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Tami White – Small Steps Make Huge Dreams Come True

Tami White has many firsts on the horizon to look forward to. For one, on June 18, she begins a trip that will be her first time in an airplane and her first independent trip without her sister. This huge step has taken many small ones to make happen. White is literally counting down the days until departure. As a nice coincidence, the trip begins on the day she turns 50.

Before White came to Mosaic, she lived in a crowded, large state-run institutional group home setting with a total of four individuals in her room. While there she was placed on a waiting list for Home and Community-Based Services (HCS). Due to an emergency situation, however, her place on the list was expedited and after nearly a year she found a place to call home at Mosaic, where she has been since 2002. Her sister, Tonya Boeck, says that she has never seen White happier than she has in the last seven years.

During those years, White has met many personal outcomes, grown into her personality and is able to express herself in ways that she couldn't before. She lives an independent life where she decides what choices to make to pursue her dreams. The upcoming June trip is a major milestone in White's life because it will be a first-ever trip by herself to Orlando, Florida.

While this is a big step for White, it is a big step for her sister as well. Boeck never dreamed that White would be able to go on a trip alone. Jennifer Caruso, Tami's Case Manager, has been reassuring. Now, White can realize her dream of visiting Mickey Mouse on her 50th birthday, fly on an airplane and travel with a wonderful group of people who will support and take care of her while she travels and explores all of what Disney World has to offer. If you would like to follow Tami's story, visit Mosaic's Myspace page at www.myspace.com/mosaic_texas or web site www.mosaicinfo.org



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