



Happy Independence Day

Mission Road Ministries

Helping people with
intellectual &
developmental disabilities
achieve their full potential for

Independence,

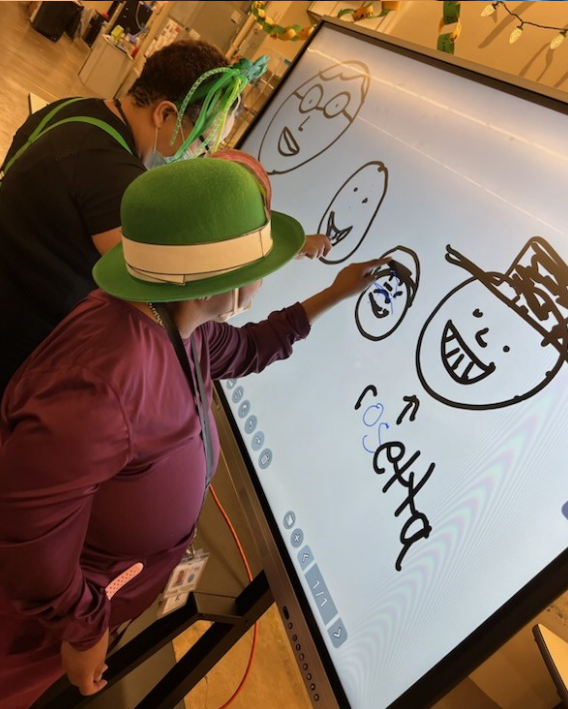
Productivity,
and Inclusion in the Community.



Focusing on Potential, not limitations
for 75 years



July 2023



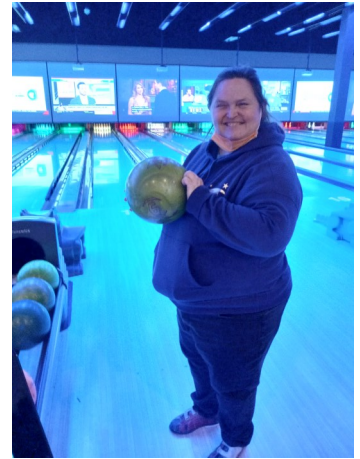
NO CURE DOES NOT MEAN NO HOPE

INDEPENDENCE. PRODUCTIVITY. INCLUSION IN THE COMMUNITY.

IDD and the IMPORTANCE OF BEING INCLUDED

Intellectual and developmental disabilities, IDD, are conditions that affect how a person's brain works and develops. IDD can make it harder for someone to learn new things, solve problems, and communicate with others. People diagnosed with IDD may face a wide range of challenges, such as difficulties with thinking, speaking, and understanding information. Some people with IDD need extra help and support in their daily lives for tasks like eating or using the restroom. Others are able to do many things on their own including working in the community and driving.

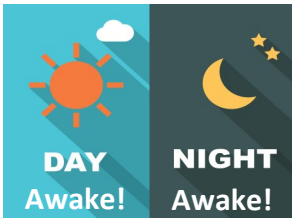
It is important for people with IDD to feel included. Everyone deserves to be treated with kindness and respect. When we include and accept people with special needs, we create a community where everyone feels that they belong. **Being included is important because it allows individuals to feel valued, accepted, and equal in society.**



THE GOOD NEWS

IDD is a condition, not an illness. It is not a consequence of a person's choice or behavior. Just because there is no current cure, does not mean there is no hope. We do a great deal to make life tranquil & safe for the people in our care. We are committed to making certain our people are fully included.

We work diligently to make sure the people in our care feel peaceful and valued.



Adult & Children Residential Services.

🚩 **24-hour AWAKE care** keeps our people safe all day & all night...

Awake & Alert care is especially important for people who experience seizures.

🚩 **Predictable Schedules** help alleviate anxiety...

Our folks feel peaceful when they can anticipate mealtime, bedtime, etc.

Where do we offer 24/7/365 Awake & Alert care?

- 16 Community (Group) Homes for adults with IDD
- 4 Community Homes for adults who are Deaf, Blind with Multiple Disabilities
- 4 cottages for children with IDD rescued from abusive & neglectful families
- 1 assisted living home for adults with IDD and fragile medical issues



HOW YOU ARE HELPING

Your generous gifts narrow our funding gap and enable us to continue delivering invaluable services to our community's most vulnerable people. Mission Road's programs address the real, destructive feelings of loneliness and low self-worth that are, sadly, common for people with IDD.

Our sources of revenue are government funding, United Way, charitable foundations, corporations, and individuals. **86% of our revenue comes from support programs funded by ever-declining State and Federal funding.** Each year **we budget \$2,000,000 of projected revenues on unsecured donations** to maintain a balanced budget and our care standards. Donated funds are the cornerstone of our high-quality, professional, loving, therapeutic care. Without donations we are forced to choose between diminishing our quality of care or eliminating programs that are needed, but underfunded.



**Every gift counts!
When you support Mission Road,
you support the children and
adults in our care!**

44TH ANNUAL
GRAND
WESTERN
Shindig

Save the Date ☆ 44th Annual Grand Western Shindig
Thursday, November 9, 2023 ☆ Witte Museum
Shindig 2023 Chairmen ☆ Nicole & Michael Johnson
Contact Lynette Farrimond ☆ (210) 725-9189 ☆ info@mrmsat.org

Reserve your table today! ↓



Volunteers: Making the world a better place.

Volunteers play a crucial role in supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) by sharing their time, skills, and compassion.

1. **Companionship and Social Interaction**: Volunteers offer companionship and social interaction to individuals with IDD, helping to reduce feelings of loneliness and isolation. They engage in meaningful conversations, participate in recreational activities, and foster friendships. Through their presence and genuine care, volunteers create a sense of belonging and build strong relationships that positively impact the well-being of individuals with IDD.

2. **Support in Daily Activities**: Volunteers assist individuals with IDD in various daily activities, such as meal preparation, personal care, and household chores. They may help with tasks like grocery shopping, cooking, or organizing living spaces, enabling individuals to develop their inde-

pendent living skills. Volunteers also provide guidance and support to help individuals engage in leisure activities, hobbies, and community events, promoting a sense of accomplishment and participation.

3. **Educational and Skill Development**: Volunteers contribute to the educational and skill development of individuals with IDD. They may tutor or mentor, helping with academic subjects or supporting vocational training. Volunteers also assist in developing essential life skills, such as communication, money management, and problem-solving. By sharing their knowledge and expertise, volunteers empower individuals with IDD to reach their full potential and enhance their overall independence.

There are many ways to volunteer. **Corporate groups** often choose a single morning to participate in campus upkeep and beautification projects. **Church**



youth groups choose Mission Road as a 5-day site for mission trips - volunteering as helpers at our S.O.A.R. Summer Camp.

Individuals or corporate teams of two or three - like Frost Bank - volunteer monthly to teach subjects like financial literacy. **Retirees** do crafts & practice shopping at grocery stores... a critical life skill that significantly enhances independence.

Our gracious volunteers make our folks feel loved & valued. Volunteers help make our service possible. **We invite YOU to join us as a volunteer.**



← Visit our Volunteer Page today to learn more and sign up to help!