

Giving Tuesday...

Give Today • Grow Tomorrow • Create Possibilities

Dear Friends and Family,

Each year, I reflect on our vision for our young adults with disabilities. This Giving Tuesday, I want to share the stark realities our individuals face as they strive to find a true place in their communities.

Imagine needing 142% of your entire monthly income just to afford a basic apartment. This impossibility forces 80% of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and autism into permanent reliance on the family home, despite 75% aspiring to live on their own.This isolation breeds a silent epidemic:45% suffer from chronic loneliness, and up to 70% face depression or anxiety. Compounding this crisis, 90% of family caregivers report these responsibilities directly impact their own employment, all while facing the reality of their own aging and changing physical capacity over time.

The Haase House (THH) exists to dismantle these barriers. We are not just a "place to go." Every day, our dedicated staff embarks into the community alongside our clients—focusing on deep, authentic integration rather than just a physical presence. By providing robust, individualized life skill instruction, THH gives aging families immediate economic relief to maintain their employment, while simultaneously building a permanent foundation of independence. We ensure that a young adult's care and daily support never falter, establishing the reciprocal relationships needed to curb loneliness and anxiety.

Through this intentional, daily immersion, a beautiful transformation occurs.Our young adults weave a web of genuine friendships and deep community ties, which is very ‘new’ for some. These relationships are the natural rewards of living an active life. This is how community members learn to see the endless POSSIBILITIES rather than the disabilities.

By anchoring our work with families and clients, we evolve as a single, unified team and share in Future Planning meetings, as well as Guardian Gatherings. Together, we can beat the staggering odds—moving individuals into their communities as upstanding citizens who prove that true integration works.

The Haase House is evolving—not because our mission has changed, but because the needs and potential of the young adults we serve continue to grow. In the days to come, be sure to follow us on Facebook to witness the direct impact that donor support has on the lives of our clients! You will be inspired!

Mary L Haase

When you choose to **GIVE TODAY**, your tax-deductible donation will fuel the growth of **TOMORROW** and **CREATE POSSIBILITIES** for real, barrier-free futures. Join us this Giving Tuesday. **Dust off your Facebook** and follow us and you will see the realities facing our community, and exactly why your partnership remains so vital. **Our goal is to raise $30,000 between November 28th and December 31st, 2026.**

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What Clients and Guardians have to Say:

Because of THH .....



I learned how to cook Mac n Cheese at THH and now I make it for my family. I am proud of my accomplishments. - Sydney

Amelia has become a confident self-advocate who trusts her own decisions without needing approval from others. Despite physical limitations, she adapts how she tackles tasks—like carrying items—so she can handle things independently without asking for help. - Mom



2026 Reaching "Possibilities"

- **Acquiring Life Skills** - 64 self-determined life skill goals achieved by 15 clients
- **Contributing to Community** - Clients volunteered in the community: 278 hours at HAWS, Linden Grove, Azura, Green Power Gardens, Lakeland Animal Shelter
- **Establishing Healthy Bodies** - Clients have engaged in 460 hours at the YMCA this year.
- **Exploring New Interests** - Conducted three 10-week sessions of Arts without Barriers classes - Music & Rhythm, Visual Arts and Theater/Drama.
- **Promoting Self-Determination and Goal Setting** - Hosted 32 Future Planning meetings with clients and their guardians to set self-determined goals
- **Providing Guardian Support** - Hosted 4 Guardian Gatherings to share successes, concerns, needs. Also provided updates on long-term care funding and advocacy.

With your donation, THESE barriers won't stand in our way:

- **The Untapped Potential:** Clinical data confirms that 50% to 75% or higher of individuals diagnosed with an intellectual disability desire to live successfully in their own homes if provided with life-skills training and community support.
- **The Housing Crisis:** Under current systems, the path to autonomy is severely blocked. Only 19% of young adults on the autism spectrum ever achieve independent living after high school—the lowest rate among all disability groups.

Your donation will create the very possibilities that allow our participants to grow tomorrow, all because you chose to give today.

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