



Lily Poss

Seeing Beyond the Disability

It's What a Person Can Do That Matters

One thing Lily Poss has always seen clearly: she wanted to work and earn her own money. With help from MRCI and State Services for the Blind, Lily is now seeing her vision of working in a job she loves, out in the community, become reality. A reality made possible because of people who could see beyond her disability. Lily now works with MRCI Employment Coordinator Becky Willett.

"Lily is very independent and loves to work hard!" says Becky. "When I met her, she was eager to get into the workforce. One of MRCI's employment partners, Country Inn and Suites in Mankato, had an amazing opportunity for her. An opportunity she seized from the get-go!"

Country Inn and Suites was in need of a laundry attendant, a job Lily wanted to pursue. Becky arranged for a job tryout to make sure it was a good fit for Lily and the employer.

"With the job tryout, she brought in her additional resources from State Services for the Blind, to help learn the laundry room and become familiar with the area," explains Becky. "But once she was comfortable with the area she went straight to work. Country Inn and Suites was so happy with her work, they brought Lily on to their team permanently and things are going great so far!"

Lily says she is thankful for opportunities that have come her way from MRCI, SBB and Country Inn and Suites.

"It may not seem like a job suited for everyone," explains Lily. "I am a laundry attendant so it is my job to clean the laundry, fold it, and put it away once it's folded. What I like about the job is the people are friendly, it gives me exercise, and it's something I am good at. It also helps me get out of the house."

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