

Ira, Lenny and Sarah



Ira and Lenny are brothers who were separated when they were young. Ira went to live at the Rivercrest School at the age of 5 while Lenny stayed at home with his mother until her death. Lenny went to live in a CLA and eventually they lived together. Unknown to them, their father was alive and living with their Aunt Betty whom they had last seen in 1974. Their father would not allow Aunt Betty to contact Ira and Lenny, but she told their father that when he died she

would “*find the boys*”. And that she did! She hired a lawyer, found the boys and located their Supports Coordinator, Sarah. Aunt Betty said that her friends urged her not to get too involved with her nephews once she had found them, yet Aunt Betty had none of that.

Sarah kept regular contact with Aunt Betty who shared that she wanted them to visit her in Detroit and meet all her friends. Ira and Lenny, with the creativity of Sarah and Kencrest staff, made it happen. They had an amazing trip and met Aunt Betty’s friends who quickly saw the family resemblance. Ira and Lenny now have pictures to display and stories to tell. Aunt Betty passed away last year. Fortunately another family member who heard of the reunification decided to meet Ira and Lenny. They now have family in Philadelphia. This family reunification shows how a Supports Coordinator can make a powerful difference in the lives of others.