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PROVIDING A LIFETIME OF HOPE to families with Children with Developmental Disabilities

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Edwards Place



A WORD FROM OUR FOUNDER Creating Community

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Edwards Place is believed to be the first neighborhood of its kind in the nation in offering new hope to people with disabilities and their parents. Through this project, our aim is keeping families together by providing affordable housing to parents and their children.

There was a time when children with developmental disabilities didn't outlive their parents, but advances in medicine and more active lifestyles have extended their life expectancy. These children, now adults, outlive their caregivers and parents often reach an age at which they can't care for their adult children and both may be forced into assisted living, separating the family.

But we know that many families want to stay close even as they age.

Edwards Place is aimed at preventing this separation. Coming on the heels of the recently completed Aloha Community Center, Edwards Place will provide a vital piece in the life-span plan that Edwards Center founders envisioned over forty years ago. Not every family has the same needs, so each of the new homes will have some special considerations. All will be wheelchair accessible on the first level with floors that are all level with no thresholds. There will be damage-resistant countertops, well-built cabinets, touch faucets, and special showers and toilets. But most importantly there will be a community of support from Edwards Center. Daily activities will be available at the Community Center, Nancy's Café will be open for coffee, and caregivers can be available on an "as needed" basis.

When completed, Edwards Place will uniquely position Edwards Center as the only agency in Oregon providing a variety of living options across the entire life-span.

Your continued support is what makes this innovation possible. Thank you for the many ways you contribute to the community called Edwards Center.

Warm Regards, Jean Edwards, Founder

EDWARDS VOLUNTEERS We Meed You!

Did you know that Edwards Center's volunteers worked a combined total of 1,670 hours this year?

Thanks to all our volunteers, whether we see you every week at ECM or Bethany, if you pitched in with your workplace on a day project, or took the time out of your week to teach a class at the Aloha Community Center, we sincerely thank you!

Know we couldn't do it without you.

To sign up to volunteer at Edwards Center please contact Jeff Greer at 503-642-1581.

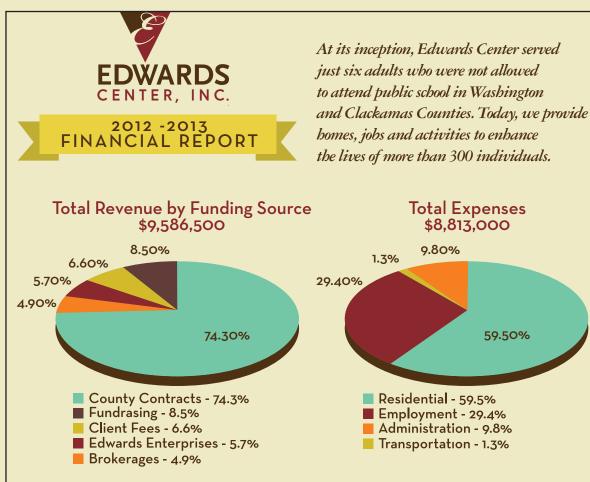




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The love we share with our clients is as boundless as the joy they share with us. But providing a lifetime of hope comes at a cost. At Edwards Center, we rely on gifts (both financial and otherwise) to help provide the many services not covered by government funding, please contact us to help at 503-642-1581.

EDWARDS ALOHA COMMUNITY CENTER

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Our Aloha program has seen some transformational growth since our renovation's completion early this year. The Aloha Community Center has enabled opportunities we could have never imagined in our old building. Nutritious meals are served daily by Meals on Wheels People volunteers, adult education classes give folks a chance to learn new skills or brush up on old ones and Edwards Center finally has a space that facilitates the kind of interaction between adults with developmental disabilities and the general public that leads to a better understanding of our population. In our first six months since opening, we served an average of 43 people a day, a total that's quickly rising as word spreads about this amazing place we have in Aloha.

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Jessica Leitner **Executive Director**

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EDWARDS ENTERPRISES



It has been an amazing year for Edwards Enterprises. Our mission has been honored. Our wonderful customers subcontracted enough work for us to employ every worker at our locations in Beaverton and Milwaukie, every day, for the whole year. Our hard working staff continues to maintain the balance between rehabilitation and quality production management.

This year's billing has exceeded any other year on record! We have added several large new customers and we continue to manage 2 thriving enclaves; one in Beaverton and one in Hillsboro.

The highlight of our year has been to be nominated and to win the Service to Beaverton award in the business category. This honors the unique service that Edwards Enterprises brings to the Beaverton business community and to the 150 Oregonians with disabilities who want a safe and productive environment in which to work.

We look forward to the challenge of remaining an outstanding subcontract packaging business as we move toward enhancing our community placement program as outlined by Governor Kitzhaber. As Edwards has always done, we will surely blaze the trail to the" pathway to employment" process, with the help of our community partners. We will work to maintain our packaging business while seeking opportunities for our employees to use their experience to move to other options for employment in the community.

Georgia Lampros **Business Manager**

Theo Guthrie Rehabilitation Manager



EDWARDS FAMILY SUPPORT NETWORK & TEAM

uperior Support

Vox, that steadfast contingent of the Edwards Family Support Network, advocates for excellence of services. Individually representing a different residential or vocational site Vox members meet regularly sharing issues and information with the management team. Supported by an amazing staff Edwards Center boasts a very low turn-over rate.

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