

NABIS' Service Coordinators are part of the **Alberta Brain Injury Network**, a provincial program of Alberta Seniors & Community Supports, which coordinates supports for individuals affected by brain injury and builds the capacity for such supports within the community.

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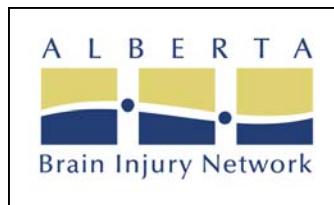
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Edson Survivor Achieves Home Ownership

By Tannis Arsenault, Service Coordinator, Edson

The two NABIS service coordinators from the Edson area are proud to announce that their client, **James has purchased his own home.**

James suffered a brain injury resulting from a motor vehicle accident and has been living in a rental apartment in Edson for many years. Living in his apartment was never satisfying for James and he longed to own a home. Funds from a settlement and regular disability income meant that James had the means to qualify for a mortgage. But until recently, not all stakeholders in James' life agreed. Years of advocacy and letter writing resulted in a decision made by the trustee's office to allow James independent home ownership. This process was possible mainly because of the many hours NABIS worked with James



James is no longer checking the rental ads in the local paper to find a place to live!

to realize his goal.

James is happy about the size of his new place and the fact that he doesn't have to listen to the noise of neighbors upstairs anymore. He is glad his road has finally been paved and looks forward to a fresh start in his new home. NABIS' Service Coordinators will continue to assist James with future needs and help him to achieve the best lifestyle possible.

It took "years of advocacy and letter writing," Tannis Arsenault, NABIS Service Coordinator, Edson.