

DARRIN – LIVE-IN SUPPORT



At the age of 29, Darrin has become the very proud owner of a beautiful, new home in Langford. Along with his parents, Diana and Gary, he has purchased one of four homes in a brand new subdivision under Langford's affordable housing plan. Under this plan, developers are required to sell 10% of homes they build for \$150,000. This represents huge savings off the \$290,000 market value for homes in that area.

Although they missed the initial application deadline, Diana was determined that Darrin was going to have his own home and immediately reapplied. They received good news last September and Darrin officially moved into his new home in December of 2006. Within the home, he receives the care he requires through a rotation of workers from Integra Support Services, Ltd. who live in the home with him. Through this innovative new model of service, Darrin and his family fully participate in deciding who supports.

Since moving from his family home, Darrin has had a variety of living arrangements that required him to conform to the rules and culture of that particular setting. When he joined Integra, things began to change. He now has a personal support network to ensure that all planning revolves around his needs and goals for the future. Darrin has strong personal values that include freedom of movement, contact with family, and a desire to have a dog. He prefers to be supported by friends close to his own age rather than by supervisors. His support network and his new home respect these ideals. He has settled into his home and proudly welcomes visitors with coffee and a tour. "It's wonderful to see how comfortable and at ease he is, knowing that he'll never have to move again," says Mom. He's looking forward to adding flowers to his garden this spring and having his family over for dinner.