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None of us are defined by our limitations. We need only be given the place and the opportunity to succeed. In 1950, Roy and Georgette Engler, parents of five children with intellectual and developmental disabilities, founded Sunshine to be that amazing place. In keeping with the Engler's original intent, Sunshine is enhancing its home-like approach to caring for individuals with special needs.





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**Michael Ann's
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Amazing Transition.

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One of the main reasons Georgette's Fair Trade Grounds & Gifts exists is because Sunshine saw a need in the community to support people with developmental disabilities in meaningful employment. It's an eco-friendly store that people can feel good about and serves as a gathering place to build relationships that enhance lives.

For 65 years, Sunshine has delivered on the promise of its mission to create community among persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families, friends, and staff. By offering services that enable all of us to build relationships that enhance our lives through mutual caring and growth, Sunshine provides critical services in four areas:

- **Residential support** serves more than 400 individuals each year through our campus-based setting and 15 group homes located in neighborhoods throughout Lucas and Fulton counties. 24 hour nursing is available for individuals who need this level of care. In addition, Sunshine offers support for individuals living in their own homes.
- **Vocational services** support 290 individuals annually through competitive employment, supported employment settings, and enrichment activities.
- **Recreation and respite** allows parents with children living at home to get away for a few hours, days, or weeks knowing their child is safe and enjoying time with friends. 105 individual guests participate annually in respite care.
- **Clinical services** support the individuals in Sunshine's residential program who require physical, occupational, and/or speech therapy.

A smooth transition.



"I thought the transition of moving Brooke from our home to one of Sunshine's Family Care Homes would be challenging," said Brooke's mom, Dee Dee. "It turned out to be the smoothest transition anyone could have imagined."

Not only was the transition smooth, Dee Dee says Brook, age 31, is now flourishing and growing in the community based home where she experiences many enriching life experiences.

"Her thought processes are expanding. She goes to the grocery store, shops for her own clothes, goes out to lunch with the residents and staff, attends Mud Hens games and has gone trick or treating in the neighborhood."

"Sunshine's core values are superb," says Dee Dee. "They really respect each individual and family. We have a strong faith and have no doubt God has his hand in helping Sunshine give Brooke a true place in the community."

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“This marks an outstanding partnership designed to champion human lives requiring special mercy and deserving love.”

**FR. DAVE NUSS
PASTOR, LITTLE FLOWER CATHOLIC PARISH**



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CASE FOR SUPPORT

All people, including those with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), have the right to live in a home where they can be part of a community that includes friends, neighbors and coworkers. People with IDD have significant contributions to make in their community, contributions that too often go unfulfilled.

Individuals with IDD are more likely to have a restricted circle of acquaintances outside of immediate family and paid caregivers. This is largely a result of living and working in settings that isolate them from the community at large.

The State of Ohio, with leadership from Governor Kasich’s Administration, has taken a strategic approach to encouraging state providers, including Sunshine Communities, to downsize large facilities and replace them with community residences. Providers across the state have agreed to reduce census in large facilities by 600 beds before 2018. Sunshine plans to help 32 individuals move from our large segregated facility to homes in the community.

Clearly, helping individuals with IDD live in homes in the community is not new to Sunshine. Our first community home opened in 1978, and we now serve well over 150 individuals in community settings. Our current project is a continuation of these efforts, focusing now on offering opportunities for individuals with more complex physical and behavioral needs to live in the community.

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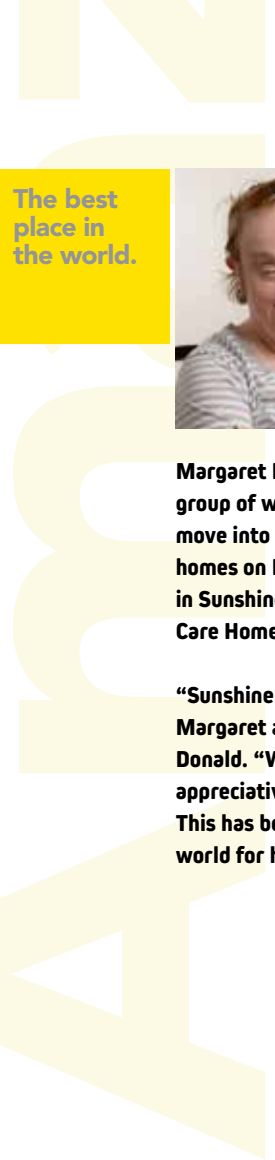
Helping individuals with complex needs not just live in a community home but be truly part of a community is the real goal of our endeavor. For individuals with mobility and communication challenges, it can seem like many barriers stand in the way of this goal. When Little Flower Catholic Parish’s pastor, Fr. Dave Nuss, invited us to consider using the property adjacent to the church, we knew a prayer had been answered. Little Flower is welcoming and ready to embrace individuals with IDD as valued members. In this collaboration we have the opportunity to help individuals share their gifts, discover new friends, and become part of the parish community.

The best place in the world.



Margaret Nye was among the first group of women from Sunshine to move into one of our family care homes on Bowen Road. She now lives in Sunshine’s Westchester Family Care Home.

“Sunshine has been God’s gift to Margaret and to us.” Says her father Donald. “We have so much to be appreciative and grateful for. This has been the best place in the world for her.”



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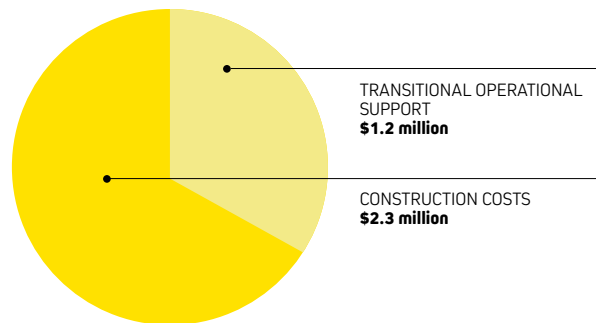


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BETTY HOLLAND
PRESIDENT & CEO, SUNSHINE COMMUNITIES

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In an effort to enhance and broaden the community home approach that Sunshine has effectively built over the years, the organization is embarking on a capital campaign, seeking community support for this important endeavor. While government funding supports ongoing operational costs, it cannot fully fund the costs of building homes. Feasibility studies indicate that Sunshine Communities can manage the operational costs of downsizing its large facility from the current census of 79 beds to 47 beds, enabling 32 individuals to move into the greater community.



The campaign goal of \$3.5 million is segregated into two main categories:

CONSTRUCTION COSTS FOR COMMUNITY HOMES \$2.3 million

Sunshine's plan is to construct three fully accessible homes that will accommodate eight individuals each. Two smaller 4-bed homes will be purchased to accommodate another eight individuals whose physical care needs are less demanding and who will do better in a smaller setting. The intent is to select locations that will allow residents to engage as fully as possible into the surrounding neighborhoods. The fully accessible homes will be built to Life Safety Code and Ohio Building Code requirements for individuals unable to evacuate the home independently in a fire.

TRANSITIONAL OPERATIONAL SUPPORT \$1.2 million

Campaign funding will also be used to support programming and activities at Sunshine's existing homes and facilities. These programs and activities include a barn with therapeutic horseback riding, a working greenhouse, therapeutic pool and an organized spiritual life program, just to name a few. In support of the organizations' mission, these types of services enable relationship building to enhance lives through mutual caring and growth, caring and growth.

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"Sunshine is raising the bar for those with significant physical, mental and behavioral conditions. Sunshine promotes a sense of inclusion and these homes will offer a place of pride for individuals."

MAYNARD AND CAROLYN SAUDER
HONORARY CAMPAIGN CHAIRS

Amazing Opportunity.

WHY GIVE TO SUNSHINE?

Whether you have experienced first-hand the incredible difference that Sunshine makes in the community or, see the value of the best practices that Sunshine offers, your gift makes you a partner in our mission of creating community. We invite you to help us to strengthen and enhance the ability of people with IDD to continue to make significant contributions in their community.

HOW CAN I MAKE A GIFT?

You may make a gift to Sunshine in a variety of convenient ways.

- Cash or pledges
- Gifts of appreciated property
- Gifts of stock from privately held corporations
- Gift of an established business
- "In-kind" gifts that can be directly used by Sunshine
- Bequests
- Charitable Gift Annuities
- Charitable Remainder Unitrusts (CRUTs)
- Charitable Remainder Annuity Trusts (CRATs)
- Life insurance
- Gifts of part or a percentage of an IRA, 401(k), or other qualified retirement plan

Additionally, donors may name the Sunshine, Inc. in their wills or estate plans for specific dollar amounts or for specific percentages of their residual estates.

For more information, contact the Development office at 419.794.1390.

The best place in the world.



From summer ice cream socials to winter dances to Toledo Walleye hockey games, Sunshine's community recreation programs offer something for everyone to enjoy. These programs help fulfill our mission and promise to create new opportunities for people with developmental disabilities to live as fully as possible and have the opportunity to make friends and learn new skills.



JoinUs.



The world around us is changing. There is a greater acceptance of people with disabilities, and greater understanding of all that they offer. We see it in the Girl Scout troop excited to have Beth belong. We see it in the grateful embrace of Paula's coworkers, glad to have her on their team.

We believe our community is ready to accept individuals who have been living in our large, segregated facility, individuals with complex physical and medical support needs. For this reason we have begun planning for the construction of accessible homes in community neighborhoods with the intent of helping 32 individuals move from our facility to a neighborhood home.

Building the homes is only the beginning of the transformation process. Individual lives are enriched when the person has a large circle of family and friends who remain steady in their lives through the inevitable changes in paid support providers. For that reason we at Sunshine are challenged to transform our support to include helping individuals connect with their neighbors in a way that opens opportunities to make lasting friends. We believe that everyone deserves these opportunities created through having a home to call our own.

Please join us on this journey. Your support, whether making connections, sharing ideas, or donating funds is critical to us at this time. Together we can create an inclusive community that welcomes everyone.

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