



*Making dreams realities.*



*a Home of Their Own*

# It started with a need

- ▶ The Grand Junction Regional Center's Skilled Nursing Unit was about to close its doors. Thirty two people ranging in age from mid twenties to sixties would be displaced but no "place" to house them was found.

# Mesa Developmental Services Stepped Forward to Fill the Void



# Three new Group Homes needed to be built in a matter of months to house 24 people with very high physical and medical needs



- ▶ In less than four months from the time MDS accepted the challenge, land was secured and construction was started in December 2009 to meet a state imposed deadline of spring 2010.



# The New Group Homes Ready at last!











# Getting Comfortable

- ▶ On the right Tyler is relaxing.
- ▶ David Paul loves his new kitchen and participates in meal preparation.





Dovie always laughs when Allen is around.



Everyone in Jessica's house receives nourishment via a G or J tube



MDS uses a holistic health care model nurturing body, mind and spirit for best overall health outcomes. The new homes are staffed round-the-clock with both RNs and Direct Support Professionals with a total of 51 new positions created.

Neighbor girls visit as this group heads out for a spin around the neighborhood.



The smaller, homey settings create a family environment, to which all are responding very well.













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# Thank You



Tyler, Bobbie, Travis and the other residents thank every one who has helped them have a home of their own!

