

Maureen's Story

The Brightest Light! The statement is, "How Advocates Brought Light to Me." The Answer, "How didn't they!" Through Advocates I have been able to live my existence exactly how I want to.

Through Advocates, I have been given the opportunity to live in a beautiful community with my wonderful husband. I have been here now for three years and have remained out of the hospital and respite for as long! It's been during these three years that Advocates opened my eyes as well as helping me to open my life to the light of happiness and success!

Those that have touched me the most are the staff that I have worked with. Their helpfulness, caring and warmth is exceptional. They were there for me when I needed help, be it with transportation to appointments, shopping, or just sitting and chatting. Without the help of Advocates, I may not have successfully moved out of the state hospital, a place I called home for many, many years.

With the support Advocates offers, I feel I have gotten stronger in many ways. I can shop, handle my own banking, pay my own bills on time, cook my own meals, all things that Advocates encouraged and supported me in learning how to do!

I truly feel that if I did not get the help and support from people like Kim H. and Sally H., my new clinician, and my loving husband Dodd, all that I have accomplished may not have happened.

The Advocates and Bill Taylor provide the utmost and care and support through all their programs. It is through these programs that include many an enjoyable and well run shindig, that we are given the opportunity to meet other individuals with both similar and varying stories. I am sure that these are clients are just as appreciative as I am.

My ability came to light as I moved out of the State hospital with Advocates support. I lived in a group home in Walpole and then, after marrying my husband, moved into Supported Housing in Norwood, where Kim, and the Advocates Staff helped and encouraged me! With Their support, I have remained well and in the community. I have a beautiful life and a wonderful husband and do things that no one ever dreamed I could!

It is with that kind of support and having people who believed in me that I was able to let my Abilities Light My Way! Thank you Advocates and thank you Dodd, for helping me find who I am and what I am capable of! Thank you for lighting my way!