

David Thompson moved into White Haven State Center in 1965, at the age of 11. His brother, Bill, moved from Pennhurst into a SPIN Community Living Arrangement (CLA) thirty years ago. When David left White Haven at the age of 45 to move to SPIN CLA, the brothers reconnected. They enjoyed many get-togethers to celebrate holidays, birthdays and enjoy the occasional pizza and diet Coke.

These days, David lives in Bucks County with The Bestman Family in Lifesharing, a family living arrangement. Thanks to the support he continues to receive in Lifesharing, David has increased and maintained his independence. He is currently enjoying life in retirement after years of working at ACME and APS Services.

David likes to share news of his travels with anyone who will listen. Some of his favorite getaways included a family trip to Disney World with The Bestmans and annual trips to Virginia Beach and Wildwood, NJ. Thanks to his team's hard work, David got his first passport in 2017, and he now considers himself a world traveler. Over the past three years, he's flown to Ireland and taken a cruise to Cancun. In the coming year, David and his Lifesharing Partner plan to take a trip to Netherlands and the UK. David would not have had the opportunity to reconnect with his brother, work for so many years or travel across the globe had he not moved to SPIN.

A Life of Possibilities as told by David Thompson to Sara Sokolow, Program Specialist

