

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.



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.

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 residents of Chester and surrounding Counties.

Each year we help over 425 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.

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COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION



Providing disability-focused employment services and support since 1961.



**Oh the places you'll go,
Today is your day!
Your mountain is waiting,
So ...get on your way!**

--Dr. Seuss

Handi-Crafters COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION



All people, regardless of abilities, should have access to, choice of, and an opportunity to participate in a full range of community activities. All individuals have the capacity to participate in a range of community activities when provided the opportunity and appropriate supports. Handi-Crafters New Community Participation Program enhances the opportunity for our clients to seek and enjoy the benefits of greater community involvement.

This new program is designed in conjunction with Pennsylvania's Office of Developmental Programs and is being offered as an opportunity to give clients greater room to grow independently within the community setting. **GOALS OF THE PROGRAM:**

- Increase potential for employment
- Build natural supports
- Increase independence
- Experience meaningful community participation and inclusion
- Develop social relationships

Excursions to planned activities will be scheduled one day a week. Up to three individuals will participate in the planned activity under the supervision of one staff person. Transportation is provided by Handi-Crafters however, costs associated with the activity will be the responsibility of the client.

Examples of activities:

Volunteering:

- Animal shelters
- Food bank
- Senior Centers
- Churches

Field Trips:

- Longwood Gardens
- Museums
- Zoo
- Parks
- Local Farms

Library visits and classes,
Sports leagues such as Bowling
Gym workouts or hiking
Classes: art, dance, theater
Beauty salon appointments
Shopping

And much more...

I'm interested!

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First-
Name _____

Last
Name _____

Phone: _____

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Primary Staff or
family member
Name _____

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Program Specialist
Name _____

My community interests would be:

Date: _____

