

# So much to be thankful for, even in 2020



In a year filled with uncertainty and challenges, it's important to think about what we are thankful for, what brings us joy. For us, that would be the smiles on WSC participants' faces...and **YOU!** We are immensely grateful to be part of a community that cares so much about people with disabilities and other barriers; a community of givers who have made it possible to keep going in a tough year.

Currently there are 40 adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities living over an hour away from this wonderful community due to a lack of quality residential care. In March, Work Skills purchased a seven-acre site in Howell to address this need and provide a safe and comfortable home for six of these displaced adults.



The existing house, unoccupied for years, was in disrepair and needed extensive renovations. It has basically become a new build, going from 1,600 to 6,700 square feet of living space on two fully-accessible levels! Upstairs are six private bedroom/bathroom suites, a community kitchen and dining area, laundry, spacious family room and outdoor deck. The lower level is an open space for therapeutic and recreational activities and includes a walkout to the sensory gardens and basketball court.

**You can help make this house a home!** All people, regardless of their abilities, should have the opportunity to live and participate in the community of their choice. This \$1M endeavor shows WSC's ongoing commitment to our community. **Partner with us and welcome these loved ones back home**, close to family, friends and those who support them on their path to success.

As this crazy year comes to a close, there is still time for you to *change lives*. Our friends at Executive Wealth Management have pledged to **match every dollar received in December, up to \$5,000!** Your gift in any amount will have double the impact!

***"In turbulent times, the good in people seems to shine more brightly. The EWM Team applauds those who support their nonprofit heroes."***

And we **applaud the EWM Team for their generosity!** Thank you for sharing our vision of *a community that offers opportunity for everyone with the desire to succeed*. Yes, even in this year of challenges, there is much to be thankful for. We are thankful for you.

Merry Christmas, from our family to yours,

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