

How will our children with more significant special needs be cared for after we're gone?



We are a group of families with young adult children with intellectual disabilities who came together to find a solution to a common fear: how do we ensure that kids like ours can lead rich and purposeful lives and be looked after by people who genuinely have their best interests at heart?

Here's our solution:
The Village Community A sustainable living/learning/working residential model — run by parents.

- These parents are fully invested in the success of this model because their children's lives depend on it.
- These parents are determined to make this happen and they have invested significant time and money into its creation.
- These parents know there is no such thing as impossible.



In August 2014, The Village Community acquired the perfect property at 5305 Herbert Hoover Highway, West Branch, Iowa, on which to fulfill our mission.

- It has an existing building that is ideal for gatherings and a variety of group activities. In fact, we are already providing enrichment activities on site and collaborating with other local organizations and non-profits to enhance their services.
- There is a historic farm house that is perfect for giving members the opportunity to practice daily living and social skills in a natural environment and space where individual therapies can take place.
- With nearly 10 acres of land outside city limits, there are plenty of agricultural options that will provide work opportunities for the members.

