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

Saratoga Bridges received an \$11,700 grant from the GLOBALFOUNDRIES-Town of Malta Foundation for a kitchen refurbishment project at their home on Meadow Rue Place in Malta. They will be addressing items such as purchasing appliances and fixtures that are energy efficient and replacing the flooring, countertops, cabinets and medical closet.

When the agency purchased the house in 2000, it was 13 years old. Initially they spent \$17,000 in modifications. Since then, they painted, installed a fire alarm, purchased a new furnace and replaced some carpeting. However, they were not able to update the kitchen at that time. Now, 15 years later, the kitchen has had wear and tear.

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, they are homes where people 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!

The 4 unique, capable men who live in the home on Meadow Rue Place love living there. They state collectively, "We are just like any other family!" Each day they strive to reach their hopes and dreams. Living in their home gives them numerous opportunities to feel valued, proud and actively involved in the Malta area community. The results from the GLOBALFOUNDRIES-The Town of Malta 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!

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