

# INSIGHT

## Toward Independence, Inc.

### Celebrating the Possibilities – for All of Us

#### **Our Mission:**

*The mission of Toward Independence, Inc. is to assist people with developmental disabilities to live the fullest life possible by providing individualized services in a variety of community settings.*

#### **Our Vision:**

*Individuals with disabilities moving toward independence as they live their lives to the fullest.*



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TI Executive Director

Will Spring ever get here? That was the question on everyone's mind this winter as we all experienced subzero temperatures and too much snow and ice. Almost everyone you spoke to seemed to say the same thing; "Can't wait until spring / summer gets here!" Our Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) and Supervisors were especially hard hit by the need to make additional personal sacrifices and work extra hours to cover days when the workshops were closed. Also, the extremely cold temperatures coupled with snow and ice made it very difficult for our clients to get out of the homes and participate in activities they enjoy. I want to commend all of our dedicated employees who often braved the bitterly cold temperatures in the early morning or late-at-night hours to ensure our clients were well cared for and had everything they need. We could not be the quality agency we are without their dedication and the personal sacrifices they made during this past winter.

With the advent of Spring, we welcome the warmer temperatures and extended hours of daylight and we also anticipate the recently announced changes coming to our industry - changes that will affect the current system of providing services to individuals with developmental disabilities. Some of the changes that will have an impact on our service delivery system include the:

- 1.) closure of the Montgomery County Developmental Center and the subsequent need for those folks to choose service providers;
- 2.) elimination of independent providers;
- 3.) downsizing of many workshops and facility-based day settings;

4.) proposed increase in community waiver enrollment by 3,000 individuals and;

5.) ruling / guidance by the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services on reducing conflict of interest in the waiver program and promoting community integration for both day habilitation and vocational opportunities.

These wide-spread revisions will dramatically change the way our system operates today – a system that took 30 years to develop!

As Director Martin recently stated, "Ohio's developmental disabilities system is at a crossroads and is ready to head down the path that ensures Ohio's citizens with developmental disabilities receive the basic guarantees of independence, freedom of choice, and control of their lives." As referenced in Toward Independence, Inc.'s mission statement and by-laws, we need to embrace these changes to ensure the individuals we assist live the fullest life possible by providing individualized services in a variety of community settings.

Toward Independence, Inc. is uniquely prepared to embrace and meet the challenges these changes present; therefore, I will be instituting the following strategic steps over the upcoming year to:

- 1.) continue to upgrade and modernize our accounting processes by implementing new accounting software tools;



**Mark Schlater**  
TI Executive Director

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2.) expand Adult Day and Community Integration choices through innovative private / public partnerships to create new opportunities for the individuals we serve,

3.) proceed with the expansion / growth of waiver-funded community residential opportunities;

4.) provide state-of-the-art professional development opportunities for our employees, develop necessary succession planning, and recruit the best possible talent to ensure we are ready and prepared for these new opportunities;

5.) continue to market and brand our agency through Facebook, a newly designed Internet web page and launch a new Intranet page to improve the internal communication with our employees;

6.) proceed with renovations on our small ICF homes to ensure they are as "home like" as they can be to meet the ever changing needs of the individuals we serve.

To make these system changes a successful reality, we must commit ourselves to work jointly with all the stakeholders (County Boards, Department of DD, families, and private / public businesses) to ensure the best possible outcome is achieved. Change is never easy; however, our opportunities as an agency are greater now than they ever have been in the history of Toward Independence. If we are given the chance to change someone's life for the better, we need to take on that challenge - as that is truly our mission.

Each and every day at TI, we strive to "Celebrate the Possibilities" in changing the lives of the individuals we serve for the better, one person at a time. And we remain grateful for the opportunity to do so.

Best Regards,



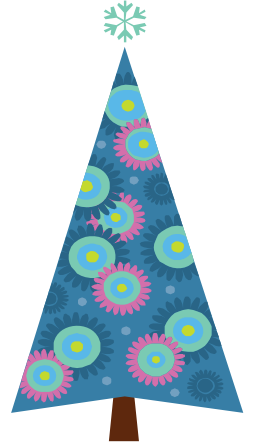
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## Holiday Campaign Raises Over \$12,000!

Toward Independence (TI) is pleased to share that the 2014 holiday campaign raised over \$12,500.

### Donors designated their gifts to:

1. Consumer needs like clothing, shoes, medical and dental items, safety and mobility equipment, and more;
2. Assisting our agency in purchasing and installing a passenger elevator in our Xenia office building, making all levels of the building accessible to every person assisted;
3. And some individuals designated their funds wherever the need was the greatest.



The philanthropy of our committed supporters will ensure that the needs of individuals whose Medicaid funding falls short and have no natural family support available do not go unmet.

The installation of a passenger elevator in our Xenia office building is crucial to service delivery and implementation of TI's mission, *assisting individuals with developmental disabilities to live the fullest life possible*. With continued support for the elevator, all visitors to the TI offices will soon have total access!

We at TI genuinely feel responsible for the health, welfare and safety of the people in our care, and nothing less than the best level of service is acceptable. Charitable donations from initiatives like the 2014 holiday campaign allow us to continue our pursuit of excellence on behalf of our TI "family members." A heartfelt "thank you" from our agency to all who gave to the campaign!

## CCC's Annual Variety Show Coming in May!

### Save the Date!

Saturday, May 9, 2015  
2:00 p.m.

Faith Community  
United Methodist Church  
100 Country Club Dr.  
Xenia, OH 45385

Come and enjoy songs,  
dances, and more from  
the talented Creative  
Community Connections  
crew! Admission free,  
donations welcome!



# In Recognition of Our 2014 Donors

Toward Independence (TI) had many key accomplishments in 2014, including the addition of two new homes in Montgomery County and the opening of a TI office and Creative Community Connections (CCC) habilitation program location in Springfield, Ohio. (CCC is still growing, so if interested, contact Nancy Justice at (937) 376-3996). We also acquired a fully-funded handicap accessible vehicle for our homes and programs and met over \$26,000 in basic needs like clothing, home furnishings, mobility and safety equipment, medical and dental purchases and procedures, and much more for some of the nearly 160 individuals served residentially in Greene, Hamilton, and Montgomery Counties. The generosity of our loyal, committed donors played a crucial role in each success experienced and need met. In return, we would like to take time to recognize them for their sacrifice in helping TI to put its mission, *assisting individuals with developmental disabilities*, into action. (Please note: This list does not include event sponsorship donations, which were recognized separately throughout 2014.)

## (\$1,000 or More)

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# Walk for Independence Moves to July

## 2015 Walk for Independence

2015 marks the beginning of a new era for Toward Independence's (TI)'s largest fundraiser, the Walk for Independence. Traditionally held in early to mid-May, this year's Walk will be held on Friday, July 3.

Chances are when you think of the annual Walk for Independence, you think of a fun yet chilly, sometimes rainy event where coats, hats and mittens are required for comfort. When we were discussing new dates for the Walk, we knew we wanted to host the event at a time of year that is typically warmer and less rainy.

However, the decision to change the date was not only about the weather. Executive Director Mark Schlater also saw the opportunity to work with the city of Xenia and tie our event into the city's Independence Day activities. This year's Walk will originate at TI's main office at 81 E. Main St.

We look forward to growing the Walk for Independence into a multi-offering event with a timed 5k race and bicycle race to round out the traditional "fun" Walk.

Stay tuned to TI's website and Facebook page for more information about this year's Walk for Independence.



Clients and employees alike enjoy the TI Walk for Independence.

## A Special Thanks to the Xenia Football Team

On a bitterly cold day in January, the Xenia High School football team and several devoted Toward Independence (TI) employees rolled up their sleeves, dedicated their time and tackled the overwhelming task of cleaning out the basement of TI's main office, and in the process, created room for the agency's planned programming expansion as well as storage room for our new partner, One Bistro.

Through their dedication and tenacity to follow through on this project—when frigid outside temperatures were near zero—the Xenia High School football team made a very meaningful impact in helping TI carry out our mission *to assist people with developmental disabilities live the fullest life possible*. Our agency is now one step closer to our goal of providing a supplementary area for classes and workshops for individuals enrolled in our Creative Community Connections (CCC) program.

"On behalf of the entire Toward Independence (TI) management team, I would like to thank the Xenia High School football team for braving the bitter cold to assist our organization with the basement clean-up project. We would not have been able to complete this much-needed endeavor without the help of the hardworking and



Members of the Xenia football team braved the bitter cold to help clean out TI's basement.

respectful young men in the Xenia football program," said Executive Director Mark Schlater.

In addition to meeting the agency's needs, the completion of this project creates storage space for our new partner One Bistro. A non-profit restaurant that is slated to open in our building later this year, One Bistro embraces a "pay what you can afford" concept. Through the TI/One Bistro partnership, individuals in the CCC program will have opportunities to gain valuable work skills while also giving Xenia a *place where neighbors eat and come together as one community*. (Read more about our partnership with One Bistro on page 5.)

## "Like Us" On Facebook

Toward Independence (TI) now has a presence on social media. We've started with a Facebook page where you can get up-to-the-minute updates about what is going on around TI. Like our page (<https://www.facebook.com/towardindependence>) so you never miss an update from TI.

We have also secured our social presence on Twitter and Instagram and look to use those social media avenues to spread the word about the great things going on around TI in the near future. You can find us on twitter at @TI\_FullestLife and on Instagram at towardindependence. We look forward to connecting with you through your favorite social network!



# The Generosity of 100 Women Helps Further TI Partnership with One Bistro

A partnership between Toward Independence, Inc. (TI) and Miamisburg-based One Bistro is a step closer to becoming a reality thanks to a generous donation by the charitable organization 100 Women Making a Difference in Greene County.

Founded in 2010 by Sandy McHugh and Rebecca Morgann, 100 Women selects four donor recipients each year. During quarterly meetings, three members, whose names are randomly selected, present their charities. After a question and answer period, the membership votes and the winner receives a \$100 check from each member.

A non-profit restaurant that operates on a “pay-what-you-can-afford concept” and is committed to eliminating hunger, growing relationships, and celebrating community, One Bistro plans to open its second location in TI’s downtown Xenia headquarters.

Director and Executive Chef Robert Adamson began talking to Xenia city officials and TI leadership a couple years ago about the possibility of opening

a café in TI’s space.

“We are very excited about our partnership with Toward Independence and are extremely grateful to the 100 Women for their support to make this a reality,” said Adamson.

Last summer, TI Executive Director Mark Schlater took the idea to TI’s Board of Directors. Schlater and the Board of Directors recognized that a partnership between the two organizations created a win-win situation.

“We are so appreciative of the substantial donation to One Bistro by 100 Women. I know that our partnership with One Bistro will mean great things for the community of Xenia as well as the individuals we serve,” said Schlater.

Slated to open this summer, One Bistro will be located in the empty storefront in TI’s headquarters at 87 E. Main St.

“Our mission is to provide a place where our neighbors eat and come together as one community. This is regardless of race, gender, developmental



The 100 Women Check Presentation was held on Thursday, March 12 at TI. Representatives from One Bistro, 100 Women, TI and the City of Xenia were on hand for the check presentations.

abilities, or socioeconomic class. I believe that our partnership with Toward Independence will be a perfect example of this. The contribution from 100 Women furthers this vision of connecting all neighbors as one community,” said Adamson.

Individuals who attend CCC will have the opportunity to work in One Bistro to gain valuable vocational skills.

“This new partnership will provide the opportunity for individuals with disabilities to

learn valuable pre-employment job skills and meet the *Employment First* initiatives to provide community-based, integrated employment opportunities for adults with disabilities,” said Schlater.

Until the permanent location opens, people can get a taste of One Bistro on Thursdays when the restaurant’s food truck sets up in Xenia with service and seating in TI’s lobby. The food truck operates from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

## April Brings Exciting Changes for TI’s *Insight* Newsletter

Beginning in April the *Insight* Newsletter will become a monthly email publication. This change is designed to help us provide more pictures and content in a timely manner so you always know what is going on at TI. The newsletters will continue to be archived on TI’s website, so you can always access the information by going to [www.ti-inc.org](http://www.ti-inc.org).

If you haven’t already signed up for email communications, a link to the sign up form is available on the “Contact Us” page of our website. You can also go to our Facebook page and click on “Join My List” at the top of the page.

For those individuals who prefer to receive a print out of the electronic email, traditional mail delivery is available by contacting Beth Esterkamp at 937-376-3996.

Don’t miss a single issue—if you haven’t already, sign up today!





## Our 2014 Donors

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## TI Acquires New Handicap Accessible Van Thanks to Generous Donation



From left to right: Mrs. Surjt Gupta, Dr. Vijay Gupta, Mr. Rakesh Gupta and Mrs. Santosh Gupta are pictured with the new TI van. Purchase of the van was made possible by a generous donation from Mr. and Mrs. Rakesh Gupta.

In February, Toward Independence (TI) Executive Director Mark Schlater gratefully accepted a donation of \$47,500 from Rakesh and Santosh Gupta.

Proceeds from this donation were used to purchase a new fully handicap accessible minivan. Through Mr. and Mrs. Gupta's generous donation, TI clients will be able to travel in comfort when attending social activities, medical appointments and running their day-to-day errands.

When asked to explain what the donation meant for TI, Mr. Schlater had this to say, "It is hard to convey in words how much we appreciate the Gupta's generosity and thoughtfulness. Their substantial donation gives us the opportunity to improve the lives of the individuals we serve at TI."

## Our 2014 Donors

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| Ms. Sharon Morgan      |                                |
| Ms. Sherri Verdier     | Thank you again for choosing   |
| Ms. Sherrie Tipton     | to assist TI in addressing the |
| Ms. Sonya Wingate      | needs, hopes, and dreams of    |
| Ms. Stephanie Kellum   | the men and women served by    |
| Ms. Stephanie Malesko  | our agency.                    |
| Ms. Stephanie Sims     |                                |
| Ms. Sue Stewart        | We wish you, your families,    |
| Ms. Susan Hinkle       | and your businesses a          |
| Ms. Suzanne Leach      | wonderful year in 2015!        |

## TI Logo Symbolizes Many Ideals

In September 2010 Toward Independence introduced a new logo that was quite a departure from the previous two versions. Our logo symbolizes what we stand for as an agency. The following is an explanation of what each element of the TI wreath means:

The budding single leaf in the center symbolizes growth as well as independence. The multi-colored vine-like circle speaks to the fact that because our lives are intertwined we are enriched and strengthened. The five colors of the circle represent diversity, support, respect, community inclusion, and individuality. And last but not least, the circle itself—a symbol lending itself to the idea of inclusivity and the never-ending sharing of life's experiences and adventures.



Partners For Community Living and Toward Independence present the 8th annual Art & Soul Exhibit

Artist Reception  
and Awards Ceremony

Friday, April 17, 2015 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Toward Independence  
81 E. Mian St.  
Xenia, OH 45385

RSVP 937-278-0791  
walk-in attendance also welcome



Art & Soul 2015

April 14th - 24th

Art & Soul is a regional juried exhibit open to artists with developmental disabilities. This inspiring exhibit gives artists with intellectual and other disabilities the opportunity to showcase and sell their artwork. The top 40 entries are selected by an independent judging panel of professional artists for this exhibit. Join us in celebration of the creative talents of artists from the southwest ohio region. Art on exhibit April 4th through 24th.



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## Upcoming CCC Events and Activities

### Putt Putt at Young's Dairy

Mondays: April 6 & 20; May 4 & 18; June 8 & 22

### Variety Show Practice

Tuesdays: April 7, 14, 21, 28; 5:00 p.m.

### Art Class—Toward Independence

Wednesdays: April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 5:00 p.m.

### Peter Pan at WSU Creative Arts Building

Thursday, April 9, 7:00 p.m.

### Bingo Night—Toward Independence

Friday, April 10, 5:30 p.m.

### Dragon's Game Dayton Dragons Stadium

Sunday, April 12, 4:00 p.m.

### Adopt-A-Park Eastwood Park

Saturday, April 18, 8:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m.

### Art Museum Tour and Lunch

Saturday, February 22, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**For more information, please contact  
Nancy Justice, Program Coordinator, at (937) 376-3996.**