



Youville House

Assisted Living Residence

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Resident Profile: David Angney

Although the average age of folks living at Youville House is about 85, there are a number of people, who for various reasons require the services of assisted living at a younger age. And, like the older Residents, these younger adults have a strong desire to be active members of the Youville House community, and to continue to contribute to the community at large.

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Sixty-six year old David Angney is one person who has found opportunities to reach out to others in a very unique way. Blind from birth, he has opened the eyes of others to give them a deeper understanding of his challenges and to the joys he experiences in his life.

David, who has resided at Youville House for six years, is an active member of Christ Church parish, an Episcopalian parish in Cambridge. He sings in their choir, and plays the piano for special church functions. Through the help of Braille, he has also been a regular reader during Sunday services.

But David tells us he has experienced the most joy as a volunteer at the parish Sunday School class for fifteen kids from the 5th and 6th grades.

David volunteers as a guest to the class, giving the youngsters the unique opportunity to

ask him questions about his blindness.



“I enjoy the kids because they are so uninhibited,” he says. “When I answer their questions about what I

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do for fun, how I learned at school, and how I read, the children get a better understanding that people who are different from them have the same hopes and dreams as they do, and need to have friends and belong.”

The classroom is a forum where kids can ask any question, and David responds with candor and patience. “They are interested in how I use a cane, and how I read Braille. They want to know if I’ve ever ridden a bike, and what I do for fun.”

David also makes a great contribution to the Youville House community. He can often be heard in a spirited debate with other Residents over dinner, or playing piano for Residents interested in singing some of their favorite tunes. And when the moment’s right, he can get a crowd of Residents and family members rocking to Elvis and Jerry Lee Lewis. David has assimilated into the community with the support of staff and the friendship of many Residents. He’s even developed his own unique exercise program, climbing multiple flights of stairs each day to keep in shape.

We salute David for his courage and generous spirit, and fully expect more great things to come.

About Youville House

Youville House is a not-for-profit, assisted living residence located in the heart of Cambridge.

At Youville House we understand the challenges families and Residents face as they transition to assisted living. Our staff consists of a team of highly qualified individuals dedicated to offering support and encouragement to all Residents. Our goal is to help each Resident experience independence, dignity, privacy, and enthusiasm for each new day.

Wellness nurses are available to our Residents seven days a week and resident care assistants are on the premises 24 hours a day. Each apartment is equipped with two emergency call systems, and Residents are provided with pendants to notify staff if help is needed.

Youville House is in an ideal city location with easy access to public transportation. Our Residents enjoy the many wonderful cultural and educational opportunities Boston and Cambridge offer, including historical sites, museums, diverse shopping and interesting restaurants.

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