result of the CVA, she is unable to walk, has limited use of her arms, and can only communicate by nodding or using a communication tool. She is also diagnosed with a seizure disorder and hypertension. Mabel previously lived with her daughter, but she could not afford rent in the previous home & now lives in a one-bedroom apartment. Her daughter also works full-time during the week & part-time every other weekend.