



# THRIVE DAY HABILITATION



## Our Thrive Program Needs Your Help.

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

In March 2020, the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission opened the Thrive Day Habilitation program. This program fulfills a huge need in our area and serves adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Thrive's mission is to identify individual needs and preferences and help to set goals that lead to achieving new levels of independence. The program offers opportunities to learn new skills and strengthen abilities in self-determination, relationship building, personal health and safety, creativity, physical activity, environmental awareness, and community involvement.

Thrive Day Habilitation is located on our 70 acre campus in Califon, New Jersey. The location provides access to outdoor activities such as hiking, gardening, fishing and feeding the animals in our large animal farm. Our participants also enjoy basketball, bocce, cornhole, frisbee, and wiffle ball games outdoors.

This letter is to ask for your support for a great need of our program. Due to our concern for the health and well-being of our twenty-eight Thrive participants, we cannot enjoy the outdoor activities for long periods of time. We need to build an overhead pavilion with a concrete base so that we can enjoy fresh air without the harmful rays of the sun.



The Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission has no tax base and receives no state aid for its operations. In addition, the Thrive Day Habilitation program only receives income from fees for services provided. Despite several attempts, we have not been able to secure a grant for this project.

At this time, we anticipate that the project will cost approximately \$60,000. Any support you can provide to help us fund the Thrive pavilion would be greatly appreciated.

We thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
*Corinne Steinmetz*  
Superintendent

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