



Choice. Respect. independence.

Patio Plays

Activity: In person outdoors – group of 2+

COVID Restrictions: Masks not necessary if all volunteers are in the same pod! Otherwise, please wear a mask and observe social distancing.

Duration: 20 minutes – 1 hour. Flexible!

Age: 10+

Skills: Love for the spotlight! Any and all thespians!

Supplies: Props, costumes, lights!?, music!?

Who

CRI, Choice. Respect. independence. (formerly known as Community Residences, Inc.), is a community-based organization with a focused effort on providing people with developmental disabilities and/or mental health needs the resources, supports and services they need to live their lives with purpose, actively engaged in communities of their choosing. CRI's mission fully supports a person's ability to exercise control of their life's choices, and to live in and contribute to communities of their choosing, as young adults through aging in place. We believe in serving individuals within the communities in which they live & supporting the individual's choices and independence.

Why?

With COVID changing the way we all interact with the world, we've had to adjust our routines, implement coping mechanisms, and find new strategies to connect with our loved ones. We have turned to Zoom and the internet to retain connections and stay in touch with the outside world. However, while there is a treasure trove of culture, inspiration, communities, and engagement on the internet, all that is lost on residents who don't engage with screens. Staff have been working with residents to find ways to keep them learning and growing through games and projects that can be done at home but it has been challenging to keep it up for over a year.

Project Description

If you are a thespian looking for an outlet to stretch your acting skills and a place to practice complete with audience, then this is the project for you!

While COVID still restricts interaction, we have some group homes that have large sliding glass doors that open up to spacious patios where you and your troop/cast can host a 20-30 minute play, improv, musical, or choreographed dance for residents and staff! To follow CDC guidelines, the doors will be closed, but the audience will be able to see and interact with the actors through the glass – like an in-person YouTube Video.

CRI has group homes throughout Northern Virginia that would love some love.

How?

Our staff and residents would love to watch anything you perform, but we're looking for Action! Drama! Emotion! Lights! Music! Costume Changes! You do have to emote through a glass door after all. Patio Plays should be in 10-15 minute segments. No memorization necessary. You can read directly off a script! Come share your skills!