YOU MADE AN AMAZING IMPACT ON THE LIVES OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
Who is Opportunity Enterprises?

**MISSION:** Opportunity Enterprises works to maximize self-sufficiency and enrich the quality of life for individuals with disabilities.

**VISION:** To create a fully integrated community where life for persons with developmental disabilities is valuable, purposeful and fulfilling.

**VALUES:**
- We believe it possible to make a positive difference in the lives of the individuals we serve.
- We accept people as they are and support and challenge each person to achieve their fullest growth and development.
- We will listen and act when our clients speak for themselves.
- We believe in servant leadership.
- We know that well-trained and motivated staff make a difference in the lives of our clients.
- We support innovation and embrace change.
- We strive for excellence.
As I look back at this past year, it certainly is defined by COVID-19. Any preconceived vision of my first year at the helm of OE did not include a pandemic. As I pulled together a team, addressing the realities of managing the effects of the coronavirus on our agency, the task at hand seemed a daunting one. However, even though the magnitude of what was at hand became clear when as an organization, we serve in excess of 1500 people and employ nearly 400, it also quickly became apparent why I so enthusiastically took this role as CEO. It also was why I decided upon OE as the provider in which my daughter would receive services; People.

We are in the business of Amazing People. We serve amazing people, with amazing people, and are supported by amazing people.

The challenges might have seemed overwhelming as we effectively needed to shut down our organization and find a way to safeguard clients in their residences and then come back online. However, our staff responded in unprecedented ways. Unprecedented perhaps, but not unexpected. I am proud to work alongside some incredibly amazing people.

I was quickly reminded of what a supportive community we are in. The outreach and support were incredible. Typically the support received has a life-changing impact. This past year it was that, as well as meeting the basic health needs of those we serve. Through the support of this community we received masks, food, paper goods and all the other basic supplies that helped keep our clients safe and cared for.

The support was amazing.

Although success or effectiveness can be evaluated by how one responds to a moment, the continued focus on what lies ahead must also remain. Turbulent waters might cause you to turn in a different direction but only to navigate through the storm. The destination remains the same. I am excited that although we are weathering quite a storm we have continued to move forward and I’m looking forward to what lies ahead of us this next year.

— Neil Samahon, CEO
You made an impact on ... **INDIVIDUALS**

**Andrea**
Andrea has made such incredible strides in becoming self-sufficient. She proudly is able to care for her home and her pet cat, Annie, complete her chores, and she is responsible with getting ready for work and arriving on time each day. She is a fun person to be around, and she is consistently thoughtful of, and remembers, others. Andrea is flourishing!

I am **LIVING**!

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**George**
George is an instrumental member of the McDonald's team, and he has been promoted from a room attendant, to a fry cook, to a grill cook!

I am **WORKING**!

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**Susan**
When QUEST first started using tablets, Susan had difficulty using the keyboard and navigating the internet. She set personal goals of using technology to research topics that interest her, and after months of focus and dedicated effort, she was successful in completing research on her favorite actors and TV shows. Susan continually seeks to improve her computer skills.

I am **LEARNING**!

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These are just 3 of the many women and men OE is privileged to serve because of you!
6-8 adults enjoy life together by living in the same home. They eat, play, and travel together often becoming a family. Each of the 7 group homes has a staff of direct support professionals dedicated to providing round the clock care for the 39 men and women who live there amounting to more than 1,700 hours per week!

OE manages 20 supported living sites for 65 men and women with disabilities. This involves caring for them up to 24-hours a day depending on their needs. This amounts to more than 13,000 hours per month! Supported living is a great option when parents are aging and no longer able to care for their loved one with a disability.

Each of the 2 respite houses are always on the go with clients providing one-to-one support at activities like bowling, swimming, video games, learning household chores, or community festivals. Last year, nearly 36,000 hours of respite care provided caregivers with a much needed break from the demands of caring for a loved one with a disability.

The greatest trust comes when we place our lives in someone else’s hands. OE is honored to be a trusted caregiver for so many, each and every day.

OPPORTUNITY ENTERPRISES IS CERTIFIED BY FOR 3 YEARS, THE LONGEST CERTIFICATION PERIOD ALLOWED.
One of OE’s hallmarks is the extensive focus on engaging curriculum within our day programs. Each of the 5 day programs is designed to serve the unique needs of 365 day program clients:

- Daily Living Skills, for severe/profound disabilities
- Enriching Possibilities, QUEST, and TREND for mild to moderate disabilities
- Renewed Horizons for those over age 50.

OE develops its own curriculum, more than 1,100 lessons every year, to help each person meet their own specific goals. Throughout the day, clients learn about themselves and the world around them through art, music, reading, technology, science, physical activity, and sensory stimulation.

In the last fiscal year,Supported Living Liaisons scheduled, ran and processed 1068 appointments with 65 clients. That’s an average of 4 medical appointments a day throughout the work year. This service allows the individuals we serve a great opportunity to access the greater medical community and obtain the needed medical care they require.
Providing rides for elderly or people with disabilities and their caregivers, OE's transportation services connect community members to important places in the community such as medical appointments, social activities, businesses and organizations.

With its fleet of 18 fully accessible vehicles, OE provided 414,660 miles of transportation last fiscal year.

**FINANCIALS** (July 2019-June 2020)

**REVENUE**
- State Funding: $13,290,864
- Public Support: $2,138,262
- Sales Revenue: 1,635,115
- Miscellaneous: 386,742
- Total Revenue: $17,450,983

**EXPENSES**
- Programs: $14,068,322
- Fundraising: 434,030
- Social Enterprises: 1,888,789
- Home Office: 1,998,497
- Total Expenses: $18,389,637
With a team of 22, Secure Shred provides certified document destruction on-site for over 900 businesses and myriad individuals through our Door 7 drop-off services. Because of you, OE shipped out 1,253 tons of shredding or 58 full truck loads, that’s the equivalent of 10,024 trees saved last year.

Clients working in the Simply Amazing Market make gourmet popcorn, fudge, treats, and candies, while learning retail skills. Last year, nearly 2 tons of popcorn kernels and 1,332 pounds of butter were used to make popcorn and fudge to satisfy customers from across the region.

The OE Clean Team keeps 18 area businesses and industries clean and in tip-top shape year-round along with providing seasonal and annual specialized services.

Thank you to the nearly 1000 businesses that entrust us with their work providing employment for those we serve.
Community Employment is the goal of OE’s JobSource division. Individuals with disabilities referred from Indiana Vocational Rehabilitation are able to try out a variety of jobs (166), find employment (43), learn interview skills, have a job coach (34), and other important services. 271 total clients utilized JobSource services and 100+ businesses benefitted.

Determining a path after high school can be challenging for anyone. Now add in the additional complications that come with having a disability. Trusted transition specialists are in 24 area high schools working to create a smooth path after graduation for 801 students and their families.

Providing valuable packaging and assembling services to 8 area businesses, 32 clients built skills and gained pride by working on more than 1.5 million pieces for customers like Smiths Medical, Dynatect Manufacturing, and Urschel Laboratories. Inquire how we can help your business extend its workforce.

THANK YOU TO THE 125+ BUSINESSES, SCHOOLS, AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THOSE WE SERVE.
YOU make an impact by ... GIVING

DONORS
You help bridge the gap between what the state funds and the actual costs required to serve our clients. For every $23 gift, a client can experience one day of well-rounded programming designed just for them. ENRICHING LIVES MONTHLY donors give every month through autodraft making a year-round impact. PILLARS OF POTENTIAL donors support our curriculum-based programming at a major impact level. ROOTS OF PROMISE CIRCLE donors have decided to make a legacy gift through their will or planned gift.

Use the enclosed envelope or give at www.oppent.org/donate to make an Amazing impact today!

STAFF
The 375 full and part-time staff are the lifeblood of OE. They provided 700,960 hours of care for clients last year. Program Specialists, Social Services, and Direct Support Professionals interact daily with clients and their families, while the finance, facilities, human resources, and development teams provide agency support. Finally, the leadership and administrative teams make each program run smoothly. Join us! oppent.org/careers

VOLUNTEERS
65 committed, passionate, and faithful volunteers provided quality client care while also supporting the staff and ongoing programs and events of OE. An additional 50 people gave of their time through volunteer days such as United Way’s Day of Caring. Finally, more than 700 community members volunteered at the annual Pack-a-thon event. See how you can get involved at oppent.org/current-volunteer-opportunities.
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