

President's Message



Ara A. Bagdasarian President, Co-Founder

R eflecting on 2022, we have been blessed with the accomplishment of key milestones during our seventh year of creating Solon Community Living.

Most importantly, we sincerely thank our board members, staff, volunteers, and donors, for making all of this possible.

This year, over 100 people attended our family readiness workshops about the important legal, financial, and care decisions necessary to have a loved one with a disability move into a home of their own.

We also launched our application process and have families committed to half of the fourteen homes at Solon Community Living. Also, we are fortunate and excited to welcome Logan Andress, our talented and experienced Community Director. Logan has made an immediate positive impact by coaching and engaging our families and future residents.

Solon Community Living is on the cusp of building an innovative residential model for adults with disabilities. We are one step closer to addressing the question "where will our children live and what will their quality of life be when we are not here to care for them?"

Since we reached half of our \$3 million capital campaign goal, I am excited to announce we plan to break ground Spring of 2023!

We are truly grateful for your continued support and for your belief in this vision.

Highlights

Purchasing the Property

Seven years in the making, Solon Community Living (SCL) has officially acquired the land where the unique pocket neighborhood will come to life. The property was notably acquired debt free and is conveniently located near the community center, at the intersection of Aurora Road and Portz Parkway in Solon, Ohio.

Hiring of Our Community Director

In August, Logan Andress became our new Community Director, bringing with him over twenty years of experience in the field of developmental disabilities.

Site Plan Approval

In October of 2022, the City of Solon approved the site plan for the 14 ADA-compliant residences and clubhouse setting the stage for a 2023 groundbreaking.





Our Unique Impact

Family Readiness Sessions

Above all else, Solon Community Living remains dedicated to families with loved ones with developmental disabilities... that's why we provided these workshops at no cost or obligation to families.

- Orientations to introduce the SCL neighborhood concept
- · Legal Issues and Planning
- Financial Considerations for the Resident & Family
- Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities Supports

We started accepting applications for residency at our launch in July.



Community Building Events

Wanting to set families up for success, our community director coordinated informal outings where future residents of Solon Community Living and their families had the opportunity to have some fun and get to know one another better, while also providing some information.



Solon Community Living FAST FACTS 10

Family Sessions
Provided

507

People Reached 35+

Volunteers

92

Residential Inquiries

Why Caregiver Suites?

Innovation is a core tenet of Solon Community Living, proven by the inclusion of 6 second-floor caregiver suites in the building plan. Finding qualified, reliable staff who provide care to those with developmental disabilities has reached a major crisis point in the state of Ohio, due to low pay, and high turnover. By providing an attractive housing arrangement for caregivers on site, SCL is taking this innovative approach to create a better working environment.



14 ADA-compliant, Private Homes



6 Caregiver Suites

45-76%

Average annual Caregiver turnover rate before <u>COVID</u>





Exciting Goals for 2023!

- Break ground in the Spring
- · Engage the remaining families for our neighborhood
- Reach our Capital Campaign goal
- Continue our fun, informative events for residents and their families!

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