## Jordie's Story

As a child, I visited Five Counties for speech and occupational therapy. I remember having to take a bus to the Centre (one of the highlights of my week as an 8-year-old!). At that time, there was a classroom set up for kids, and I still smile when I think of my teacher. I remember the readiness of the staff helping with everything we needed.

While I was getting assistance to improve my communications skills, I was also learning how to socialize and make friends, and I made some good ones while I was there. It was more than just about learning.

I want everyone to know how special the staff are at Five Counties. They focused on my most challenging issues and, by meeting my needs as a child, helped me as an adult as I had the chance to develop the personal skills and knowledge to have the great life I have now. I walked out of Five Counties ready to be my best.

What the staff at the Centre do is so important for kids. Every child has their own needs, and the staff went above and beyond to make sure they were met.

Not every child has to graduate from a big university to be considered successful or to be able to go for their dreams. I have close family and friends, I live on my own, I have a job I love and am happiest when volunteering within my community and talking with people. I don't know where I would be without the support I got at the Centre.

Thank you!

Jordie

Jordie, Former Five Counties Client

