

Exciting News At Aaron's Acres

From The Beginning To Where We Are Now....

As many of you are aware, we have been looking for our permanent home for quite some time; it has proven to be a bit challenging! While we are continuing to pursue this goal, we now are focusing on, “building beyond the building”. Our commitment to providing meaningful recreational programs to children and young adults with disabilities remains strong and we are excited to share that we will be expanding our existing programs for individuals between the ages of 5-21 as well as introducing year-round programs to individuals between the ages of 21-30. At the present time, our Chuckie Magee Flag Football and Cheerleading Program (fall) and our Sports Program (spring) accept individuals between the ages of 18-40.

In order to respond to the tremendous need for more programs for this population, we will be adding a new position to our Administrative Team—a Program Coordinator who will report to our Program Director, Elaine Burnett. In this way, we can continue running all of our programs, ensuring that we will remain true to the Aaron's Acres' culture. More details to follow with this exciting addition!

We are also excited to announce that we will be partnering with **Kinectiv**, “a client-focused, strategy-driven marketing agency” that will support our goals as we grow our organization in substantial ways. Our organization is ready to take this next step with contracting with an outside firm rather than our team managing this type of work.

Lastly, in order to support our organization from a development perspective, we will be hiring a part-time person to be our Special Events and Stewardship Coordinator. This person will join our Administrative Team as well and will report to our Director of Development, Kate Mullen.

There is no question that it is truly an exciting time at Aaron's Acres. Since we first began 26 years, this is a major growth period for us. We have always tried our best to respond to the needs that are shared by the parents whose children attend our programs. Our organization is blessed to be at this point, in being able to turn more of our dreams into realities in which we can grow and expand our programs and do so in a way that is financially responsible for today, tomorrow and for the future.

Celebrating Partnership: Manheim Auto Auction's Continued Support

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This spring, Manheim Auto Auction generously supported Aaron's Acres during their Annual Xtreme Spring Sale event, contributing significantly to our mission of providing recreational programs for children and young adults with disabilities. Their ongoing support includes not only fundraising but also volunteering, such as capturing memorable moments at our summer camp and assisting at our Community Resource Fair & Family Fun Event, which has created a supportive environment for our community. We are deeply grateful for their commitment and look forward to continuing this meaningful partnership.

Community Events

Saturday, September 14 at the 3rd annual Elizabethtown Fall Fest's Maker's Market
(900 East High Street in Elizabethtown)

The Dedhia family will be selling handmade cards to raise funds for Aaron's Acres.
Head over and see them from 10am-4pm!
We appreciate their continued support of our programs!

September 22nd at Pleasant View Park in Mechanicsburg from Noon-3PM
UCP's Family Support Services annual Fall Family Fun Fair
Come out to snuggle a kangaroo from Aldinger Farms! It's going to be a great day!
[Click Below to register.](#)

You do not need to receive services with UCP to attend this event, it is open to any family supporting an individual(s) with differing abilities.

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September 21st at GiGi's Playhouse Lancaster, 2501 Oregon Pike, Suite 101 from 11:00-4:00. Join a team of experienced educators and therapists from across the GiGi's Playhouse Network to learn how to teach individuals with Down syndrome the way they learn best.

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