



## An INCLUSIVE EDUCATION showed me I'm capable.

**My name is David. I am a gay man and a person with a developmental disability. I am a Vermonter, a son, an activist, and an entrepreneur.**

I began my education at a school called the St. Johnsbury Community School, which was only for kids with disabilities. I didn't like it there. My mother worked with other parents to close the school.

After it closed, I went to St. Johnsbury Academy.

I liked going to school with the other students.

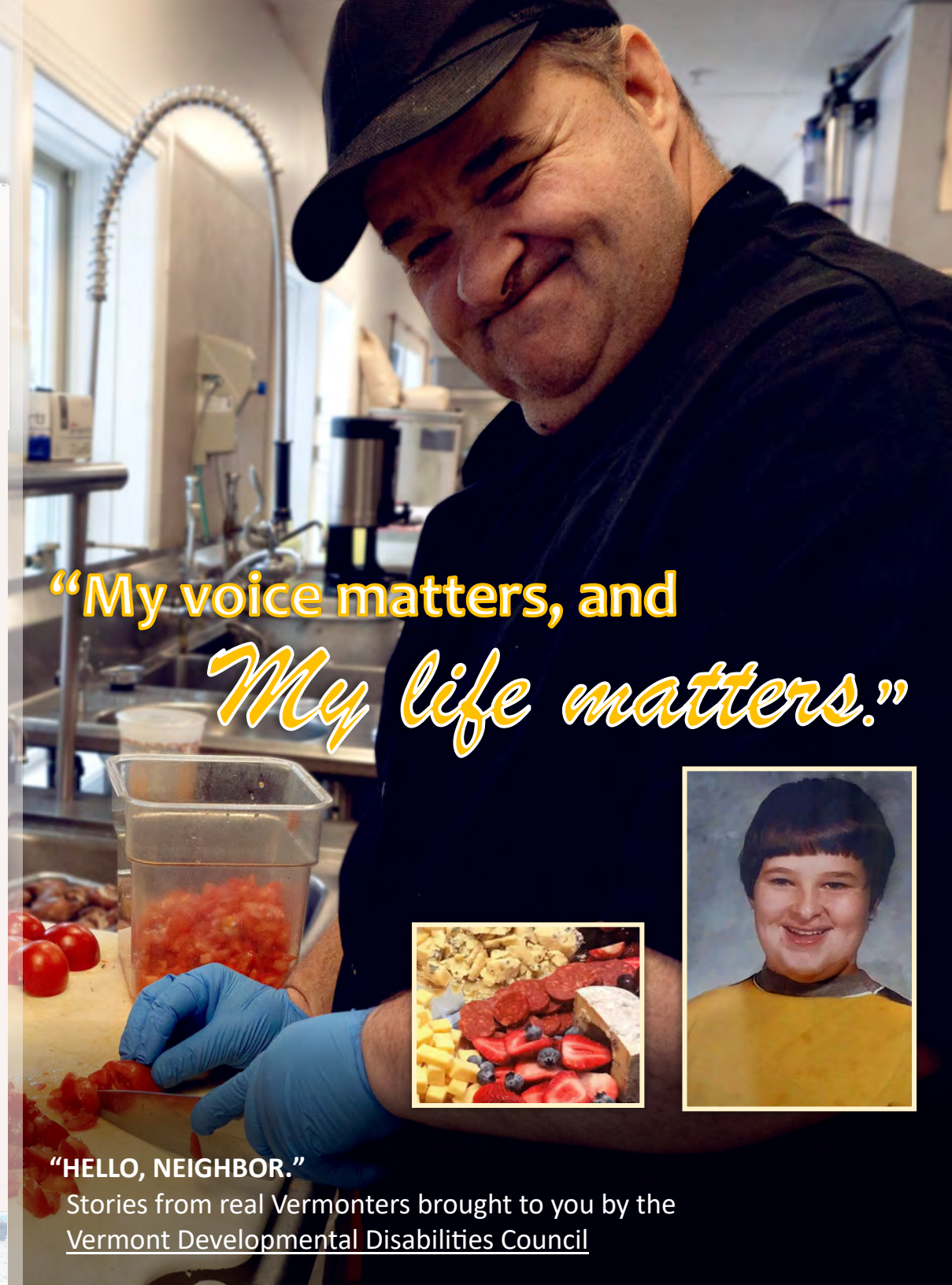
I learned from my teachers, but learned best from my peers. They spoke my language.

I have a great work ethic. I've worked at Wake Robin in Shelburne for more than 10 years. I enjoy my work, especially when I get to be a food artist.

Students who are welcomed into the community become adults who work in the community.

Keep segregated education out of Vermont.

**David Frye. 2019. Charlotte, Vermont.**



**“My voice matters, and  
*My life matters.*”**



**“HELLO, NEIGHBOR.”**

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