

# WHAT IS A HOME?

## What makes a home....

A home is more than just a roof above your head. A home is a place where you can let others see who you are and what you are about. It should be a place where you can relax, feel safe and escape from the world outside. A persons home should reflect their interests and personality not that of the staff who work there. It should be a place to foster personal relationships, individual quests and a place where you are free to enjoy your life and fulfil your potential. A home should provide links to the community it is situated in rather than isolate individuals further.

Examples of what a home is and means:

- ◆ safety
- ◆ comfort
- ◆ where you can bond with others
- ◆ love, affection and concern
- ◆ where you call the shots
- ◆ full access
- ◆ identity and role
- ◆ freedom
- ◆ a reflection of you, not of those who visit/work there
- ◆ where you can be yourself
- ◆ responsibilities
- ◆ key to the door
- ◆ part of a neighborhood and community
- ◆ comforting and cozy
- ◆ place to be yourself
- ◆ sense of pride and ownership

