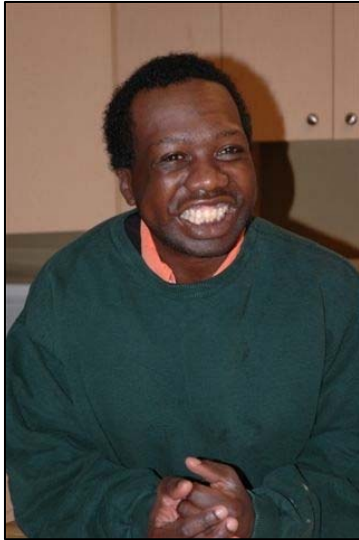


THAI – CLUSTER APARTMENTS



Thai is a very engaging gentleman who lives in his own apartment in a fourplex in Victoria. Thai has a big warm smile and welcomes visitors to his home. He has lived in his own place for 2 years now and is proud to say, "this is my house!" Thai likes books, magazines, music, and soap operas. Sometimes in the evening, he goes to a jam in his neighbourhood. He also likes to watch *American Idol*.

When his nieces and nephews visit, he puts on cartoons for them to watch. When Thai is visiting at his sister's home, they put on his soaps for him to watch. Thai works for his sister around the property. He mows the lawn and keeps the grounds of the fourplex neat and tidy. He looks forward to payday.

Thai likes his things to be in the same place and he is very particular about the condition of his magazines and books. Thai attends a day program where he has one to one support to participate in the community.

Previous to this, Thai lived in a group home. It was difficult for Thai and those around him were extremely worried about the number of upsetting incidents that were occurring in the home. The residents in the home would touch Thai's books or move his things. Thai's sister, Me Kon, was very concerned about him. One day she noticed an ad in the paper for a duplex and wondered if it could be possible for Thai to have his own apartment. Me Kon and the agency that supported Thai began to look for the right place for Thai. Me Kon bought the fourplex and Thai and two other fellows moved in to their own apartments. The fourth suite is occupied by the overnight staff who provides support from 10 PM to 10 AM.

Life is much more settled for Thai now that he has a place to call his own.