

Empowering individuals to live more independent, productive and fulfilling lives.

Visit Handi-Crafters....Our non-profit disability focused enterprise is located on Barley Sheaf road in Thorndale. We are situated on 14 acres of beautiful property with easy access to Route 30. Our 24,000 sq. ft operation occupies two buildings. We employ over 60 full and part time staff, including a full time nurse.



We work predominantly with individuals with diverse special needs, including individuals with developmental and physical disabilities, mental health diagnoses, cerebral palsy, traumatic brain injury and people on the autism spectrum. We proudly serve the resident of Chester and surrounding Counties.

“We just wanted you to know how important Handi-Crafters is to our daughter . It has everything to do with the confidence she has in herself. She is a hard worker, had a great work ethic, and is a very proud of her job and her paycheck. She feels like she is a contributing member of the work force, just like everyone else in our family.”

**Stephanie’s Mother*

Handi-Crafters runs one of the largest employment and disability focused non-profit support service programs in Southeast Pennsylvania. Each year we help over 400 individuals to access rewarding employment opportunities in the community and in our Supported Workshop Program. We achieve our goals through partnerships with great employers and the acquisition of work contracts with businesses who choose socially responsible outsourcing to meet business goals. We also offer a continuum of support programs which includes housing solutions and retirement options. In operation since 1961, Handi-Crafters is a trusted resource serving residents of Chester and surrounding Counties.

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Providing disability-focused employment services and support since 1961.



Each year we help over 400 individuals with barriers to work to access rewarding opportunities that promote their independence at different life stages. Through meaningful work, independent living and retirement opportunities we enable individuals to realize their true potential and experience personal fulfillment.

Handi-Crafters offers a world of opportunities through our continuum of vocational services.
Our Programs Include:

VOCATIONAL EVALUATIONS - The vocational evaluation process at Handi-Crafters is a comprehensive assessment that includes a facility tour and intake interview. The 10-day assessment focuses on a variety of vocational and work sample testing and situational observation. A scheduled vocational evaluation is the first step to entering Handi-Crafters programs and services.

CASE MANAGEMENT - Our Program Specialists actively work with each individual client to ensure they are accessing the support and services they need and to guide them in pursuit of their goals.

SCHOOL-TO-WORK – We partner with area school districts to provide students with important work skills and development, preparing them and their families for life after school.

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COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT - Employment Specialists guide individuals through the job search process educating clients on resumes, job applications, interviewing for jobs and establishing proper work behaviors. Once an individual finds a job, our staff maintain regular communication to help ensure success.

SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTER - Our core program provides immediate job opportunities and work skills training with a paycheck for over 300 individuals who perform assembly and packaging services in our Skill Development Center located on our campus in Thorndale. We are an busy business enterprise supporting the needs of customers that represent start-up entrepreneurs to major companies. Customers who choose a socially responsible outsourcing path depend on our workforce for the production and distribution of product on local, national and global levels.

COMMUNITY WORK CREWS – Handi-Crafters Work Crews are dispatched into the community and perform on-site work duties for local businesses and government offices. Providing individuals the opportunity to experience work in a competitive employment setting and serving as a springboard into competitive employment.

HOUSING COUNSELING - Independent Living Solutions is a program that is based at Handi-Crafters and is funded in part by the County of Chester. This program supports individuals with disabilities who need access to safe and affordable housing. The program's Case Manager works one-on-one with individuals to stabilize their housing crisis

AFTER WORK PROGRAM - Presents the opportunity for individuals to socialize with their peers outside of the work environment and provides activities to help enrich their lives, including literacy, recreation, music and art.

ADULT DAILY LIVING CENTER - The OADLC is a critical addition to our model of services and was designed as a retirement center for Handi-Crafters clients who are ages 60+ . The program allows individuals to remain engaged in the active Handi-Crafters community with socialization, stimulation and fun activities, enhancing the overall quality of life and wellbeing.



“Hide not your talents, they for use were made, what's a sundial in the shade?”
 ~ Benjamin Franklin