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 Helping adults with intellectual disabilities lead meaningful lives

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We know that when you choose to make a donation, you want to be sure your gift will have a meaningful impact and that you can help accomplish significant goals. You want your contribution to matter.

YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO CHAI MATTERS

It matters when you help us provide an adult with intellectual disabilities the support that allows them to lead a life focused on their abilities, not their disabilities. CHAI residents and clients want the same things that all of us want in life. They want a nice home, they want their days to be filled with meaningful work or fun activities shared with friends, and they want to participate as valued members of our community. CHAI makes all of this possible with the help of generous contributors like you.

YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO CHAI MATTERS

It matters because we can continue to provide a range of services and programs to our residents as well as to clients in the community who live with their families or in other residential settings. These services and programs help our residents and clients to lead more independent lives by learning how to ride public transportation, do their laundry, shop for and cook their own meals and budget their money. By mastering these skills, they take on more responsibility for their own lives and experience a greater sense of satisfaction and accomplishment.

YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO CHAI MATTERS

It matters when we are able to broaden our reach by adding new ways to serve more individuals with special needs. Today's CHAI leadership is following the lead of the visionary founders of our organization by evaluating current needs and analyzing the trends that will keep CHAI in the forefront as a leader and shining example of the best provider of programs and services for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

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As we launch this Annual Campaign for our 2015-16 year, we ask you to make a meaningful contribution to support all that CHAI offers – our homes, our services, our programs – and all that matters to those individuals that we serve – their opportunity to live meaningful lives with as much independence as possible.

While your check or credit card payment at this time is certainly appreciated, we ask you to consider making a pledge that stretches beyond the amount you could give today and can be paid in installments until October 31, 2016 at the end of our fiscal year. You may **go online to www.chaidallas.org/annualcampaign** to make a pledge or a secure credit card payment now, or for your convenience a return envelope is included.

YOU MATTER TO CHAI AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT,

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Make a contribution that matters!



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"A PARTNER AGENCY OF THE" Jewish Federation OF GREATER DALLAS

Visit our new website to learn more about CHAI. chaidallas.org

Your contribution MATTERS to CHAI families

IMAGINE knowing your child will never be able to live fully independently...

That's the reality for parents of the individuals CHAI serves. They live with the constant concern: "Who will care for my adult child after I no longer can?" That stress is often also placed on siblings who know the responsibility will fall to them. It is the generosity of donors like you that allows CHAI to ease this stress.



IMAGINE paying the equivalent of private college tuition for 40 years or more...

That's the reality for the family of a person with intellectual disabilities. By the time a child with special needs is eligible to live as an adult in one of CHAI's group homes, financial resources have already been stretched by the expense of specialized schooling and activities, medications and therapies.

Now, a family coming to CHAI is faced with the annual cost of approximately \$60,000 to be a resident in a group home. That's a staggering financial commitment that most families cannot handle without assistance. Even those with government support face enormous challenges to meet the cost of care.

With your generous support, CHAI can close the gap between what a family can afford, what government subsidies provide, and the actual total cost of care.



Our Group Homes

CHAI operates and maintains six group homes located in residential neighborhoods of North Dallas. Residents receive supervision from dedicated and caring staff, according to their needs, in settings from semi-independent to 24/7 care and remain with CHAI for all of their adult life as long as CHAI's services meet their needs.

1983 MILLER HOUSE DONATED BY The Henry S. Miller, Sr. Family

1993 LEVY HOUSE DONATED BY The Milton P. Levy, Jr. Family

1997-8 TODD HOUSE DONATED BY The Nanny Hogan Boyd Trust and Dorothy Todd

2010 BAUER HOUSE DONATED BY Katherine and Herbert Bauer

TOUB HOUSE DONATED BY The Leo and Rhea Fay Fruhman Foundation in memory of Lois Toub

CHAI PROVIDES

- Room and board for 24 residents
- Health Care and Specialized Therapy Assistance
- Financial Counseling and Training
- Transportation
- Individualized Approaches to Care

COMING SOON...A NEW HOUSE



Wolens Program Services

The Wolens Program provides support services for CHAI group home residents as well as individual clients in the community who live independently or with family members.

Established in 1994 with an endowment from The Kalman and Ida Wolens Foundation.

CHAI PROVIDES

- Life Skills Training
- Supportive Employment
- Club CHAI - Socialization Opportunities
- CHAI Connects - Support, Education and Mentorship for families

Day Habilitation

CHAI offers a group program five days a week where participants have the opportunity to fill their day with activities and socialization and to learn skills to increase their level of independence.

Established in 2010 with grants from Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas and Bank of America.

CHAI PROVIDES

- Personal Development and Daily Living Skills
- Field Trips and Training in Place (Grocery Store, Bank)
- Recreation and Physical Fitness



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SOCIALIZATION



LIFE SKILLS

We are more than JUST a HOUSE

In 1983 a small group of committed and dedicated community leaders, led by Carmen Miller Michael (of blessed memory), realized their dream of establishing a group home, under Jewish auspices, for adults with intellectual disabilities. When the first group home, Miller House, opened it was cutting edge in the field. The model for many decades had been institutional care.

From CHAI's beginning, the clear mission was to provide programs and services that enable individuals

with intellectual disabilities to live as independently as possible, and to enrich their lives by building relationships with each other as well as with the larger community.

Over the years the organization came to be known in the community as "CHAI House". But from the start, it was about so much more.

Today CHAI maintains six group homes, provides services to individual clients in the community through Wolens Program Services and operates a group Day Habilitation Program.



DAY HAB



EMPLOYMENT



RECREATION