

LIFE EXPERIENCES Complete the Vision Campaign

Expanding Positive Life Experiences for Adults with Disabilities



Life Experiences, Inc.
Job Opportunities for Adults with Disabilities

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For nearly 30 years, Life Experiences has provided a place for adults with disabilities who strive to become independent and productive citizens, working for pay. The program began as a small bakery with four employees and two staff members and today operates five businesses employing 40 adults with developmental disabilities and 8 staff members. Five years ago, Life Experiences opened a new facility in Cary to offer its employees (clients) the best in vocational opportunities and work environments. We started a great plan a decade ago to serve the Wake County community. Today it is time to complete that vision.

The Program

In 1978, a group of parents and teachers recognized a void in the lives of their children with special needs. After graduation, their children faced a dreary future with little opportunity to continue their education or find fulfilling employment. The Life Experiences bakery was filled with tasks these special adults could perform with satisfaction and success. Since those early days, a commercial laundry, sub-contract department, vending program and janitorial service have been added.

Originally housed in the basement of a school in Apex, Life Experiences rented space at South Hills Mall from 1985 - 2002. We moved into our new facility in the Spring of 2002, occupying 2/3 of the building. This was the beginning of a long-term plan to occupy the entire building and employ up to 65 adults. The time to COMPLETE THE VISION is NOW.

The Need

At this stage of our growth and development, it is time to plan for the future of Life Experiences. We need to assure and insure that this resource will always be here to help those families in our community who need support of this kind. We are conducting our Campaign for the same reason the older generation plants trees for the younger – it provides shade and nourishing fruit for their children. It is this insight and vision that perpetuates a civilization, a community and a center like Life Experiences. We've budgeted \$463,000 to complete the remaining space, recruit the additional staff and supervisors and develop the additional business. We intend to start an endowment with the remaining funds to help create scholarships for current and future employees.

The Challenge

The campaign challenge is to raise \$1,000,000. We've already received pledges and support from many leaders in the community. Expanding our facility will give more adults with special needs a safe and satisfying work environment to go to each day. It will provide a solution for parents and family members faced with uncertainty when their son, daughter, brother or sister leaves the routine of the school environment. It will give back to the Triangle, through services provided and goods produced and sold in the community. Any way you look at it, Life Experiences is a win-win situation. With your support, Life Experiences will continue to WIN.



Plans for the Program Expansion include:

- Serving an additional 20 - 30 adults with developmental disabilities in our community
- Transitioning into the additional unfinished 5,000 square feet at our facility in Cary
- Developing additional business plans and hiring more staff to work with our employees with special needs
- Establishing an endowment to insure Life Experiences will be here to serve our community for years to come

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