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## A place to call Home: Creating an inclusive environment

## WE HAVE EXCITING NEWS TO SHARE...



Aaron's Acres is excited to announce plans to be a part of the development of a new cultural center on Hoffer Farm, owned by Pleasant View Communities in Manheim, PA. Both organizations have signed a letter of intent signifying the start of this project in 2020. Aaron's Acres will have a permanent home at the cultural center for all programs, administrative offices, storage space and meetings.

Aaron's Acres envisions a campus that promotes collaboration with other non-profit organizations and community groups, serving all types of people with a wide variety of ages, abilities and needs. Partnerships with other programs will help to create an inclusive environment with volunteer opportunities for the residents of Pleasant View Communities and the participants at Aaron's Acres. Meaningful activities such as growing vegetables, herbs and flowers, hydroponic gardening and caring for animals are just some of the activities Aaron's Acres hopes to participate in at the new center. Aaron's Acres hopes to create new community connections and looks forward to collaborating with Pleasant View Communities to build a stronger community for all people, regardless of abilities and challenges.



## The Tree House of Lititz

The Tree House of Lititz Foundation has partnered with Play by Design to build a beautiful custom-made playground for every single child in Lititz and the surrounding communities. The Tree House Playground will be a place where ALL children of ALL abilities can safely play and feel included, heard and valued.

The playground will include a Liberty Swing (a specially designed swing for wheelchairs), a fiberglass slide (safe for children with hearing aids), ramps to all areas and parts of the playground, cushioned poured rubber surface (to soften falls), and many more features.

Aaron's Acres is looking forward to using this local community playground for many years to come.

The entire Tree House Playground will be built over about 10 days, by community volunteers this April. If you would like to be a part of the build process in April, use the link below to sign-up to volunteer.



## **Summer Camp Applications**

Are you looking for a rewarding experience working with children this summer? Join the Aaron's Acres Summer Camp team! Summer Camp positions are posted and available to view online. Follow the application process and learn more about how you can be a Group Leader, Counselor or Buddy. Group Leader and Counselor positions are paid positions for those 18 years of age and older. The Buddy position is a volunteer position for high school students ages 14 to 17. We cannot have camp without a dedicated team of staff and volunteers to lead the way! Consider joining this exceptional and diverse group of students and professionals this summer.

Visit our website to apply!



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