

"A Realife Fairy Tale"



Hello! My name is Kinsley Tarr, and this is my service dog, "Shelby".

We would like to tell you a story about a beautiful fair maiden (that's me), and her faithful Golden Heart (that's "Shelby"), who were rescued from a life of drudgery and loneliness, by a brave and gallant agency known as:

~ Todd Steven and Associates, Inc. ~

(TSA)

The story begins . . .



~ Chapter One ~

Once upon a time a beautiful fair maiden, lived in the kingdom of Appleton, Wisconsin. The kingdom was ruled by a tyrant named "Taxes". This tyrant had cast a spell upon the kingdom, and all of the people believed that the beautiful fair maiden, who had disabilities, should not be allowed to work in the kingdom with all of the other people in the land. The tyrant told the people he would take away their gold coins, if the maiden did not work in his castle with all of the other people with disabilities.

One day, the beautiful fair maiden was so sad and weeping, when suddenly an agency, TSA, so shiny and strong, came along and said: "Beautiful fair maiden, would you like to have a job in the kingdom?" "Oh, Yes!" said the fair maiden. So, the brave and dauntless agency, TSA, found the beautiful fair maiden a job, in the magical land of "Media Play" where she worked for three years, with the support of special people from TSA called 'job coaches'.

~ Chapter Two ~



The beautiful fair maiden and her first Golden heart, "Hawk", worked at "Media Play" putting security stickers on videos and greeting. Sometimes the fair maiden would drop the stickers and her faithful servant "Hawk" would come to her rescue and pick them up for her. They loved working where all of the people in the land came. The beautiful fair maiden was so happy that her dreams had come true, thanks to the heroic and valiant agency:

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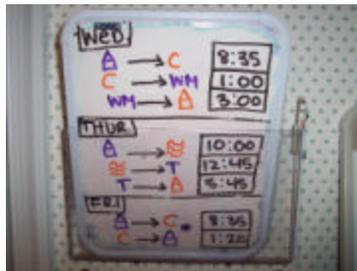


One day, a dark cloud formed over the magic land of "Media Play", and it disappeared. The fair maiden once again faced the possibility of a life of drudgery working in the tyrant's castle, sorting and packaging things that the people in the kingdom used. But, the only people who worked in the castle were people with disabilities. The beautiful fair maiden wanted to work in the kingdom and once again was sad and weeping over her misfortune.

While the fair maiden waited to learn of her fate the kindhearted fairies from TSA continued to support the fair maiden's skills training needs by going to the YMCA for swimming and fitness workouts. The maiden was very healthy in mind and body due to exercise and being out in the kingdom.



The good fairies from TSA worked with the beautiful fair maiden in her little cottage, to schedule her rides and appointments. They developed a secret code, so that the fair maiden would know what day and time her carriage would arrive to take her into the kingdom, and home again.



The good TSA fairies even taught the fair maiden how to use the "magic window", to communicate with people in other kingdoms and look for jobs.



The beautiful maiden wants to live in her own cottage somewhere in the kingdom (with supports), but for now she has to live with her parents who work hard to earn enough gold coins to provide a home for her in their little cottage and give care and support to the fair maiden. The maiden will have to stay in her parent's cottage until the kingdom's evil spell is broken and the people in the land are no longer afraid of the mean tyrant "Taxes" that could be used to help the fair maiden. . . Or until she meets a handsome prince.



~ Chapter Three ~

*One day the gallant agency, TSA came to the fair maiden and said we have found another castle in the kingdom for you to work in. It is the main gathering place for the people of the kingdom, a grocery store named:
"Copp's Food Center"*



The beautiful maiden was so happy! She felt as though she really belonged. She worked in this happy place for over 5 years, labeling, assembling, and stacking mystical boxes and containers for the delectable foods of the kingdom.



During this happy time, however, there was also great sadness for the fair maiden. Her beloved service dog, "Hawk" grew old and could no longer help the beautiful fair maiden. Again, her valiant support agency, TSA devised a plan and took the fair maiden to the land of Madison, WI. to train with and receive a new service dog, "Shelby", from WAGS (Wisconsin Academy for Graduate Service Dogs). He is her "knight in shining armor" . . . and has won the 'heart' of the beautiful fair maiden. . .



~ Chapter Four ~

"Shelby" and the beautiful fair maiden travel all around the kingdom,



seeking their dreams and finding their destiny, one door at a time.



The fair maiden and her Golden heart, "Shelby" continue to fight in the Crusade against the many types of barriers in the kingdom, for people with disabilities. This quest is a daily challenge, but the many community-based experiences and supports over the years from Todd Steven and Associates, Inc., have taught the fair maiden how to cope with frustrations and learn to solve problems.



With the vigilant, steadfast and glimmering supports and services for skills training and vocational support, from Todd Steven and Associates, Inc., the fair maiden has really found her own "Magic Kingdom". With TSA assistance, the beautiful fair maiden found a new job at "Toys 'R' Us" where she has been an employee for the past four years, working as a price tag scanner and greeter.



On any given day, the beautiful fair maiden can be seen with her faithful service dog, "Shelby", using a 'magic wand', to magically create new tags, greeting 'little people' of the land and helping to make dreams come true.



Every day holds a basket of 'sunshine', and now when it rains instead of feeling sad, the beautiful fair maiden is touched by a 'rainbow', and continues to reach for her stars.



The End



Well that's our story. I am so thankful to have the support of Todd Steven and Associates, Inc. I'll be 30 yrs. old in June '08. I've come a long way, but my journey has just begun. Travel will be very slow without funding for services and supports such as those provided by Todd Steven and Associates, Inc. Taxes create resources and resources provide supports and services for people who need help to make 'dreams' come true.

- Kinsley Tarr and "Shelby"