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Consumer Spotlight: Mark Cole



(Pictured above from left to right Mark Cole and Sheila Wunning, DD Resources' Senior Service Advocate for Mark Cole.)

Mark Cole, a DD Resources client who has a diagnosis of Mild Mental Retardation, has overcome many barriers to become the success he is today. Three and half years ago, Mark was incarcerated for drug use. When he was released from prison, he did not have any income. He was ineligible for both housing programs through St. Louis Housing Authority as well as Food Stamp benefits due to his conviction.

Despite these setbacks, Mark set goals to financially take care of himself and have a family. Mark then completed an

outpatient substance abuse program and completed an aftercare treatment program. DD Resources was then able to have St. Louis Authority and Food Stamp benefits reinstated and assisted Mark with applying for a housing voucher through Shelter + Care. He began seeking employment with assistance from the MO Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

10 months after being released from prison, Mark moved into his first apartment and obtained a part-time job. In August 2010, Mark got married. Today, Mark continues to maintain his part-time job and is working on improving his reading comprehension skills. He also has been so successful in complying with the conditions of his parole that his supervision level has been modified. Rather than being required to meet with his parole officer in person, he calls monthly to report his progress.

DD Resources is very proud of Mark because of the barriers he has overcome to get to where he is today! We hope he continues to have success in everything he endeavors!



*(Pictured at left)
DD Resources' newly added ramp.*

*Special Thanks to:
Ida Siegfried & William Bricken with
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Annual Reports are now available. If you would like a copy, please contact Rhonda Kanaday at 314-421-0090.

If you have a question, comment, or concern, please contact Michelle Darden at 314-421-0090.



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FY11-12 Funding

DD Resources' Board of Directors approved a \$12,696,053 budget for the 2011/2012 fiscal year. Those funds will be used for the following:

-30 Agencies will continue providing a variety of services such as, but not limited to: job training, life skills development, habilitation, and socialization.

-Four Transportation Providers will continue providing transportation to individuals accessing sheltered workshops or attending day programs.

-Four In-House Programs will continue providing the following services to city residents with developmental disabilities: Targeted Case Management, Educational Coach, Project CaseFind, and Horizon Club.



Festival of Nations

When: Saturday, August 27, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, August 28, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Where: Tower Grove Park, near Grand/Arsenal

Cost: Admissions to the event is FREE; there is a reasonable fee for food, drinks and gifts.

DD Resources will be handing out informational flyers, coloring books and tote bags at a reserved booth at the festival.

For more information regarding this event please contact Ashley Elliott by email at aelliott@stldd.org or phone (314) 421-0090 extension 345.

Mission:

To ensure individuals with developmental disabilities in the City of St. Louis have quality services, choices, and full inclusion.

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