BE PART OF THE OE FAMILY

2017 ANNUAL REPORT
Celebrating 50 Years!
From a group of families who wanted to help their children with disabilities learn outside of the home to serving nearly 1,000 individuals with disabilities and changing the climate of the entire community, Amazing!

New Day Program: TREND
Proven success in curriculum-based day programs led OE to create a fifth skills training program. TREND opened in April 2017 with 120 clients. TREND focuses on extensive curriculum in technology, recreation, education, nature, and discovery. In groups of 10, clients explore these topics together. Over 16 curriculum components, with 64 units were created to launch this program.

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Jennifer is one of the amazing clients OE is privileged to serve. When she first joined the OE family in the Daily Living Skills program she relied on a wheelchair and could not even communicate. Jennifer’s family, along with OE staff and case managers, set goals of small incremental accomplishments that would move Jennifer toward more self-sufficiency. Through your support, the amazing Jennifer toward more self-sufficiency.

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JobSource Services
Matching individuals with community based jobs has been a hallmark of OE. JobSource opens doors to employment for adults with disabilities that fits each person’s unique vocational goals and aspirations.

Business Services
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SUPPORTED LIVING
72 people lived in their own individual or shared apartment and received 4 hours a week to 24 hours a day support.

JobSource connects businesses with employees along with support in training, coaching, & assistive technology.

OE Clean Team
Award for Service Excellence, provides janitorial services to community businesses.

We serve 320 individuals & their families, 1300 businesses, & 5 counties in Northwest Indiana.

920 CLIENTS
451 STAFF
2017
10 CLIENTS
1 STAFF
1967

"The Renewed Horizons program has allowed Michelle to blossom and is a huge blessing for both her and our family. The caring, nurturing atmosphere and personal attention the clients receive is incredible.”

Michelle, a Renewed Horizons client family member.

INSIDE LEFT GATE FOLD 4.9375" wide
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$21 Bridges the Gap
Your gift of $21 bridges the gap in funding between what the state reimburses the actual cost of providing critical services to one client for one day.

You can help bridge the gap with a gift today at oppent.org/gap or return your gift in the enclosed envelope.

You allow OE clients to prove their potential through your gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

"My favorite thing about working at OE is knowing that I am making a difference in the lives of the people I serve every day. Since I’ve been with Opportunity Enterprises I have seen incredible changes in the clients. Witnessing the client’s face light up as they finally able to do something they once could not is one of the most heartwarming feelings ever and the reason why I came to work every day.”

Rachel, a Renewed Horizons staff member.

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