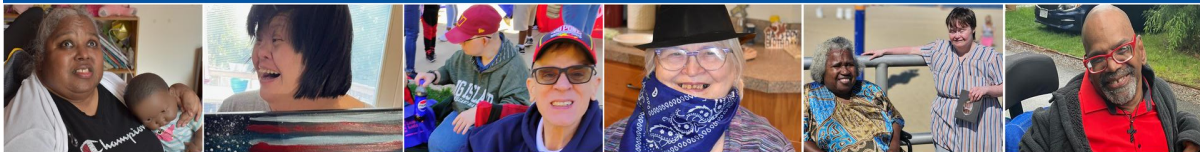


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bi-monthly e-news from Heart Havens



Your Support Makes a Real Difference

Dear Sara Becker ,

You're creating a brighter future for people with a developmental disability. Here's a snapshot of your impact and the latest updates:



VIRGINIA BEACH AQUARIUM

Charles, Thomas, Chris and Barry went to the Virginia Beach Aquarium as part of their Venture Scouts program. They all agreed that this was one of the best moments so far of 2025.



Thomas loved looking at the fish going over top his head, Charles said the whole thing was amazing, Chris enjoyed meeting new people and seeing the fish that looked liked Nemo. Barry said the ride was good and he enjoyed everything at the aquarium..



INDEPENDENCE DAY GIVING A SUCCESS



The weekend of July 4th, Heart Havens sent out by email and social media a request for donations toward a new grill at the Tate home in Ashland.

The guys at the Tate home love to cook on the grill and host summer gatherings so a grill was at the top of their wish list.

Thanks to you, our amazing donors, the project was fully funded in just days and the Tate home is already enjoying hot dogs and burgers on the new grill!



MEET TOM - A VIRGINIA BEACH HOME CATALYST

Tom and his family came to Heart Havens looking for a home in the community where he is so connected - Virginia Beach. While Heart Havens does have two homes in the area, both are women-only homes.

Tom's request became the catalyst for our latest project - a new Heart Havens men's home in Virginia Beach.

We can't wait to share more about his story and this project - look for a video coming soon!

[DONATE NOW TO THIS PROJECT](#)

LOCAL EVENT SPOTLIGHT



**SAVE
THE DATE**



SPECIAL NEEDS PLANNING CONFERENCE

SEPT 19TH, 2025
11 AM - 2 PM EST
VIRTUAL

WITH ALL NEEDS PLANNING AND 7Q

TOPICS INCLUDE SPECIAL NEEDS FINANCIAL PLANNING, ESTATE
PLANNING, SOCIAL SECURITY, AND SO MUCH MORE!

REGISTRATION OPENS SOON!



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WELCOME, RYAN!

Ryan joined the Lynchburg home on in late June and has brought nothing but energy and fun! He loves karaoke, sports, and staying active. Even though he is a gamer, you won't find him sitting still for long.

Ryan volunteers at a local ice cream shop, serving up sweet treats and laughter. Ryan is also eager to find a job soon and explore new opportunities. Always smiling, Ryan says his favorite things are bacon cheeseburgers and, in his words, "just being happy, man." We are so glad to have him as part of the Lynchburg Heart Havens family!



NAP Tax Credit Program



We're thrilled to be part of the Virginia Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) — a win-win opportunity for you and our mission. This state tax credit program encourages donations to nonprofits like Heart Havens by offering generous tax credits to our supporters.

Here's how it works:

Donate \$500 or more unrestricted to Heart Havens and receive a 50% Virginia state tax credit! That means a \$500 donation gives you a \$250 tax credit — all while making a life-changing difference for adults with developmental disabilities.

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