

Darren: Here's another smile for a mile moment from MERIL. The Andrea Gardner story is amazing.....A terrible fiery accident in August of 2005...Andrea trapped in a burning car for 18 minutes...burns over 50 percent of her body...losing her ears...her hair...and her left arm...after too many surgeries to count...along comes assistance from MERIL and now at the age 25 Andrea is living on her own.

Andrea: What prevents me.... nothing....you know it's not like I have anything holding me back cause now I take care of my home on my own I do all the cleaning on my own .

Darren: BUT WHEN ANDREA NEEDED ASSISTANCE?

Andrea: Its important I feel like to have independence , but also to know that there are people out there to help, Raquel and Cindy wonderful assistance, if I needed something and it was in the middle of the night and they weren't getting paid for it they came....you know it didn't matter, they were there.

Darren: Wanna feel good.....maybe you know of a friend, relative or neighbor that could use the services of Midland Empire Resources for Independent Living. MERIL.....call 1-800-MERIL the number 4 and the letter U. Let's make Northwest Missouri Barrier Free!