2026 NEWSLETTER

The Eighth Street Community is a community of diverse disabled adults with limited financial resources, who live as a family in homes that provide opportunities to enable them to grow and engage in OUR community.

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Gratitude

The sincere appreciation for the goodness received.

I·ve been reflecting deeply on the mission of the Eighth Street Community. I am reminded that providing excellent care is both a responsibility and a privilege.

It is a commitment that YOU·our staff, donors, volunteers, and friends·have also taken seriously. For that, I am grateful.

YOU are coaches, friends, encouragers, and dream makers. YOU provide meals, daily supplies, and special treats. YOU open doors to employment, training, and pathways to greater independence. YOU believe in our vision to expand our footprint, both physically and through additional services and have provided support to make that happen.

YOU make it possible!

Our mission is to create a true family and a place to call home for adults with disabilities. Through shared living, individualized support, and opportunities to grow and engage in the wider community, we help each resident build relationships, develop greater independence, and feel valued.

In addition to maintaining excellent care and service, 2026 has been a year of strategic planning and preparing for what lies ahead. There are great things in store for 2027 through our Bridge to 100 initiative. We hope YOU will continue to stand with us, invest in us, and support our mission.

Looking forward-

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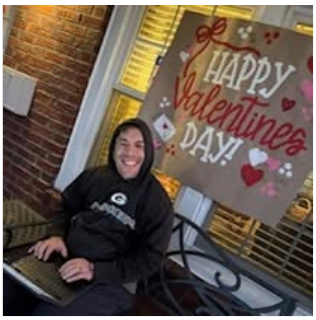
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LIFE on Eighth Street!

A YEAR OF CELEBRATIONS, CONNECTION & COMMUNITY

2026 ANNUAL RESIDENT EVENTS



VALENTINES ON EIGHTH

Our February celebration brings the community together for a day filled with Disney and Marvel characters, an exotic petting zoo, inflatables, crafts, music, and dancing. A favorite Eighth Street tradition.



CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Residents celebrated at Monte Sano Pool! They enjoyed a delicious meal, swimming, music, dancing, a surprise visit from Santa, pancakes, and Christmas morning gifts.



TRUNK OR TREAT

Decorated vehicles, treats, karaoke, music and chili dogs made for a festive community celebration.

2026 ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENTS



LOVE GROWS HERE

$50,000 raised

Our Love Grows Here spring fundraiser brought friends and supporters together for an evening of connection and generosity.



WHISKEY & WINE

$150,000 raised

Hosted by Lynn Troy and JoAnn Perez, Whiskey & Wine brought supporters together for tastings, fellowship and generosity.

Thank you to everyone who makes these celebrations and opportunities possible.

BECOME A PART OF OUR STORY

There are many ways to connect, contribute, and belong at Eighth Street.

WORK FOR EIGHTH STREET

Be part of something greater. Join a team committed to creating safe, supportive homes and meaningful opportunities for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

We welcome caring, dependable people who want to make a difference through direct support, daily living assistance, and helping residents build independence and community connections.

Explore current openings and apply: eighthstreetcommunity.org/careers



BECOME A VOLUNTEER



Share your time, talents, or a helping hand. Individuals, families, businesses, faith communities, and civic groups are welcome.

There are many ways to serve: game days and resident activities, lawn care and projects, transportation, serving meals, event chaperones, party decorating, and sharing your professional skills or services.

Register to volunteer: eighthstreetcommunity.org/volunteer

BECOME A RESIDENT

Interested in joining our family? Eighth Street provides supportive, family-model homes for adults with disabilities and limited financial resources.

Our homes offer a place to belong, individualized support, and opportunities to develop life skills, relationships, and greater independence. Visit our website to learn more about becoming a resident and accessing resident and financial applications.

Learn more: eighthstreetcommunity.org/become-a-resident



BRIDGE TO 100

Expanding our reach. Creating opportunities. Changing lives.

WHAT IS BRIDGE TO 100?

Bridge to 100 is Eighth Street Community's multi-year initiative to expand family-model housing and support services, creating greater independence, community engagement, and opportunities for more than 100 adults with intellectual disabilities across greater Huntsville over the next two to three years.

BRIDGE TO 100 · ALREADY UNDERWAY

Important pieces of the foundation are already in place:

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

We welcome interns through local colleges and universities to help develop future caregivers and strengthen the workforce pipeline.

DONOR & VOLUNTEER SYSTEMS

New donor CRM and volunteer management tools implemented to strengthen relationships and coordinate community support.

NEW WEBSITE

Launched with program information, giving and volunteer opportunities, and a live Bridge to 100 portal.

DAY PROGRAM

A structured daytime program for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, offering social connection, learning, creativity, and meaningful activities.

THE NEXT STEPS...

We have the need and opportunity to grow our spaces by purchasing two adjacent homes on Eighth Street.

We are well on our way!

Would you help us grow?

TURN THE PAGE TO EXPLORE THE TWO HOMES AND SEE HOW THIS EXPANSION WILL GROW OUR CAMPUS.

AN 8TH STREET COMMUNITY INITIATIVE - BRIDGE TO 100

306 8TH STREET

A semi-independent home for women - Huntsville, Alabama



THE OPPORTUNITY

A SEMI-INDEPENDENT HOME FOR WOMEN

306 will be Eighth Street's first semi-independent residence for women, a new tier of care for two residents who are ready for more autonomy while continuing to receive support for daily living, health, medication, and community. It complements Nora's House at 312, our existing 24/7-staffed women's home, by offering the next step in independence for women who may hold jobs or continue their education.

RECENTLY REMODELED

2	Semi-Independent	$225,000
RESIDENTS	LEVEL OF CARE	TOTAL INVESTMENT

AN 8TH STREET COMMUNITY INITIATIVE - BRIDGE TO 100

401 8TH STREET

A new men's residence - Huntsville, Alabama



THE OPPORTUNITY

A NEW HOME FOR MEN

The adjacent 401 8th Street property is planned for redevelopment as a new men's residence for up to 20 residents. This expansion will create additional family-model housing and allow the current 305 home to become an on-campus Program Center, with community kitchen, dining, day program, offices, and additional housing.

PLANNED REDEVELOPMENT

UP TO 20	MEN'S RESIDENCE	$265,000
RESIDENTS	LEVEL OF CARE	TOTAL PURCHASE INVESTMENT

HOUSING PURCHASE CAMPAIGN

PLEDGED TO DATE	REMAINING	FUNDING NEEDED
$225,000	$265,000	$490,000

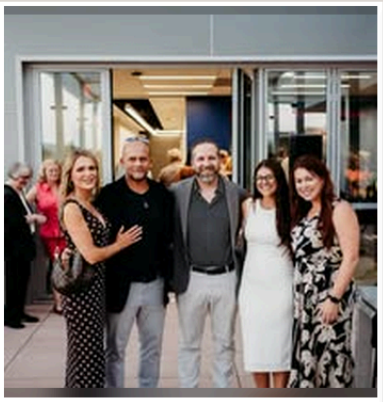


$225,000 PLEDGED	$265,000 REMAINING	$490,000 GOAL

EACH MARK REPRESENTS $10,000




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THIS FALL?
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FAMILY FARM





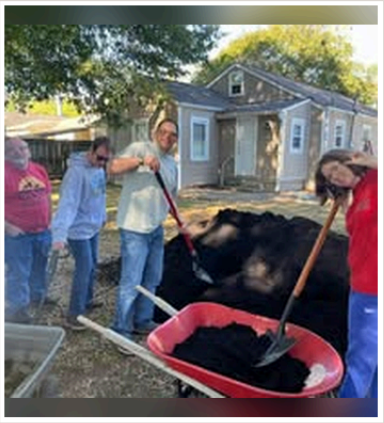
















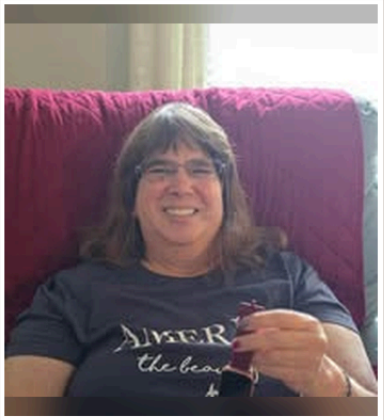


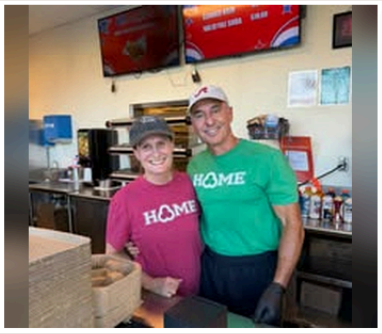











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