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really.



HOPE

Home Ownership for Personal Empowerment

It's a simple dream, *really*.

Living as independently as possible, in a place you choose.

Allowing you the freedom to do the everyday things that come from having a place to call home.

But for many people it was a dream that seemed out of reach. Then came HOPE - and now they're living the dream.

Every parent of an adult child with developmental disabilities faces many concerns - one of the most difficult is "Where will my son or daughter live when I can no longer provide a home?"

In many cases there are no other family members who can assume responsibility. The alternatives sometimes offer minimal privacy, little personal freedom, lack of permanence and stability, or poor living conditions in bad neighborhoods.

That's the reason for HOPE.

Home Ownership for Personal Empowerment (HOPE) is a nonprofit organization founded in 1994 by a group of South Bay parents and concerned friends in partnership with Harbor Regional Center. They believed that all persons - no matter how severe their disability - have the right to live where and with whom they choose, as a valued part of the community.



My dream was always living in a house and I got that dream, and I made that dream come true.

- Michael

HOPE's mission is to create stable, affordable housing options for people with developmental disabilities.

HOPE partners with Regional Centers to offer a variety of housing options. Regional Centers are private, nonprofit corporations that contract with the State Department of Developmental Services to provide or coordinate services and supports for individuals with developmental disabilities which include autism, cerebral palsy, intellectual disability, and epilepsy.

Together, HOPE and the Regional Centers are a team, making opportunities and fulfilling dreams through three housing options: **Affordable Rental Housing**; permanent, **State-Licensed Residential Homes**; and college housing for the **College to Career (C2C)** program.



*It needs to grow so much more
It needs more people willing to
either donate time or money to
help them get more. There are
just an awful lot of disabled
people out there that need
housing. The waiting list
is huge.*

- Bob





In the **Affordable Rental Housing** program, HOPE purchases a variety of housing types, such as single-family homes, duplexes and condominiums in Southern California. We then rent these properties to adults with developmental disabilities at very reasonable rates – usually not more than 30% of their income.

The Regional Centers refer residents, help with roommate selection, and provide supported living services. Supported living services include assistance in meal preparation, help with budgeting and banking, training in how to use public transportation, and help in finding community resources for recreation.

Persons with developmental disabilities decide themselves who will provide these services and what those services will be. This heightens their self-esteem and self-reliance, and gives them the confidence to achieve more in other areas of their lives such as employment, education and social development.

I think personally it would give me a great feeling to know that Beth had a place she could call her home long after we were gone – and I know that is true of other parents that we know.

– David



HOPE has contracted with Southern California Regional Centers to develop **State-Licensed Residential Homes** which support people who transition from a State Developmental Center. The homes provide 24/7 care and support services for people with more intensive medical and behavioral needs. These homes will remain in the developmental disability services system permanently. And since HOPE owns the homes, the tenants can live there as long as they wish even if the provider of the in-home services should change.

HOPE also partners with Harbor Regional Center to provide housing for students in the **College to Career** (C2C) program, which provide community college students who have a developmental disability with the opportunity to experience a college living experience close to the campus. A variety of support services are available to meet the students' academic and independent living needs.



The progress I've seen in him is really just amazing. He's trying new things, smiling more, and seems to really be enjoying his new life.

- Denise

We need support to continue to improve the lives of people with developmental disabilities in your community. HOPE bears the costs of property repairs and maintenance, gardening, utilities, association fees and debt service on loans for properties. We raise funds for property acquisition, necessary modifications, and various property management related expenses. Much of the funding for all three HOPE housing options comes from federal, state and local grants, private and corporate foundations, and caring donors.



The value of empowering individuals to live as active and contributing members of their community is at the very heart of HOPE. And there's no doubt - living a life as independently as possible changes people's lives.

HOPE makes a difference.
See for yourself.

For more information,
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www.hope-homes.org.

*The best thing about
HOPE is that I have
my independence.*

- Becky





*We're not here forever
in this world. And when
you have a child that
you have to leave behind,
you want to make sure
that they're taken care
of and there's nothing
better than to have them
take care of themselves
with a little help. And
HOPE provides that.*

- Lynne



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