

LAKES REGION COMMUNITY SERVICES

Engage. Empower. Inspire.

Over the course of our lives, most all of us meet people who give us reason to pause and to think a bit differently about things. As the Executive Director of Lakes Region Community Services (LRCS), serving individuals and families who live with some extraordinary challenges, I am privileged to experience many of these moments. As I reach out during this season of giving, to ask you for your donation to our Annual Fund, I want to share one person's story.

Meet Brint Woodward



Blind since birth and on the autism spectrum, Brint Woodward is a man of many talents and interests with a keen intellect. Exercising on his trampoline, Brint is a master of jumps and flips moving in beat to music. He can recite details about every artist and song he plays while joyfully soaring in the air. Brint is naturally curious about people, and places, loves history and is passionate about his local community.

However, if you meet Brint, he will first tell you about The Readery Bookstore in Plymouth. Brint has worked at The Readery for 14 years - greeting customers, running the cash register, organizing books, and *always* promoting the business - whenever and wherever he gets the chance.

Brint enjoys traveling with his family. People who meet Brint, sometimes in faraway airports, are known to show up on Main Street in Plymouth, looking for The Readery with his braille embossed business card in-hand.

LRCS supports people of all ages, and in many different ways in carrying out our mission of serving *our community by promoting independence, dignity and opportunity for all*. We believe strongly that everyone deserves to live life as independently as they can and that we are a better community when we include all people in the mainstream of life—those with disabilities, elders, and families in need of support. We work hard to foster real community connections such as employment opportunities that include starting businesses, where with some supports, Brint enjoys his career.

Our role as a family-centered organization with four decades working in the Lakes Region, is to help our most vulnerable citizens of all ages and in all stages of life, to live meaningful lives in their community. We rely on the kindness and generosity of supporters like

you to provide the flexible resources that help us to be innovative and responsive to people's needs.

This year I hope I can count on you to make a tax-deductible gift to Lakes Region Community Services Foundation. LRCS Foundation exists to benefit LRCS by raising and receiving funds to meet critical needs – today, tomorrow and into the future.

Please join us in this effort! Together we can make a difference and continue to build a culture of inclusion.

Thank you from all of us! May you and your family enjoy the holiday season.

Sincerely,



Christine L. Santaniello
Executive Director

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