

Dungarvin

2014 ANCOR Direct Support Professional of the Year Nomination

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Brenda and Hal Rosvall – Dungarvin Utah
nomination submitted by Paula Bergeron, Director

Brenda Rosvall and her husband Hal, have assisted both Ronald and Bart in accomplishing several life goals in just a short three year period of time. Ronald has successfully built bird houses and completed several woodworking projects under the supervision of Hal. These accomplishments have brought great joy to Ronald, as he has an opportunity to decorate his home and gift to others his wonderful projects. In addition, Brenda and Hal have assisted Ronald in keeping in touch with friends from his past living and working environments. Ronald writes at least one letter a week and receives mail back from those he writes. Bart has an opportunity to take walks in the community at least three times a week and frequently more often as weather permits. Bart enjoys his time walking and understands that his exercise is critical in maintaining his health.

Ronald and Bart have become extended family members of the Rosvall family in every sense of the word. They both participate in several family gatherings each month and both participate in the preparations and decorations for those events. In addition, Brenda and Hal have invited Ronald and Bart's family to also participate in many events and assure that they have every opportunity to spend time with their own families as they choose.

Ronald and Bart have several medical issues that require frequent trips to the doctors and much follow-up care. Brenda and Hal assure all medical care and follow-up treatments as well as new supplies and medications are available and properly implemented on each of the individual's behalf. This alone is a full time job for these two gentlemen and Brenda and Hal assure it is always completed accurately and timely. Advocating for their every need isn't limited to medical treatment; Brenda and Hal advocate for the two gentleman everyday with their day programs and work sites in order assure a comprehensive, team approach to all of their needed supports.

Just last month, Ronald ended up in the hospital for five days. Brenda left her job training session to meet Ronald at the hospital. Later that day, Hal went to hospital to assure that they had all of Ronald's current medical and insurance information and to see if Ronald needed anything for his stay. Both Brenda and Hal checked in on Ronald each day at the hospital, and assured he had everything he needed to be comfortable as well as assure he was being properly cared for by the hospital staff. Bart has been diagnosed with renal kidney failure. The Rosvalls have stated that Bart is part of the family and they would like to care for him until the end of life, if it is possible. The Rosvalls made this decision after several team meetings and obtaining information regarding hospice care in the home. This is a level of dedication we just don't see everyday and clearly defines going above and beyond one's job duties.

Brenda and Hal work as a team to provide all of the supports needed for both individuals. Each has their own daily duties as well as specialized tasks they perform. One may transport and the other cook or one may assist with program goals and the other complete the paperwork. Together they act as a team in the same manner a couple would act in a parental role, only these are adults supporting adults. Both of them have a fantastic relationship with both of the guys and it truly feels like a supportive family environment when you are at their home.

Brenda and Hal are upstanding members of their community and active in their church. They lead by example by encouraging the guys to get involved and do what they can in their community. As a supervisor, working with the Rosvalls has been a pleasure, because I do not have to remind them when deadlines are or worry about if everything will be completed and submitted properly and on time.