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*My Life in Mukwonago*

My name is Kelly Weyer. I am 29 years old. I was born with a congenital heart defect which is called Tetralogy of Fallot. I went to three different hospitals and had one open heart surgery before I came home from the hospital, for the first time. I have had 2 open heart surgeries since then. I go to Children's Hospital of Wisconsin once a year for check-ups and an echocardiogram. When I was born my doctors didn't think I would survive.

I have an older sister name Sam who is a Doctor of Veterinary medicine. She works with small animals in Madison. I have three little yorkies at home who just love to bark at everything they see outside! I always had a lot of different kinds of animals when I was growing up.

I'm from Mukwonago which is a small town in Waukesha county. It's hard for adults with disabilities to find a job in that area. Because Mukwonago is so much smaller than other communities there aren't a lot of opportunities compared to bigger counties and towns where there are options for jobs. Now I have a job in New Berlin at a nursing home where I clean in the resident's rooms. All my coworkers and the residents are nice.

There aren't a lot of apartments available for adults with disabilities in Mukwonago. I wish more apartments were accessible and affordable. Maybe in the future Mukwonago will build section 42 apartments for people with disabilities or there will be more jobs available. I'm very thankful to have access to Senior on the Go which is the only taxi service in Mukwonago. There are no buses or public transportation since the town is too small. If I didn't have access to the taxi, I wouldn't be able to get around town when I need to.

I've also been a part of Special Olympics since I was 13 years old. My favorite sports are volleyball, basketball and track & field. The best part about playing is after the game is done because if we win then we get a medal or ribbon. This fall I also started attending the partners in Policymaking program where I am learning to be a self-advocate and meeting other partners from around the state! When I'm not working or playing sports, I really enjoy making pottery with my mom! We like to take different artsy ideas and make them with our hands and clay. Using different glazes allows us to really make every piece unique and we hope to sell our pottery someday.