



Ordinary Lives, Extraordinary Impact

When people hear that Chamberlin House supports individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, they sometimes imagine that our work revolves around extraordinary events or life-changing milestones.

The truth is, our days are filled with something much simpler—and much more meaningful.

We celebrate the ordinary.

A morning cup of coffee enjoyed just the way someone likes it. Choosing what to wear for the day. Going to work. Shopping for groceries. Visiting family. Meeting a friend for lunch. Learning a new recipe. Taking a walk through the neighborhood. Decorating for a holiday. Laughing together over a favorite television show.

These moments may seem ordinary to many of us, but they are the building blocks of an independent, meaningful life.

At Chamberlin House, we believe every person deserves the opportunity to make choices, pursue their interests, contribute to their community, and build relationships that matter. Our role isn't to define what a good life looks like. It's to support each person in creating a life that reflects their own goals, preferences, and dreams.

Sometimes that means celebrating a new job or winning the gold. Other times, it means recognizing the quiet victories that often go unnoticed: building confidence, trying something new, overcoming a fear, or simply finding the courage to make a decision independently.

Those moments may not make headlines, but they change lives.

They remind us that dignity is found in having choices. Confidence grows through opportunity. Belonging is created through relationships. And every person deserves the chance to experience the everyday joys that many of us take for granted.

The impact of our work isn't measured only by programs or services. It is measured in smiles shared over dinner, pride after accomplishing a personal goal, friendships that continue to grow, and lives filled with greater independence and purpose.

Ordinary lives are never truly ordinary.

They are made extraordinary by the people who live them, the communities that welcome them, and the opportunities that allow everyone to belong.

Thank you to our dedicated staff, families, community partners, and supporters for helping make those opportunities possible every day.

—Carrie Howell, Executive Director
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