

Change a Life

Announcer:

This year MERIL celebrates 20 years of providing smiles. Listen as we talk to DeLinda Kelly, Director of Communications and Transition for MERIL through an interpreter's voice as she shares with us about the services provided by MERIL. DeLinda, how can MERIL services for people with sensory loss change lives?

DeLinda

There was a gentleman who had been deaf his entire life and was just hit with a disease that caused him to go blind. We started working with him and practicing teaching him how to use Tactile Sign Language, which is where you would put your hands on the person signing so that you read through your hands...and then also teaching him independence on how to get around...since he can't see and hear working on some mobility things.

And at this point, he is now living independently in his own apartment not relying on anyone to help him do anything.

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Midland Empire Resources for Independent Living – MERIL - Working toward a Barrier Free Northwest Missouri for 20 years! If you or someone you know is struggling with hearing or vision loss and can use the services of MERIL call 1-800 MERIL the number 4 and the letter U.