

Staff Testimonial

My story and love for this organization started in April 2015. I was the Sales Manager for a software company in Ogden for 12 years. The owner sold the company to a group that had a difference of honesty and integrity than what my values were, so I resigned. I decided to get out of sales and interviewed with Ability Inclusion Services as the warehouse manager in the Ogden center. While I was waiting to hear if I was accepted for the position, I had an accident, I fell off a ladder and broke both of my heels. I had casts on both legs from my toes to knees. I could not stand or put any weight on the breaks for 10 weeks in the hope that I would not have to have surgery. Two days after my accident I received a call offering me the position. I asked if I could do the job from a wheelchair and explained the situation. The assistant director told me he wanted me and would hold the position until I was able to have the casts removed. This was the first of many decisions that drew me close to the organization. The compassion shown to me was huge!

I spent the next two and a half months crawling through the house. In order to go anywhere I had to crawl down the stairs into the garage pull myself up into the car. My wife could not lift me so I had to figure it out. This was huge for me, I realized that I would walk again one day but many of our clients would never have that privilege. The realization that hit me was how much I took for granted the everyday tasks of walking, standing, and running. The freedom that a lot of our clients do not have. It has been a blessing for me to associate with the clients one on one and get to know them for the wonderful people they are!

To me the most meaningful part of working at Ability Inclusion Services is being able to grow as a person with compassion and empathy for others, I feel I have become a better person working with a staff of truly loving people.



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