



## Meet the latest addition to the HHD family: **Daniel Blandford**

Daniel was born in Camarillo, California in May 1994. Daniel lived with his dad, mom and brother (14) before coming to Trail House. Daniel has lived in several different states, including Georgia, Virginia, Missouri, Idaho, California, and of course Washington.

Daniel loved going to school since the first day he got to get on the school bus. He even closed the door behind him so that his parents couldn't make him get off. Daniel loves going shopping, to the doctors and dentist, and church, but he doesn't like walking very far at all.

Daniel has a very large extended family, mostly living in the Greater Los Angeles area. Daniel is very gregarious, affectionate, and loves attention. Daniel only uses 10 or so vocal words, but has a very large "functional sign" set. Daniel's mother says that his comprehension level is around college age.

He lived in the Greater Los Angeles area until his mom had a business opportunity to move to Washington in 2005. Daniel and his family lived in Greater Spokane until June 2014. Daniel attended North Pines Middle School, Barker High School, East Valley High School, and Shadle Park High School. Each school had an amazing special needs program. At East Valley HS, the Differentiated Instruction (DI) students were given the opportunity to learn to garden. Daniel got to participate in the DI softball league when he attended Shadle Park. Daniel was in a self-inclusive classes and was growing and learning. He attended school until last year. Daniel and his family moved to Whidbey Island in July 2014. While they lived in Greenbank, they were unable to find any programs for him.

Daniel's family was looking for programs that would benefit Daniel and expand his horizons. Daniel's mom and dad have medical problems that are affecting them more and made it more difficult to care for Daniel. They were able to have the DDA get him approved for an Adult Family Home, but after many calls and visits, they just weren't enough for Daniel and his needs. When he was approved for a CORE waiver, they were extremely happy that Trail House had an opening, and it has been a perfect fit.

Daniel loves living at Trail House. He has been with us for almost 3 months. He attended Camp Lake Retreat and loved it. He has been on many outings. The Family at Helping Hands are so pleased that he is with us and will continue the next step on his journey as part of Helping Hands. We can't wait to see how much he will continued to grow with us!

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Daniel with his housemate, Andy.

*"THE MISSION of Helping Hands for the Disabled is to support people with developmental disabilities in achieving their potential, building their self esteem, and enhancing their community involvement. To accomplish this, we commit our energy and resources to developing and maintaining residences and a continuum of program services to meet their needs."*

*- HHD's Mission Statement*

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# Photo Album: Lake Retreat



**Lake Retreat is made possible by your generous donations at our annual auctions.**



# Become A Board Member!

**Helping Hands for the Disabled is currently in search of passionate people who wish to share their talents with our organization and residents. For a limited time commitment, you could volunteer as a board member and really make a difference in the community and the Helping Hands family. For more information, please contact Cheryl Jordan at 425-644-4344 or at [cheryl.jordan@hhftd.org](mailto:cheryl.jordan@hhftd.org).**

## Auction Recap

Helping Hand recently hosted our annual auction. It was held this year at Embassy Suites in Bellevue, and we celebrated our 40th anniversary. We had net proceeds of just over \$20,000. And we want to thank all of those who helped make it a success!

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**Because of Genesee's continued generosity to Helping Hands, we wish to pay them special tribute in this issue.**

Genesee and Helping Hands have been partners now for over ten years. Genesee continues to support our mission and our residents in all of their endeavors. They have been faithful sponsors of our events for many years now, and we wish to thank them for their continued support.

We would especially like to thank Steve Clark at Genesee for making sure that we continue to receive the support our residents need. Over 90% of all funds donated to us go directly to our residents to support them in their undertakings and ensuring that they have all the tools they need to live an enriched and fulfilling life. Thanks so much!

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