

Michael Jefferies

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Challenges: **Disability**

Low support system
Housing Mobility

Services received:

Lease Purchase home
Financial counseling
Home ownership counseling

Outcomes:

Stable employment
Debt elimination
Improved credit scores
Family college education

Personal Hobbies:

Movies
Runnier
Bicycler

Michael Jefferies was born with cerebral palsy, but the effects of his disease never stopped him from facing life with a positive, forward thinking mindset. Michael grew up moving from home to home, and his family often discouraged him from taking steps forward. However, Michael refused to give in to these negative messages, and always believed in the power of a permanent address.

As a young adult, Michael began filling out housing applications and soon came in contact with CHN. CHN not only provided Michael a stable home, but built him a home to accommodate his disability. Michael found more than a home with CHN, he found a permanent address so his oldest daughter could receive her Bachelors in Business Administration and he could work for 21 years at the Ohio Library for Blind and Disabled.

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As a CHN resident, Michael has been able to work with a financial counselor to ensure his long term stability. With the help of a CHN Financial Counselor, Michael has been able to raise his credit score 148 points, eliminate his debt, and save for \$1,200 for a down payment. Michael will become a homeowner next year.

“My financial counselor has given me attainable target points that help me stay focused and reinforce my belief that anything is possible through hard work and a positive, stable environment”.