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Working Together Spells Success for Dynamic Duo!

March is National Developmental Disabilities Month

LOUISVILLE, KY. – March 18, 2008- “Mike is like my little brother, he is part of me and my family and we wouldn’t have it any other way,” said Greg Ross, friend and staff for Mike Berry.

Greg works for LifeLinks, a staffing agency that works with people with developmental and mental health disabilities. LifeLinks contracts with Community Living Services, a non-profit organization promoting self-determination, community inclusion and full citizenship for people with disabilities.

Greg and Mike have been buddies for about six years and the guys like to do a lot of the same things with each other.

“Mike has Down Syndrome and is able to live quite independently; he just needs a little support from me. I myself have cerebral palsy, so it’s quite easy for me to understand and relate to him,” said Ross, who when he’s not providing staffing for Mike, is a husband and father of 5. “I like to keep busy!”

“Greg and me go to play basketball. I like baseball. We also help in the community and I help with my youth group,” said Mike. He is also proud that he will soon start his own small company called a microenterprise. “It will be called ‘Michael’s Enterprises’ and he’ll put his vending machines at various locations and sell snacks,” said Greg.

CLS is funded through the Kentucky Supported Community Living Waiver and offers several options that many traditional providers do not, including Gentle Teaching, Micro-enterprise development and expanded Case Management. The offices are located at: 1904 Embassy Square Blvd., Louisville, KY 40299, 502-491-1119 or toll free 877-491-1119, Fax: 502-491-1032, www.comlivserv.com.

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