

# SUPPORTED LIVING

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## Who we are:

At Supported Living, we work with persons' served to make them as independent as possible. We offer family-oriented services for adults in a community setting. Supported Living is an alternative to institutional care and helps our persons' served to reach their fullest potential.

## Welcome to the Department!



*Michelle Wilson—Community Living Coordinator*

*"I bring a mixed background of work experience and education that will make it possible for me to help in multiple capacities at BV, and assist team members in delivering quality services. I have lived all over the US; and have worked as a Licensed Child Care Provider for 13 years, 3 years working in various roles with Developmentally Disabled/Dual Diagnosis Persons Served, and 5 years experience working with Alzhiemer and Dementia Patients in an Activity Director Role and Facility Director Role. I am excited to be a part of the BV team".*

*Anthony Murphy—QIDP*

*Anthony Murphy began as a new QIDP in Bona Vista's Supported Living division on June 20, 2017. His background includes work as an editor in print journalism; and education, having taught English composition at the college level. "I'm so thrilled to be working in support of adults with disabilities," Anthony said. "It has been a dream of mine for many years, and I'm already finding it very rewarding!" He added that his colleagues have been immensely helpful and supportive in helping him adjust to his new position.*



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**WELCOME HOME Paul & Jennine.**

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# Back Home Again

On August 24th, 2016 Kokomo experienced a tornado outbreak causing severe damage throughout the city. One home in particular that was damaged was Paul and Jennine Engle; two individuals receiving services through Bona Vista Supported Living. The damage to the Engles home was so substantial they were unable to remain in the home. Paul and Jennine spent the next nine months staying in both a hotel and an apartment. Finally on May 2nd, 2017, Paul and Jennine were able to return to their newly repaired home. The Engles had resided in that home for the last 19 years and were relieved to be able to return back. The support that was provided from the direct care staff, the administrative staff, and the insurance company was wonderful.

**Ground-Breaking News!**



# Ground - Breaking News!

Bona Vista Programs, Inc. broke ground on a new housing project that is scheduled to be completed in the Summer of 2018. The City of Kokomo donated 15% of Meridian Park to Bona Vista Programs, Inc. The agency has designated this housing project for Supported Living persons' served. The Meridian Park complex will be approximately 8,500 square feet and will house 13 persons' served. The layout will include three, 3 bedroom, 3 bath and one, 4 bedroom, 4 bath. The Supported Living department is currently seeking individuals that may be interested in residing in this unit. If you would like to seek more information on Meridian Park, please contact Amy Duranto, Director of Housing, at 765-860-2296 or [aduranto@bonavista.org](mailto:aduranto@bonavista.org).

