



# Gearing Up For Your Transitions

## Kurtis Cherry's Personal Story

**Meet Kurtis Cherry a recipient of the 2011 Senator William Roth Achievement Award. He is a Goodwill employee who enjoys travel and photography. Cherry hopes to live independently one day and move to Florida. Kurtis is a young man with Autism.**

**Q: What are you currently doing now that you have left high school?**

*A: I work at Goodwill in Milford. I stock the books and housewares.*

**Q: What were your challenges and successes as you went through the transition process?**

*A: It was hard to find a job but Ms. Cheryl kept looking for me. I wanted to work at Wal-Mart but she thought it would be better for me to work somewhere smaller. I like Goodwill.*

**Q: Were there any specific programs, agencies or persons which were helpful to you and your family/caregivers during your transition process?**

*A: The teachers and staff from the Charlton, DVR, DDDS and Ms. Cheryl from Kent-Sussex Industries (KSI) all worked together to make sure they knew what I wanted to do and how they could help me get the kind of job I wanted.*

**Q: What is your anticipated path for the future?**

*A: I want to keep working at Goodwill. I like to travel and take pictures. I want to move to Florida someday.*