

## A Haven for Aaron

Claudette and her husband Al were shocked. Hours after giving birth to their third son, Aaron, they were told he had Down Syndrome, a genetic disorder where an additional chromosome in the DNA make-up result in mental retardation and other developmental delays. Aaron's parents committed to providing him with the best services, medical care and education possible. but most of all they gave him a home full of love. Claudette worked tirelessly with Aaron to achieve a success from teaching him how to write the letters of his name to the skills he needed for his first job: washing windows, sweeping floors and cutting grass at his church. Because of Claudette's patience and perseverance, Aaron at age 16, is a high functioning young man who will be on his own in just 5 years. Claudy's House will be a natural transition, a haven, for a self-sufficient young man who can cook, clean and take the bus to work.