

Handi-Crafters

Empowering Independent and Productive Lives...Hands-On Solutions to Your Business Needs

Dearest Treasured Friend,

You are receiving this letter with a special request because you know and care about our mission most. The opportunity to have a job is important to you and you see value in what we offer to an extraordinary workforce. Thank you for taking a moment to recognize our service and invest in the possibilities we deliver.

Jim's father wrote to us a few weeks ago, he said in his letter that Handi-Crafters is a bright spot in his son's life. He went on to say that Handi-Crafters provides a place where "patience and understanding succeeds in achieving what could have been lost." Everyone deserves a chance to meet their potential. Handi-Crafters Supported Employment programs and services offer individuals like Jim a safe-haven and an encouraging environment to thrive and develop regardless of the barriers a disability may bring. There are no limits in our world.

There has been an important shift in how we manage our operations. We believe the private sector is key to maintaining our organization. Now more than ever do we rely on your full support. Did you know some States are no-longer providing funding for Supported Employment Programs like Handi-Crafters, leaving thousands of disabled individuals jobless? Closing doors and shutting down choice and options on our most vulnerable population has a profound outcome. Furthermore, public funding has not increased for years and here in Pennsylvania we are still waiting for a budget that we fear will have a damaging effect to our bottom line. The only way our program will continue to withstand the test of these times is to engage our investors.

We believe in giving individuals with disabilities a choice in the employment market. Imagine for a moment what life would be like if Handi-Crafters did not exist for the thousands of individuals we have served over the last 55 years? 95% of our clients' families say their loved one would lead a very different and unadorned life. Your response to this appeal is a true and powerful investment to our mission; not only are you giving critical dollars to help us manage our budget, you are a strong supporter of our cause in sustaining choice, and providing options and opportunities for those who are differently-abled to enjoy a career and reach their fullest potential and the very best quality of life.

With warmest regards,



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