

# Sunshine House Mansonville looking for a fourth client



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Sunshine House in Mansonville, a 24/7 supervised residence for intellectually challenged adults from the area is looking for a fourth client. A potential client must be eligible for 24/7 supervision, compatible with the other clients, speak English and will ideally be from the area. Involvement of a family member on the Board of Administrators of Sunshine House is required.

Sunshine House has always tried to create a family atmosphere and the clients have a close bond supporting

and caring for one and other. Located in the village of Mansonville on a quiet street close to all services makes the location ideal for many. The town of Mansonville is very supportive of Sunshine House and neighbors and friends interact with the clients on a regular basis in sharing community life.

The families of the clients as well as community supporters have long kept Sunshine House a priority assuring that the needs of the clients are met and that the care given allows them to live as a family unit in joy and friendship. It really is a unique place that brings a ray of sunshine to one's day.

The clients enjoy their own interests as well as joining with the caregiver and other clients in activities involving music, art, crafts, and taking walks. Meals are healthy and exercise encouraged at the client's level of participation ensuring a well-balanced lifestyle.

Having a family member on the Board of Administrators assures that the caregiver is supported and the client's needs are expressed remaining at the forefront of the mission of the



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residence. Communication is a key component to the success of Sunshine House and the Administrators and Caregiver work together for the best interest of the clients.

To determine if this residence is the right place for a client in your life, for more information please contact Stanley Lake at 450-292-3835.

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contracts; these are all things we initially didn't have to do because the government was taking care of it."

Ellinghaus highlighted the importance of having residences like Sunshine House Mansonville as a solution for parents who want to find a suitable environment for their child where they know they will be properly taken care of once they are gone.

"Sunshine House Mansonville has allowed four mentally-challenged adults to remain in their community, in which they are known and valued. It has saved these clients from being uprooted and relocated from placement to placement, many of which are unsuitable for this clientele. It has also allowed the families of

these clients to remain involved in their lives. Stability, consistency and family involvement are of special importance to this clientele."

Despite the challenges it is facing, Sunshine House is grateful for the support it has received from its partners. "We are very lucky to have had invaluable support from community members and volunteers to help us create business models, employee contracts etc. We are also collaborating with AIRE Sherbrooke, a sister organization, that finds itself in the same position."

No matter what, Sunshine House is determined to find a solution. "We are doing our darndest to make sure it works. We have to find a functioning solution."



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