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This past summer a family that moved here, came to us to find out what the community had to offer for their 19 year old daughter with Down Syndrome. Dad heard about us through a board members husband at his new place of employment. In conversation, we found out that RH needed some working skills that she did not receive in Iowa. We directed her to the Austin School District and the PAES (Practical Assessment Exploration System) Lab that provides extended training in employment, and work training in different businesses in the community.

The parents were also concerned about their daughter's social life. We walked RH through our Recreation Programming, and finally decided that she would give it a try. The first night she attended, we were having a Wii bowling tournament, and she was hooked. RH is also involved in our 4-H Adventures Club. She helps the younger kids with their projects and has grown into a social butterfly. Her parents have said that Our Place Recreation Center has changed her life.



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people were able to make new friendships through LIFE Mower County's Our Place Recreation Center in 2018



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