

On ... July 12 you ran letters concerning the opening of an On Your Mark Community Residence on Galloway Avenue, and a lot of the questions raised by the community were bona fide questions — if you do not know anything about mentally handicapped people.

My 10-year-old son is an autistic child, and he is on a list to be placed in a community residence in the future. Believe me, he is no threat to a community or to anyone's property values. In fact, if you were to see my son on the street, you wouldn't even know he was handicapped at all.

My concern is that, if and when he is placed, his residence is in a more stable community. Handicapped people have had their share [of instability] already.

The part where the [a group-home opponent] states that On Your Mark is inexperienced in running group homes is not the issue. On Your Mark is very experienced and very professional in handling the needs of all of their clients and their families, and their staff is second to none

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