

Jon the Jokester



Jon lives in East Haven, CT with his parents, he is in the process of looking for employment. Last year, I had the pleasure of meeting Jon when he came to the Wallingford office and interviewed for a self-advocate coordinator position. During the interview Jon shared a book he had written. I was very impressed and inspired by Jons book, so I reached out to him for a success story.

As you can see the title of this story is Jon the jokester, Jon loves to joke around, laugh, and have fun! Jon is known as the mayor of his community because he is very personable. Interviewing Jon for the story was a pleasure. My first question for Jon was, what inspired you to write this book. Jon mentioned an aunt that inspired him, in addition to enjoying all the fun he always has with his sisters, brothers, nieces and nephews "I have so many

wonderful memories". Jon expressed that one of his many hobbies is journaling. He also said, "I have so many wonderful memories". With this said Jon combined his journaling and bank of wonderful memories and wrote a book. He also mentioned an aunt that inspired him. I asked Jon how long it took him to write his book, he responded, "it took forever, but I survived it!". Of course, we all laughed. Jon published over 12 copies of his book, and in 2021 gave them to family members for Christmas. As mentioned earlier Jon has many hobbies, such as coloring on his iPad arts and crafts, and playing on his Play station.



Another significant accomplishment for Jon was competing at the Oxford Special Olympics where he competed in bowling, volleyball and skiing, just to name a few. In addition to that he participated in The World Games in 1995, where he placed 3rd out of 600 people in cycling. Very impressive!



Lastly, at the end of Jons book was written “ I wrote this book to share my memories and I hope you read and enjoy them, love Jon”. I asked Jon what his future goals are, he said as he smiled from ear to ear, “I would like to write another book”. I then asked him, what do you want everyone to know about you, and he ended with, “how happy I am in my life”



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