

2019 annual report



THE VILLAGE OF
merici

BY *Creating*
A STRONG SENSE OF
Community
WE WILL *create*
A STRONGER SENSE OF
Belonging.

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A Neighborhood for Adults with Developmental Disabilities in Indianapolis

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our mission



The Village of Merici provides residential opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities that promote a strong sense of community.

The desire to have individuals and families come together as a community to support one another in leading a self-directed meaningful life is our focus.

The Village of Merici is a 501(c)3 organization.

From the Executive Director:

The Village of Merici Inc. celebrated our 5th anniversary of opening the Merici Village Apartments. We provide over 3000 hours of support each month to individuals who direct their lives using a person-centered focus to develop their own home!

The Merici Book Clubs support over 50 additional individuals in five social-literacy programs meeting weekly throughout Indianapolis and the surrounding area.

Colleen Renie OTR ATP

our people



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innovation



More than 15 years ago a group of parents and families met in Indianapolis to discuss what will happen to our adult family members when we are no longer able to care for them. We challenged one another to think outside of the traditional residential housing options and supports needed by individuals to live in the community.

We are proud to begin work on our 2nd location on Lawton Loop to offer affordable apartments to adults with developmental disabilities.



We are excited to have been selected as one of two projects in the state of Indiana as part of the **Moving Forward 2020** housing initiative. Partnering with Merchants Affordable Housing and Old Town Company we will focus on new technology design of housing and transportation in the Carmel, IN area called the North End Project.

inspiration



"If according to times and needs you should be obliged to make fresh rules and change current things, do it with prudence and good advice."

—St. Angela Merici



In understanding the desire of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their choice to live in a community of people with common interests, we are inspired to develop options that are essential to the quality of life through living in a supportive community.

In 2020, we are launching **Merici City Rides** for the persons we support to offer transportation alternatives to access the community.

individuality



We focus on the desire to have a community of individuals and families who support one another in leading a meaningful life.

The persons we support determine their own goals. We focus on a person's capabilities rather than skill deficits and presume competence in the individual's ability to live independently with appropriate supports as needed.

Administrators, coaching staff, and board members believe that all people can live in a home they choose and control, on their own or with others they select, and can participate in meaningful work and activities and use supports and services that are offered.

We respect and promote choice and people's control over their own lives.



independence



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Gaining skills for self-advocacy, employment, and affordable housing are among the most important factors in a person's sense of independence and self-fulfillment.

Community Integration provides opportunities outside of the home or apartment to individuals to gain personal, social and vocational competence. These are critical to a sense of living successfully in the community. Our community members are active partners in determining the activities residents want to participate in and the skills they will work to develop. Our staff work together with the individual and their family to identify compatible, comfortable and challenging community life experiences and interactions. Together we develop goals and a plan to achieve them which will then result in increased independence and greater quality of life.



integration



By creating a strong sense of community,
we can create a stronger sense of belonging.

The 2020 Community Matter program
encourages persons we support to participate
in activities in the community through
participation or volunteerism.



The Village of Merici is an approved service provider
through the Bureau of Developmental Disabilities (BDDS)
Waiver Services and is accredited by CARF International
for supported living and community integration.



COMMUNITY INTEGRATION
...is more than just a place.

- Engagement
- Accessibility
- Walkability
- Transportation
- Home Management & Smart Home Technology
- Financial affordability
- Sustainability

invitation



We welcome the families, friends, and neighbors of the
persons we support who live in the larger community.
We invite you to watch our I Am Home Series on our
web site highlighting the people we support.
Please visit: villageofmerici.org/i-am-home/

We also recruit and welcome community helpers and
volunteers to participate in daily activities as well as
occasional or special events and opportunities.

A very important part of our invitation to you,
and to all who may be interested in or supportive
of our mission and goals is to ask for
financial support.

This may be as a regular monthly or annual
contribution. Even a one-time gift is welcome – large
or small. Your funds will be used to build affordable
housing as well as facilitate the development of
program services for the people we support.



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