



## the need IS GREAT

New Hope has improved the lives of hundreds of individuals with developmental disabilities, but many more need our help.

- According to Service, Inc., the Pre-Admission Screening agency for northeast Will County, there are no services and no agencies available for employment, life skills training, or adult daily living skills development in the area.
- In 2004, ADAPT, the nation's largest grassroots disability rights organization, ranked Illinois the fifth worst state in providing options for people with disabilities to live and receive support services.\*
- ADAPT also ranked Illinois 46th out of 50 in community spending for people with developmental disabilities.
- According to the newest (2008) "State of the States" study by David Braddock of Colorado University, Illinois now ranks 51st in the nation in numbers of people with developmental disabilities living in settings of 6 or less.
- More than 10,000 children and adults with developmental disabilities remained on waiting lists for services throughout Illinois in 1998.\*\* According to the Department of Human Services as of 2007, this number has increased to more than 15,000.
- Only three agencies, of which New Hope is the largest, provide residential services in northeast Will County.
- Individuals from northeast Will County must travel up to 45 minutes each way to other service providers.
- The Department of Human Services does not allow transportation to exceed one hour each way, leaving those outside the permitted commute area without services.
- 85 individuals currently enrolled in New Hope's programs must relocate to other facilities due to the rapid outgrowth of our current spaces.

\* "Home and Community Service Options: Report on the Ten Worst States" — ADAPT, July 2004. \*\*"Reshaping Illinois Policy on Disability Issues," Institute on Public Policy for People with Disabilities, August 1998.

## how you can help

Naming opportunities are available at various levels for our new facility. We appreciate your contributions and ask you to send them, payable to New Hope : New Future, to:

New Hope Center, Inc.  
1624 E. 154th Street  
Dolton, IL 60419

To make your contribution via credit card,  
please visit our website at  
[www.newhopecenterinc.com](http://www.newhopecenterinc.com).

**N**ow that we have had our official groundbreaking by PBS Build/Design for our new building in Crete, we want to take a moment and recap where we stand in our Capital Fundraising Campaign.

**O**ver the past 2 years, we have contacted foundations, vendors and family members of New Hope, along with legislators, entrepreneurs, and various entities in the Will County area, to plead our case for funding for our new building in Crete. Even during these economically challenging times, with our Board and Executive Staff's assistance, we have been able to obtain \$400,000 in pledges towards the cost of our new building. This figure includes a generous donation of \$50,000 from State Senator Debbie Halvorson through the Illinois Department of Human Services and we are still awaiting final word from Senator Dick Durbin's office regarding our request for Federal Appropriation funding.

**D**ue to the fact that our building is projected to cost nearly \$5,000,000, the decision was made to issue tax exempt bonds to help pay for it. Needless to say, our fundraising efforts need to carry on in earnest, as we need to continue to raise funds to help pay for our monthly debt service.

**W**e anticipate opening our new building in the summer/fall of 2009 and hope that you too, feel a need to help the developmentally disabled currently not being served in the Northeastern Will County area, receive the opportunities, education and high quality of care they deserve.

Sincerely,  
Scott Ford, Capital Campaign Director

## NEW HOPE CENTER, INC. beginnings

Founded in 1960 by a small group of parents whose developmentally disabled children were not able to receive appropriate education in the public school system, New Hope Center, Inc. has grown into a not-for-profit organization that provides developmental training, employment, residential, and recreational services to individuals with developmental disabilities throughout the southern and southeastern suburbs of Chicago. For nearly 50 years, New Hope has been fulfilling its mission to provide services that enhance the quality of life for persons with developmental disabilities and to promote community integration.

Before I was asked to serve as Chairman of the Board for New Hope, I only understood New Hope through the eyes of my younger sister, Penny Sue, who was born with Down syndrome, and in whose interest my parents helped found this tremendous organization nearly 50 years ago. My family and I have been grateful for the love and care Penny's received from New Hope as it has evolved through the years and she currently resides in one of their group homes in Crete. We'd like to help ensure that other families with children that have developmental disabilities have the same opportunities that Penny has received to develop meaningful life experiences that instill a sense of purpose and accomplishment.

Now, as Chairman, I have a much deeper appreciation for all that this organization brings to persons with disabilities. Perhaps now I see the vision as my parents did in 1960.

-Ned Horney, Bloomington, IL



# the answer

## NEW HOPE, NEW FUTURE

**New Hope: New Future** will offer a solution to those in need of our services. By building a new facility in Crete, Illinois, we will be able to meet the ongoing needs of individuals with disabilities in northeast Will County.

The new 36,000 square foot facility, to be built in a phased approach to meet the ever changing needs of our participants, will be fully ADA compliant and use energy-efficient construction. It will include space to accommodate on-site therapies and counseling, including Occupational, Physical, Behavioral, and Recreational therapies. The design will also feature specialized classrooms for training classes, sensory stimulation, and music and art therapy.

The new building will allow us to expand our reach to those with developmental disabilities including those that have additional specialized needs, such as individuals with autism.

### FEATURES INCLUDE:

- Numerous classrooms for programs, activities, and therapies
- Large multi-purpose room for participant exercise and fitness activities
- ADA handicapped accessible bathrooms
- Lunch room
- Shower and laundry rooms
- Conference rooms to conduct service plan meetings and staff/board meetings
- Offices for support staff



COMMITTED

**\$400,000**

GOAL

**\$5 million**

## CAMPAIGN updates

- Total pledges to date \$400,000.
- We continue to work with local legislators to see what additional state/federal funding is available in 2008 and beyond.
- Over 120 vendors of New Hope have been contacted seeking support for our campaign.
- We're meeting with the Will County Center for Economic Development and are contacting businesses in Will County informing them of the benefits we will bring to the community and seeking their support for our campaign.
- We meet monthly with the Crete-Monee School District 201U Business Education Partners and look forward to working with them further, especially the Director of Special Education, as we bring our services to their district.
- We've sent background information regarding our campaign to CenterPoint, a large intermodal company planning to build a 3.5 million sq. ft. warehouse/terminal approximately 3 miles from our Crete site. In addition to seeking financial support, we are hoping that there may be employment opportunities for some of our participants as well.
- We continue to work with Professional Building Services (PBS) located in Crete, IL, on the design and construction of our building. Renderings and floor plan specifics are being used to aid our marketing efforts and to support our grant requests.



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## GROUNDBREAKING photos

September 23, 2008



New Hope Center Board Members



(Left to Right) Scott Ford, Larry Walsh, Jeff Gajewski, Jeff Dekker, Ned Horney, Dale Reiser & Tim Knapp



New Hope Center Program Participants



New Hope Center Staff