Ian Skov ~ On the Job

Ian Skov began working at Knudson Lumber nearly three years ago. When he first started working there he did not know anything about home improvement. He did have a strong work ethic though and he was ready to prove he could do the job.

Ian has had supportive managers and coworkers at Knudson Lumber. He says they are like family. They have given him an opportunity to learn new things and they are good at explaining things to him in ways he can he understand. Now people come to him to find things. He enjoys his coworkers and the staff there keeps a fun atmosphere even when there is a lot of work to get done. An occasional prank keeps everyone smiling!

Ian works full time at Knudson's and he is not dependent on Social Security or food benefits to provide for his needs. He is proud of "no longer being system-dependent." Ian does not see himself as disabled. He has a different way of learning. He encourages other employers to hire people with different abilities. To hiring managers he would say, "Be patient and give someone a chance to prove their work." To people with different abilities and who are shy but ready to try working, he would say, "Prove your work and your managers and coworkers will notice."