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Saratoga Bridges receives a grant from the GLOBALFOUNDRIES-Town of Stillwater Foundation

Saratoga Bridges received a \$5,000 grant from the GLOBALFOUNDRIES-Town of Stillwater Foundation for a kitchen renovation project at their home on Graves Road in Stillwater.

The agency prides itself on being proactive in assuring that the Residential Program is not just a group of institutional-modeled facilities for consumers, residents, clients or service recipients or work sites for staff members. Rather, their homes are where people live like any family does. They can be who they are, feel love, comfort and security, rejoice in happy, successful occasions and console each other in times of sadness. As in any neighborhood, their homes are a reflection of the people who reside in them. While Saratoga Bridges provides oversight, upkeep and support, they fervently believe it is the individuals who live in these houses that make them a home. Quite simply, they are your neighbors and friends!

At their community-based home on Graves Road, there are 5 unique, capable men and women. Together, they share chores, make decisions about their home and celebrate happy occasions while comforting each another on difficult days. As neighbors, they keep their home looking nice and pride themselves on being productive, involved, valued and active members of their community. When Saratoga Bridges purchased the house in 2000, it was 3 years old. Initially they spent \$80,000 in modifications. However, they were not able to update the kitchen at that time. Now, 15 years later, the kitchen has had wear and tear. The results from the GLOBALFOUNDRIES-The Town of Stillwater Foundation grant will enrich and enhance the lives of the people who live there.

As one of the largest non-profit organizations in Saratoga County, Saratoga Bridges has been proudly providing the highest level of services and programs to people with developmental disabilities and their families for more than 55 years by promoting their abilities and achievements in every aspect of community life. Throughout their history, family members, staff and volunteers have been committed to ensuring that

the individuals they serve are able to realize their goals, hopes and aspirations as they work, volunteer, socialize and recreate while leading full, productive and contributing lives. The agency employs close to 600 conscientious people who work diligently and with great compassion to be responsible for the 24/7 care of over 800 individuals. Saratoga Bridges' philosophy is that every day is full of possibilities!