Dennis Celebrates owning his own home with his friends from Price Chopper

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Price Chopper co-workers celebrating with Dennis at his new home. Pictured left to right are Gina Boula, Deborah L. Hete, Brandi Babcock, Dennis Huculiak, Corinna Foster. Back row, Donna Ciancitto, his Job Coach.

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MILFORD - Co-workers had a Pizza Party for their friend and co-worker, Dennis Huculiak to congratulate him on living in his new home.

Dennis a Price Chopper employee has worked at Price Chopper almost 10 years now and his co-workers are all very proud of him and decided to do something special to celebrate this occasion.

Dennis is 47 and was born with developmental disabilities and multiple physical challenges. He is legally blind, partially deaf and has a speech impediment. Despite these significant challenges Dennis is now embarking on the next new phase of his life by living in his very own home.

His parents, Mary and Ted Ohl decided to give their family home to him in order to help him have a more independent and productive life in his own community.

Values into Action an agency that supports people with develpmental disabilities enables people like Dennis to direct their own services and live and work in their own community.

Dennis has also been a volunteer for the Senior Centers in Blooming Grove and Delaware Townships for the past 15 years, he volunteers two

days per week. He enjoys being with the Senior Citizens and giving back to his community. He is also a member of the Knights of Columbus #13935 of Milford and Matamoras.

Dennis's co-worker Corinna Foster in photo remarked that "we love Dennis he is really special to us." Gina Boula, another co-worker said, "we look out for Dennis at work, that's what friends are for, he brightens our day."

Donna Ciancitto, Dennis's Job Coach, seen in photo remarked, "the girls approached Dennis and asked if they could come over to his house and celebrate by having a pizza party. Of course Dennis said yes and was on cloud 9 for a whole week till they came over. His first guests to ever come to his very own home.

Dennis said, "I feel happy" when his mom asked him how he liked having all his co-workers (now friends) to visit him with Pizza.

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