

AARON – STAFFED RESIDENTIAL



Sometimes, the subtle details make all the difference. This became immediately apparent when we had the opportunity to meet Aaron at his funky West 6th Avenue apartment in Vancouver. He lives here with his roommate, Melissa, whose family helped develop the resource in 1997.

Pacific Coast Community Resources acquired two side-by-side apartments in a great neighbourhood. They removed the adjoining wall and supported Melissa and her friend, Josh, to move into the separate suites. Both families were instrumental in making the move happen. Aaron moved to the home in 2004, shortly after Josh passed away in 2004.

Although both Aaron and Melissa are in wheelchairs and have significant medical needs, the pair feel very at home in this contemporary building. The polished cement, burnished copper, and open concept industrial design ceilings ensure that wheelchair tracking systems are indistinguishable from the intended industrial design.

Pacific Coast provides staff 24 hours a day and 7 days per week, but the homes undoubtedly belong to Aaron and Mel. The suites are warm and busy, full of all those things that are important to the roommates. They are close to their families and Granville Island. They are in their community every day and have many acquaintances. Aaron and Mel live rich, enjoyable lives. Kudos go out to the agency for going the extra mile and thinking outside the box.