

## What is Oasis?

Oasis began in 2008 with a group of parents of young adults with disabilities. They desired to create an accepting community where people who understand the challenges of raising children with disabilities could meet in a social setting to share stresses and successes, and gain insights from real-life experiences.

Oasis has been providing social and educational programs since 2014. One of our long-term goals is to create sustainable, independent and supportive housing options for disabled adults. We are collaborating with non-profit housing developers in the Grand Rapids area so that our adult children can be included in their housing developments. These options will include a variety of low-income levels.

Our plan is to have small groups of our adult children live near each other and be included in their neighborhoods to encourage a sense of community. We will utilize our “community builders” to help build relationships and organize social events.

We are excited to announce that our first wave of adult members is on track to move into their own apartments in 2021.

## What are our Next Steps?

Our next steps are to continue to develop housing options for our members that are:

*Affordable*

*Inclusive*

*Sustainable*

*Safe, secure and supported*

*Socially connected to friends*

*Near public transportation*

## Membership has its Advantages

We offer regular gatherings to promote social networking and to provide learning opportunities. We recognize that families may not be ready to actively prepare for independent living. That's why we offer a variety of membership levels.

### **Oasis Guest**

#### **Come to an event and learn what Oasis has to offer (Free):**

Monthly membership meetings on topics of benefit to families.

Emails on Oasis events.

An annual summer picnic and holiday potluck.

Website and Facebook group with up-to-date events.

## **Benefits for the Oasis Community Members (\$45/year):**

All the benefits of Oasis Guests.

Networking

**Building Friendships** (*Parents and Adult Children*)

**Member Only Events**

**Social activities**

(*Potluck dinners, game night, movie night, etc.*)

**Recreational activities**

(*Adaptive biking, bowling, mini golf, etc.*)

**ACT Access events**

(*Meijer Gardens, museums, shows, concerts, etc.*)

**An annual camping event**

Emails on events in coordination with our community navigation partners.

**Occasional workshops**

(*Sexuality, Stress & Isolation Management, etc.*)

**Parent/Guardian only social events**

The ability to serve as a board or committee member.

Requirement to volunteer for one activity, event, committee, or board position.

## **Ask about our Participating Family Member level**

Training for Families on how to get your own address is now being provided at our Participating Family Member Level.

To join or for more membership information go to our website at [oasiscommunity.info](http://oasiscommunity.info)

## Our Mission

*We are a family-led, non-profit organization that empowers individuals with physical, developmental, and/or intellectual disabilities to create sustainable housing alternatives, social connections and live full lives.*

## Our Vision

*We see a vision for the future where individuals with disabilities have access to all opportunities of a full life.*

*Access to all opportunities in the community ~ Person Centered Planning ~ Social Connectivity ~ Nurturing self-determination ~ Inclusive Living ~ Sustainable for a lifetime*



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OasisCommunityWMI

www.oasiscommunity.info



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