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Christopher M. has been a part of the AHRC Suffolk family since 2005. Chris started in AHRC's Pre-Voc program at our Annex location and later also enrolled in our Supported Employment program. In 2010, Chris began working at Home Depot as a lot attendant and is still working there today. Chris recently joined AHRC's residential program and moved into the Bay Shore IRA.

Before moving in to the IRA, Chris spent most of his time alone or at work, which is what prompted him to advocate for a change. After visiting the Bay Shore residence and having dinner with his peers, Chris decided that this change in lifestyle was just what he was looking for! He is happy with his decision, often telling others that he now has a 'family' to enjoy holidays with, and friends to spend his weekends with. This change in his living arrangements has prompted a more successful attitude at work; as he shows up ready to work and eager to do his job - and then is eager and excited to go home.

His transition into life at the Bay Shore residence has been smooth and successful, and Bay Shore staff have made a warm and welcoming home for him.