

# DONOR INVESTMENTS IMPROVE SERVICES

The goal of Vita Living has always been to keep those we serve in the communities they know and love, regardless of challenging behaviors and evolving healthcare needs.

Donors like you support this goal by investing in our infrastructure. Thanks to your generous support, the following improvements were made in 2019 to ensure our clients have a place to call home for many years to come.

# YOU HELP CLIENTS GET AROUND.

Donor support allowed us to purchase a final transit van to complete the replacement of our aging vehicles. We are thrilled to have a reliable vehicle fleet to ensure the safe and efficient transportation of our residents to medical appointments, the day center, and community activities.

# YOU MAKE OUR HOUSES HOMES.

In the past five years, Vita Living has renovated and updated our 18 group homes to make them functional and accessible for our aging residents. With your help, we installed three new roofs and an HVAC system, renovated two houses, improved four outdoor spaces with patios and landscaping, and more.

**YOU DREAM BIG.** Construction has begun on the Vita Living Housing Initiative: Serve More, Better! Key donors and leaders urged us to create homes fully tailored to our clients' needs. Energy-efficient and fully accessible, the new group home model will house 12 residents. It is a prototype that is simple and straightforward for Vita Living to reproduce. With your support, Vita Living can focus on the things we do best and leave lengthy renovation projects and repairs behind us.

IN 2019, YOU GAVE OUR CLIENTS SO MUCH! HERE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE THINGS YOU PROVIDED:

500+
DR. VISITS

**76,650**MEALS SERVED

2,132
HOURS DAY CENTER OPEN

24+
COMMUNITY OUTINGS

110
GUARDIAN/CLIENT
ASSESSMENT MEETINGS

**20,000**MILES DRIVEN MONTHLY

150
CHURCH SERVICES ATTENDED





# VOLUNTEERS ADD VALUE

Approximately 400 individual, corporate, and church volunteers gave 1,000 hours of service valued at \$25,430!

Vita Living volunteer projects include hosting client parties, decorating for the holidays, wrapping Christmas gifts, home beautification projects, landscaping, fundraising, and more.



# COMMITTED TO SERVE MORE, BETTER.

# Letter from Board Director Doug Dawson

It is my honor to present you with the Vita Living 2019 Annual Report. Vita Living is succeeding and thriving because of donors like you. I have served on the Board of Directors for six years. I support Vita Living out of gratitude for my gifts and blessings and the hope that I can make a small difference in the lives of those less fortunate. The opportunity to see the joy and happiness on our clients' faces is one of the most fantastic and exhilarating things I experience.

The Vita Living success story is about commitment. Our primary mission has not changed since we were founded in 1982. We are committed to keeping people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities in the homes and communities they know and love regardless of behavioral challenges or chronic illness. Our oldest client is 73, and on average, our residents have lived here for 23 years.

We have found that by investing in staff, our clients reap the rewards. When we have talented, dedicated employees, clients experience more consistent schedules, their health issues are detected more quickly, and relationships with client families and guardians improve. James' story is an example of how we all work together to serve our clients.

James has been with us for 23 years. When his father passed away, he became withdrawn and lost interest in nearly everything. Our staff helped James by ensuring his routine was consistent, asking him to help with basic chores, and encouraging him to draw and use sign language. James' mom recently told us he seems much better and is more interested in life.

In this report, you'll learn about some of our 2019 accomplishments and improvements, all designed to give our clients the best care possible. I am excited to share that we have launched our first Capital Campaign, The Vita Living Housing Initiative: Serve More, Better. Because of you, we will soon be able to provide lifelong, state-of-the-art housing for 12 adults with IDD in Houston.

On behalf of the Board and the Vita Living staff, I want to thank you for ensuring that 2019 was a productive year for our organization. I hope you will join me in supporting this worthy mission and help us stay committed to this vulnerable population.

With Gratitude.

**DOUG DAWSON** 

Board Director



"Our family has been very touched emotionally and spiritually by our involvement with Vita Living. We have three generations participating as donors and volunteers. It's something my kids talk about with their grandfather."

Tony Pilegge, President Medallion Group



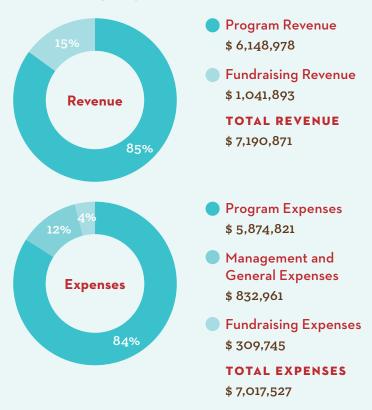
The Mission of Vita Living is to provide lifelong services and supports for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to promote personal growth toward a safe, satisfying, and meaningful life in their community.

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# 2019 FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

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