



## 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 46<sup>th</sup> out of 50 in community spending for people with developmental disabilities.
- 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 program 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

## how you can help

We appreciate your contributions. In addition, naming opportunities are available at every level for our new facility. Please send pledges to:

**New Hope Center, Inc.**  
1624 E. 154<sup>th</sup> Street  
Dolton, IL 60419

**W**ith the holidays fast approaching, many of us have a number of things to be thankful for. If we are working, we have our jobs to be grateful for. If we have families, we are thankful that our spouses and children are healthy. For those who have a family member with a developmental disability, their holidays could be spent worrying about obtaining proper care for their loved one with special needs.

That is why it's especially important to have facilities like New Hope, where for nearly 50 years we have been providing developmental training and employment, residential, and recreation services to individuals with developmental disabilities throughout the southern and southeastern suburbs of Chicago.

When young people with disabilities leave public school, they are no longer entitled to special education and related services. Instead of being part of an organized system, the individual and his or her family become responsible for finding and obtaining any educational training or other services needed to prepare for employment and independent living. All too often, families are not sure what postsecondary options and services are available or where to obtain them. New Hope Center helps these youth and their families cope with the challenges of this transition.

Therefore, it's so important to support New Hope Center, whose mission is to take on the tasks of educating and broadening of the horizons of our clients with developmental disabilities. By providing life-skills training, social activities, job training, and even independent living opportunities, New Hope is helping our clients achieve their fullest potential.

Unfortunately, there are no agencies providing much-needed services to individuals with disabilities residing in northeast Will County. In order to meet the ongoing needs of this community, New Hope plans to build a new 50,000-square-foot training facility in Crete.

While New Hope has improved the lives of hundreds of individuals with developmental disabilities, it is clear that many more need our assistance – and your support.

As a former Board Chairman, I hope that you'll join me in realizing how much we have to be thankful for and get into the holiday spirit by supporting **New Hope : New Future** which will benefit individuals with disabilities, and our community, for years to come.

Sincerely,

Scott Ford - Director of Capital Campaign

## 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.

During all of the 44 years that God blessed us to have Nancy on this Earth, she received services from New Hope. In the early years, she bonded in the classroom with peers who had similar interests. As a young adult, she learned good, healthy work habits, which ultimately led to her being hired at Target. During her last 14 years, she moved into a group home, built and staffed by New Hope, where she gained an unbelievable amount of self worth, stemming from her daily responsibilities and newly found independence. New Hope, very literally, became her life. We are blessed to have shared 44 wonderful years with Nancy, and we are very grateful that New Hope shared it with us.

Peggy Brennan  
Palos Heights



## 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 50,000 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, as well as 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 like 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

## CAMPAIGN updates

- Total pledges to date - \$211,000.
- We continue to contact local and federal legislators seeking funding for our campaign.
- We have reached out to more than 400 foundations seeking assistance.
- Plans are in the works to have the Coleman Foundation tour our facility.
- New Hope's vendors have proven to be very supportive.
- We are working with local custom car shops in conjunction with our planned Hot Rod for Hope raffle scheduled to take place throughout 2008.
- Participants of the Purdue Calumet Entrepreneur Program are being contacted to see how they would be able to assist our campaign.



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