

SUCCESS *Story*



Clifton R. has a strong skill set in woodworking that spans over 18 years. Clifton's DRS Counselor and VCU employment specialist partnered with

Clifton to locate employment that would use his experience as well as his remarkable creativity. In September 2009, Clifton began working with Old River Cabinets (ORC), as a Cabinet Maker.

Although Clifton was initially hired to build cabinets, but unfortunately after training neither he nor the employer was entirely satisfied with his placement in this position. Clifton expressed his preference to move around and be more creative. Victor Morrisette, owner of ORC, gave him an opportunity to make dove-tailed drawers instead. "Building dove-tailed drawers is a true craft" stated Mr. Morrisette, and Clifton has excelled in this position.

"I wish all my employees worked as hard."

– Victor Morrisette

Mr. Morrisette noted increased concentration and focus as two of Clifton's strengths. He went on to explain that although hearing loss may be considered a disability, individuals who are deaf have an extreme edge working with loud equipment.