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INTRODUCTION

This guide has been prepared by the staff of The Philadelphia Foundation as a resource for the community about effective nonprofits serving those living with disabilities. Its purpose is to provide useful information so that anyone interested in supporting such organizations can better understand the breadth and depth of nonprofits working in the field. It may also aid potential clients seeking services from the listed organizations.

This guide is not meant to be a comprehensive list but rather to showcase those organizations that The Philadelphia Foundation has supported through its discretionary funding or through grant recommendations from donors with component funds at The Foundation. The Philadelphia Foundation's due diligence review process includes verifying that all organizations receiving foundation grants not only are eligible for charitable funding but that they comply with established financial, organizational and programmatic standards.

Many additional services are available throughout Southeastern Pennsylvania to support individuals and families of those with physical or cognitive disabilities. Those seeking service providers, publications and resources may wish to explore listings of organizations available through www.CONNECT211.org, an online database of regional service providers.

For the reader's convenience, the list of organizations in this guide is sub-divided into five general categories based upon the focus of the organization.

An alphabetical index of all the organizations listed can be found at the back of this resource guide.

Every effort was made to provide accurate information about each organization listed at the time that this guide was published.

It is The Philadelphia Foundation's hope that this resource guide will assist those in need of services, the organizations who provide valuable assistance to families and individuals living with disabilities, and the generous donors who help make the work of those organizations possible through their financial support.

ABOUT THE PHILADELPHIA FOUNDATION

Since 1918, The Philadelphia Foundation has linked those with financial resources to those who serve societal needs. It is the region's community foundation, serving Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties.

By growing the 800 funds established by its donors and distributing \$20 million annually in grants and scholarships to effective nonprofit organizations, The Philadelphia Foundation improves Southeastern Pennsylvania's quality of life. The Foundation helps build healthy communities, strengthen children and families, advance economic opportunities and enhance culture and recreation for the community.

For more information about The Philadelphia Foundation, please visit: www.philafound.org

HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Financial support for effective organizations is always appreciated, and it is particularly so during these tough economic times. There are many ways that you can assist.

Help now. Immediate needs can be addressed by providing a direct contribution to the organization. Nonprofits need support year-round, not just during the holiday giving period. Contact the organization or visit its web site to learn more about its specific giving procedures.

Help tomorrow. Long-term support ensures that the organization will have the resources to weather whatever financial storms may lie ahead. Some supporters provide this kind of assistance through remembering the organization in their wills or estate plans.

Help forever. The Philadelphia Foundation provides several ways to ensure that the work of effective organizations has permanent support. Because the Foundation invests and grows the dollars entrusted to it, the support continues in perpetuity. Options include:

- A Scholarship that allows clients to take advantage of specific programs that the organization offers such as classes or summer camp.
- A Designated Fund in which a named organization receives ongoing grants.
- An Organizational Endowment Fund that builds the nonprofit's long-term resources.
- A Donor Advised Fund that provides flexibility to support several organizations and adapt the list as needs evolve.
- A Field of Interest Fund that provides support for a broad area of charitable interest -- such as supporting organizations aiding those living with disabilities.
- Unrestricted Funds that allow The Philadelphia Foundation to support a variety of causes and address emerging needs.
- Charitable Gift Annuities that provide tax benefits and a fixed income stream during the lifetime of supporters over 60 years old. At the end of the donor's life, a fund is established to support the nonprofit named as a beneficiary, providing an ongoing source of philanthropic capital.

CONTACT THE PHILADELPHIA FOUNDATION

If you are interested in learning more about any of these options, please contact The Philadelphia Foundation at (215) 563-6417 or e-mail donorrelations@philafound.org.

ADVOCACY

The ARC of Chester County

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The ARC of Chester County has been helping individuals with intellectual, behavioral and physical disabilities meet life's challenges and reach their full potential since 1952. The ARC's programs and services enhance quality of life by preparing individuals with the skills and support they need for community living and by speaking up for their rights. The ARC promotes understanding, acceptance, and inclusion of those with disabilities and offers education in the prevention of disabling conditions throughout the community. The following programs and services are centered on personal success without regard to disability: Advocacy and Family Support Services - Comprehensive Employment Services (CES) - First Step Early Intervention - The Life Skills Program - The Housing Options Program - The agency with Choice Program - Autism Training and Support.

The ARC of Delaware County

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It's the mission of the ARC of Delaware County to advocate for the civil rights, social inclusion and self-determination of persons with developmental disabilities. Together with its network of members and community partners, it provides advocacy services for individuals and families, connects people with resources, improves systems and services, promotes inclusive community practices, and influences public policy.

The ARC Alliance

Paul Stengle • CEO • 3075 Ridge Pike • Eagleville, PA 19403
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The mission of The ARC Alliance is to empower and advocate for the rights of people with disabilities and their families.

The ARC of Philadelphia

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The ARC of Philadelphia supports and enhances the life, health and well-being of individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities and their families. It has served the community for over 62 years by maintaining a focus on community inclusion, self-direction, individual choice, and citizenship while believing in everyone's possibilities.

Autism Living and Working, Inc.

Becky Wilmont Gamble • Executive Director • 1628 John F Kennedy Blvd, Suite 1600
Philadelphia, PA 19103 • (610) 935-9499 • www.autismlivingworking.org

The mission of ALAW is to help adults with autism/ASD form and sustain households, maintain jobs, and contribute to community life through individual supports and accommodations.

Citizen Advocacy of Chester County

Raymond Shanahan • President • 205 Church St. • Phoenixville, PA 19460
(610) 933-1299 • www.citizenadvocacycc.org

Citizen Advocacy of Chester County serves the welfare and interests of people with mental, physical and/or emotional disabilities who are impaired in competence and either diminished in status or seriously physically and socially isolated.

Disabled in Action of Pennsylvania, Inc.

Nancy Salandra • Executive Director • 125 South 9th Street, Suite 700 • Philadelphia, PA 19107-5125 • (215) 627-7255 • nancydia@voicenet.com • www.disabledinactionpa.org

The mission of Disabled in Action (DIA) is to advocate for the civil rights of all people with disabilities and to bring about systemic change for the benefit of people living with disabilities.

Legal Clinic for the Disabled, Inc.

Linda Peyton • Executive Director • 1513 Race St • Philadelphia, PA 19102
(215) 587-3214 • lpeyton@lcdphila.org • www.lcdphila.org

The mission of LCD (Legal Clinic for the Disabled) is to provide free high quality legal services to low-income people with physical disabilities in Philadelphia, Bucks, Montgomery, Chester and Delaware Counties. Its goal is to help the clients overcome legal obstacles that might otherwise affect their independence, health and quality of life. LCD provides direct legal representation through in house staff attorneys and a pool of dedicated pro bono attorney volunteers. LCD was founded in 1987 and opened its doors in 1990. LCD, a joint project of Magee Rehabilitation Hospital (Magee) and the Young Lawyers Divisions of the Philadelphia and Pennsylvania Bar Associations, was created to meet an urgent need perceived in both the medical and legal community for legal services specifically directed at indigent people with physical disabilities. Twenty years later, LCD's medical-legal partnership with Magee, one of the first of its kind in the country, continues to meet its mission of providing free legal services to Magee patients and to the community. LCD accomplishes this through telephone intake and by going to where the clients are. LCD conducts community outreach and conducts monthly legal clinics at Inglis House and Associated Services for the Blind. LCD has established a Medical Legal Partnership with the Family Practice & Counseling Network (FPCN) placing a staff attorney on site at three nurse managed health centers in Philadelphia to work with the medical staff to identify the social determinants that impact the client's access to positive health care outcomes.

Philadelphia HUNE, Inc.

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Hispanos Unidos para Niños Excepcionales (HUNE) is a 501 C 3 nonprofit organization that was established in 1998. It is dedicated to informing, empowering, and assisting Hispanic parents/caregivers of school-age children with disabilities in obtaining the appropriate public education for their children, so that they can lead productive and independent lives to reach their maximum ability. HUNE assures that families are aware of, gain access to, and maximize the use and benefit of Philadelphia School District resources that are mandated to meet special educational needs of children.

Self-Determination Housing Project of Pennsylvania, Inc.

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SDHP is a statewide non-profit organization that works to expand housing options for people with disabilities (pwd). Its mission is to promote self-determination and control in housing for pwd in Pennsylvania. Goals: to bridge the information gap between the housing and disability communities; to promote state and local partnerships and coalitions that enable pwd to choose and control their own housing; to increase the stock of affordable, accessible, and integrated housing; and to expand access to public and private housing programs for pwd. It enhances the quality of life for pwd (including the Delaware Valley region) by advocating for accessible, affordable housing for pwd, most of whom are low-to-moderate-income. SDHP provides technical assistance and education to local agencies that empower pwd to choose and control their own housing. SDHP is very effective and innovative in addressing service gaps and barriers and works to initiate system changes for ensuring full access to people with disabilities.

Speaking for Ourselves

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The goal of Speaking for Ourselves is to help its members run their organizations, develop leadership skills through real-life experiences, learn to work together collectively to address their individual issues, and to increase their own self-sufficiency and independence. Its mission is to be an independent community organization controlled by people with disabilities; find a voice for people with disabilities; teach the public about the needs, wishes, and potential of people with disabilities; speak out on important issues; and to support the development of its members by helping and encouraging each other.

Vision for Equality, Inc.

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Vision for Equality, Inc. began with a vision focused on the importance of people with disabilities and autism including their families by believing they are extremely valued members of our service system and community and that they should be treated with both dignity and respect. It seeks change that reflects the importance of the people being served, seeing the customer as the focal point. It envisions a service system that seeks customer satisfaction, a revolutionary idea. Its hope is that by teaching its example, others will become inspired through its efforts and grow to understand and welcome this paradigm shift. It provides advocacy, training and monitoring for people with disabilities and their families so they become informed, empowered and respected members of their communities. It is active locally, statewide and nationally for people with disabilities forwarding their right of access to quality services and supports. New opportunities and self-determination are its goals -- eliminating barriers and boundaries is its objective -- full membership of the community is its determined outcome.

ARTS & CULTURE

Academy of Community Music, Inc.

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The mission of the Academy of Community Music, Inc. is to serve people facing the challenges of mental and physical disabilities by using music to strengthen both families and communities as a whole.

Acting Without Boundaries (Formerly Kids Are Kids)

Christine Rouse • Executive Director • 750 E. Haverford Rd • Bryn Mawr, PA 19010
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The purpose of Acting Without Boundaries is to manage and run year-round tuition-free theater programs for children, youth and young adults who are living with physical disabilities.

American Theatre Arts for Youth

Ginny Coyle • Director of Development • 1429 Walnut St. • Philadelphia, PA 19102
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American Theatre Arts for Youth strives to bring live theater performances to as many school-aged children as possible throughout the United States.

Art-Reach, Inc.

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Art-Reach, Inc. is a Delaware Valley nonprofit, cultural service organization that helps under-served audiences to experience arts and cultural programming which serves as a community resource by increasing accessibility to cultural venues and events. It serves approximately 15,000 under-served individuals each year by helping to remove the barriers -- physical, psychological, economic or social -- that limit their access to the uplifting power and beauty of the arts. It accomplishes this mission with the following programs: Ticketing Program, through which it distributes donated and discounted tickets; In-Facility Program, by which it brings the arts directly to its members; Workshop Program, which provides in-depth arts programs that address specific social needs; Supplemental Arts-Education Project, through which it provides educational enrichment activities and materials to audiences; Accessibility Resources, through which it gives people with disabilities and their families and friends the information they need to attend cultural events.

Coalition Ingenu

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The mission of Coalition Ingenu is to foster and nurture creativity and to organize opportunities for artists with a history of homelessness and/or mental illness to exhibit their art work.

Kardon Institute for Arts Therapy

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The mission of Kardon Institute of the Arts is to assist individuals with special needs to achieve personal growth through the arts. The pilot initiative used the process of playing an instrument as a therapeutic physical activity for children with disabilities. Over the years, the increasing sophistication of the creative arts therapy community was embraced by the Kardon Institute staff and has brought it to a position as one of the country's most comprehensive creative arts therapy providers. Kardon Institute for Arts Therapy's mission defines its core constituency and drives it to continually seek new approaches in music, dance/movement and art therapies. Its goal is to create a therapeutic impact on the lives of children and adults with cognitive, developmental, physical, neurological, behavioral and psycho-social disabilities. These clients are most active in the individual therapy program, attending sessions at Kardon Institute headquarters in Northeast Philadelphia and at its satellite locations throughout the Greater Philadelphia Region. Adjunctive to these individual and group sessions, Kardon offers specialty activities and programs that promote the vital concept of inclusion in extremely different ways.

National Exhibits by Blind Artists

Jymm Russell • Blind Artist and Board Member • 919 Walnut St • Philadelphia, PA 19107
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National Exhibits by Blind Artists (NEBA) provides excellent venues, both locally and internationally, for the exhibition of the accomplishments of legally blind artists from across the local area and recently, the world.

VSA Pennsylvania / Amaryllis Theatre Company

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The Amaryllis Theatre Company -- as a proving ground and a model -- provides its professional, inclusive theatre and works with the VSA Pennsylvania to help its cultural and educational colleagues across Pennsylvania to increase accessibility, provide inclusive arts education and to encourage and support careers in the arts for people with disabilities.

EDUCATION

Green Tree School

Herman Axelrod • Executive Director • 146 W. Walnut Lane • P.O. Box 25639 • Philadelphia, PA 19144-0639 • (215) 843-4528 • haxelrod@greentreeschool.org • www.greentreeschool.org

Green Tree School is dedicated to improving the quality of life for students with special needs and their families. It connects students to effective academic, therapeutic, personal and vocational services that enable success throughout their lifetime.

Overbrook School for the Blind

Gerald Kitzhoffer • Director • 6333 Malvern Ave • Philadelphia, PA 19151-2597
(215) 877-0313 • www.obs.org

The mission of Overbrook School for the Blind is to develop and deliver education that enhances the options available for persons with visual impairment and other challenges so that they have the greatest opportunity to experience active and fulfilling lives. Mission Overbrook School for the Blind was founded in 1832 by Julius Friedlander to develop and deliver education which enhances the options available to persons with visual impairments and other challenges. The programs that OSB provides are home-based, early intervention services for 125 families with infants who have visual impairment and other challenges. OSB also provides elementary and secondary education for 200 students with visual impairment and other challenges, ages 3-21. Its outreach provides workshops and in-service programs to over 1000 individuals in our community as well as providing information on blindness and conducting tours on the campus. Internationally, it provides regional programs to over 2,000 people in Eastern Europe and Asia.

Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic

Mary McDermott • Production Director • 215 West Church Rd. Suite 111
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When reading and/or accessibility causes barriers for learning, Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic promotes personal achievement by advancing the use of accessible and effective educational solutions.

GENERAL SERVICES

Adults with Developmental Disabilities

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Adults with Developmental Disabilities (ADD), founded in 1973, is an organization which offers developmentally disabled adults -- 18 years and older -- professionally-directed services to enhance social and behavioral skills in community settings. The mission of the Association for Developmental Disabilities, Inc. is to create a safe environment for adults with developmental disabilities to have satisfying social, recreational and vocational experiences. Group sessions, social and educational activities nurture greater independence, positive work habits and enhanced personal relationships. ADD seeks to create public awareness and acceptance of the issues confronting its members. Its goal is to maximize each member's ability to live as full and independent a life within their community as possible for that individual. Discussion groups are the cornerstones of the services offered by ADD. They are held in three strategic locations, allowing clients from all counties to participate. These sessions provide an opportunity for members to identify and resolve problems, discuss peer interaction and gain socialization skills. Members bring to these sessions questions about friends, family, and work. Supervised Community Recreational Therapy Activities are offered weekly.

AHEDD

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AHEDD serves the community as a catalyst in the employment and development of persons with disabilities.

Associated Services for the Blind & Visually Impaired

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ASB's mission is to promote self-esteem, independence and self-determination in people who are blind or visually impaired. It provides support through education, training, resources, community action, public education and advocacy for the rights of people who are blind or visually impaired with the goal of moving them from hopelessness to empowerment. Today, ASB instills the same focus in clients to achieve their potential by concentrating its services that offer hope and help to the blind and visually impaired enabling them to remain in their homes and communities and stay out of costly residential care facilities. Its programs teach clients life skills, mobility training, assistive and computer technology skills and the use of adaptive devices including large monitors, specially designed keyboards, and digital audio recordings. Its goal is to help improve the individual's quality of life and assist them in how to navigate their homes, workplace and the community safely and effectively.

Baker Industries, Inc.

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The mission of Baker Industries, Inc. is to employ those people who face the most difficulties in obtaining and holding jobs such as the disabled, recovering substance abusers and ex-offenders. It also teaches them about proper work ethic and helps support their transition towards outside employment.

Bournelyf Special Camp

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Bournelyf Special Camps mission is to develop participant's abilities by helping them build confidence, improve social and communication skills and become more physically fit through challenging, yet achievable physical activities and interaction with others. In 1989 it was incorporated as a PA non-profit organization with its own Board of Directors and by-laws, drawing parents and community members to the Board. The camp employs swimming, hiking, camping, boating, horseback riding and physical conditioning in its camp activities. Bournelyf offers three summer sessions of two weeks, involving approximately 36 campers in each session. Additionally, camp offers a six-week "Expedition" program for campers 18-21 and an "Alumni Week" for those over age 21 who have previously participated in the Camp's programs. The Expedition program incorporates outdoor activities, life skills programming and woodworking or some other pre-vocational skill.

Camphill Soltane

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Camphill Soltane is a vibrant community made up of young adults, adults with special needs, full-time residential volunteers and families who live, learn, and work together. The Camphill Soltane community offers a supportive, relationship-rich environment for people with developmental disabilities, providing a foundation for their personal growth and sense of self which creates a strong basis for the development of their social and practical capacities. College-aged students participate in the Learning for Life Program which provides a liberal-arts curriculum based on the principles of Waldorf education. Older individuals join the Soltane Works program which consists of vocational opportunities in land work, textile design, community services and food crafting as well as supported off-campus employment. Soltane offers a variety of living options, including large, life-sharing homes and supported independent living in smaller apartments.

Camphill Village Kimberton Hills, Inc.

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The mission of Camphill Village Kimberton Hills is to create and maintain a community that promotes well-being and dignity -- especially including adults with developmental disabilities -- and to administer land and natural resources according to the principles of biodynamic agriculture, other ecologically sound practices and conservation. Kimberton Hills, founded in 1972, is part of the International Camphill Movement that pioneered community life as a healthy alternative to institutionalization or isolated existences for and with children, youth and adults with developmental disabilities. Located in Chester County, Pennsylvania, Kimberton Hills is a farming and handcrafting community where everyone, especially those with special needs (developmental disabilities, some combined with physical disabilities, challenges related to aging, and mental illnesses), can discover dignity and develop potential through an active social life, enriching cultural opportunities and worthwhile vocations.

Canine Partners for Life

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The mission of Canine Partners For Life is to increase the independence and quality of life of individuals with physical, developmental and cognitive disabilities or who are in other situations of need. It achieves its mission by providing and sustaining professionally trained service and companion dogs. In pursuit of its mission, Canine Partners For Life is dedicated to the following general principles: 1. It trains dogs to meet the specific needs of individuals and the environments in which they are living. 2. It seeks to establish a lifetime bond between dog and graduate. 3. It is committed to a comprehensive program of follow-up training and support services to ensure each team's success in achieving their goals.

Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired

The mission of Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, Delaware Valley Branch is to enrich the quality of life for people who have blindness or vision impairment and to reduce the incidence of vision loss through prevention of blindness programs.

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Center on Hearing and Deafness, Inc.

The Center on Hearing and Deafness, Inc. (CHAD) was founded in 1994 by a small group of committed advocates who recognized the challenges that communication barriers had on many Deaf and Hard of Hearing (D/HOH) people and their families. At that time, it was almost impossible for D/HOH individuals to find effective and accessible health, human services or employment opportunities. CHAD's drive to remove those barriers continues today. Its success can be measured in 12 years of teaming throughout the community in breaking through barriers and building bridges. CHAD is the only organization of its kind in the five-county Philadelphia area. Its specialists understand the communication needs of D/HOH individuals and are skilled in American Sign Language and other manual modes, disability laws and hearing issues, assistive technology, and sensitivity and inclusion strategies for service providers, employers and coworkers.

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Deaf-Hearing Communication Centre, Inc.

The mission of the Deaf-Hearing Communication Centre, Inc. (DHCC) is to promote equal communication, accessibility and cultural awareness to deaf, hard of hearing and hearing populations by providing quality communication services, advocacy and educational programs. DHCC was established in 1972 to address the lack of services for deaf people and their families. The mandate has been broadened over the years to include hard of hearing people. Throughout the years DHCC has provided specialized services to meet various needs.

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Developmental Enterprises Corporation

In 1971, a group of parents with disabled children shared a common vision: to create a place where people with disabilities could live healthy, meaningful, productive and safe lives in communities where they are valuable and valued for their contributions. That dream has become a reality for hundreds of adults in Montgomery County, PA. DEC is passionately committed to supporting all individuals with disabilities to realize their fullest potential through personalized training, tailored therapies and other programs and services that promote independence, choice and community integration. It provides a dignified and positive environment for all individuals to encourage value, hope and responsibility.

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Disabilities Law Project

The mission of the Disabilities Law Project is to advocate full implementation of the civil rights of individuals with disabilities, especially their right to live as integral members of their communities.

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Easter Seals of Southeastern Pennsylvania

Easter Seals of Southeastern Pennsylvania (serving Philadelphia, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, and Montgomery counties) provides programs and services to ensure that all people with disabilities or special needs and their families have equal opportunities to live, learn, work and play in their communities.

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GENERAL SERVICES

Eastern Amputee Golf Association

Bob Buck • Executive Director • 2015 Amherst Drive • Bethlehem, PA 18015
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The Eastern Amputee Golf Association provides golf recreation and award scholarships to amputees and their family members.

ElderNet of Lower Merion and Narberth

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ElderNet's mission is to enable elderly and disabled younger adults of low-moderate income to live at home safely and independently with improved quality of life and increased access to medical care during their lifetime. ElderNet was established in 1976 by representatives of community, religious and governmental groups to serve at-risk elderly residents of Lower Merion Township, and later added younger disabled adults as clients. ElderNet provides volunteer and social work services for its constituents, including volunteer escort driving to medical appointments and shopping. ElderNet staff also administers an emergency fund for people of very low income who need help in emergencies. In 2009, ElderNet opened the Ada Mutch Community Resource Center, staffed with nurses and a care manager. The Center also offers an expanded food cupboard. All ElderNet services are free, increase access to medical care, ease isolation, and offer practical help for at-risk adults who want to remain living independently. Its community benefits by retaining its older and disabled population, and preserving its ethnic and financial diversity. Note: volunteer, social work and emergency services are limited to residents of Lower Merion and Narberth -- information and referral services are available to residents of any area.

Elwyn, Inc.

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The mission of Elwyn, Inc. is to create opportunities for children and adults with disabilities and disadvantages to learn, to work and to build more meaningful, independent lives. Elwyn, Inc. maximizes potential through personal commitment, collective talents and innovation by supporting individuals with diverse challenges in shaping distinctive, meaningful lives.

Free Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

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The mission of this organization is to develop resources and funding in order to expand, enhance, and support the services, collections, building improvements and technology expansion as well as other activities offered by the Free Library of Philadelphia. Programs include early childhood, family and adult literacy; after-school homework help; teen leadership and youth empowerment summit; workplace and career placement; regional foundation center; lecture series; summer programs in reading and science; and cultural performances.

Handi-Crafters, Inc.

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Handi-Crafters, Inc.'s primary goal is to make a positive difference in the lives of its clients by helping them overcome their obstacles towards entering the workforce so they can reach their highest level of productive employment and financial independence. Perhaps most important of all, their daily acceptance into a social and work environment gives them a proud and deserved sense of self-esteem and self-worth.

HireAbility

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HireAbility is a nonprofit organization, which began in 1982, that helps those living with disabilities in obtaining competitive jobs, assists employers in the process of hiring often overlooked talent and encourages employers and workers to integrate people with disabilities into the workforce in order to maximize their productive and creative potential.

Home of the Merciful Savior for Crippled Children

Diane Gallagher • Director • 4400 Baltimore Ave. • Philadelphia, PA 19104
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Home of the Merciful Savior for Crippled Children (HMS School) serves school-aged children and young adults through age 21 who have severe, multiple disabilities usually resulting from Cerebral Palsy, traumatic brain injury or other neurological impairments. Renowned for its success in empowering students, HMS School day and residential programs maximize achievement, promote independence and improve the quality of life for its students.

Indian Creek Foundation

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The mission of Indian Creek Foundation is to provide opportunities for people living with intellectual and developmental disabilities so that they can enrich the community in which they live.

Inglis House

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Inglis House was initially founded in 1877 in order to provide long-term care, rehabilitative care, and day care for those that are 17 years of age or older living with disabilities.

Jerry Segal Classic

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The mission of Jerry Segal Classic is to provide funding to distribute amongst institutions and organizations that assist patients recovering from brain or spinal cord injuries. Its funding is primarily raised through an annual golf outing that it coordinates, however other programs and related activities share the same purpose with the intention to serve patients in need.

Jewish Employment & Vocational Service (JEVS) Human Resources

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JEVS Human Services is a not-for-profit, nonsectarian, social service agency that benefits the community of Greater Philadelphia by enhancing the employability and self-sufficiency of the people it serves through a broad range of education, training, health and rehabilitation programs. JEVS traces its roots back to 1941, when 25 Philadelphians established the Employment and Vocational Bureau to assist refugees from war-torn Europe in resettling and finding employment in the United States. Nearly 70 years later, JEVS has become a multi-service organization that annually helps over 20,000 individuals from throughout Greater Philadelphia achieve their personal and employment goals. Operating with an annual budget of nearly \$92 million, JEVS Human Services and its support staff of nearly 1,000 employees run more than 20 successful programs that provide skills development, job readiness and career services, vocational rehabilitation, recovery services, adult and residential day services, and in-home personal assistance.

Liberty Resources

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Liberty Resources works with persons living with disabilities in order to ensure their civil rights and equal access to all aspects of life within our community.

LifePath, Inc.

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LifePath, Inc. provides the highest quality of services to people needing specialized supports through the blending of professional knowledge, arts and skills in an environment full of unconditional respect and dignity.

GENERAL SERVICES

Metropolitan AIDS Neighborhood Nutrition Alliance (MANNA)

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Especially for people with an acute nutritional risk due to a life-threatening illness, MANNA prepares and delivers delicious nourishing meals and counsel empowering those individuals to battle their illness and improve their quality of life. MANNA was founded in 1990 with the goal of feeding every person living with HIV/AIDS who needed assistance regardless of income. Since then, MANNA has delivered over 7 million meals and operates its own professionally equipped 7,500-square-foot facility at 2323 Ranstead Street located in Center City Philadelphia. Its services have grown beyond meal preparation to now include nutrition education and counseling. MANNA is no longer disease-specific and now meets the nutritional needs of seriously ill people throughout the Greater Philadelphia region including some areas of New Jersey.

Pennsylvania Assistive Technology Foundation

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PATF's mission is to provide financial opportunities for older Pennsylvanians and people with disabilities helping them to acquire the assistive technology devices and services that help improve the quality of their lives. Assistive technology (AT), as defined in the federal Assistive Technology Act of 1998, is "any item, piece of equipment or product system, whether acquired commercially off the shelf, modified or customized that is used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional capabilities of individuals." AT devices include such items as home modifications (ramps, roll-in showers, widened doorways, grab bars in bathrooms); vehicles with adapted steering controls, lowered floors and wheelchair lifts; wheelchairs and scooters; reading machines; hearing aids; and computers with specialized hardware and/or software. AT services helps people decide which AT devices they need and helps train them in how to use those devices. PATF serves Pennsylvania residents of all ages, disability diagnoses and health conditions, as well as people of all income levels, many of whom do not qualify for a traditional bank loan. PATF focuses on people who have disabilities and are at the risk of institutionalization.

Pennsylvania Health Law Project, Inc.

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The Mission of Pennsylvania Health Law Project, Inc. is to assist low-income individuals, persons with disabilities and consumer groups with health care coverage, access and quality care problems through direct representation, technical assistance and training.

P.I.L.O.T.

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The mission of P.I.L.O.T. (Personalized Independent Living Opportunities and Training Services) is to provide persons with disabilities the opportunity to reach their maximum potential for independence in the community of their choice. P.I.L.O.T. Services was founded in 1992 with the goal of providing community support services to individuals with developmental disabilities. P.I.L.O.T. Services provides disabled consumers access to comprehensive residential training, employment, recreation and independent living services. Its primary constituency consists of individuals with disabilities, their families, advocates and other stakeholders that are directly and indirectly involved with the safety and well-being of the individuals with disabilities in which it serves.

Programs Employing People

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Programs Employing People is a nonprofit corporation organized to provide and promote social, vocational, educational, rehabilitative, recreational and employment opportunities for people living with developmental disabilities and to advance the following as the main goals of its corporation. Its mission is to strengthen, develop and coordinate better understandings between people with developmental disabilities, their families and their community. The adult development training department provides support for individuals with severe to profound disabilities in areas of adult daily living skills, community access and integration, volunteer opportunities and social and recreational activities. Many consumers that participate in this program provide ongoing volunteer services in the community to aid others in need.

Special Olympics Pennsylvania, Inc.

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Special Olympics Philadelphia offers developmental, social and health care services for individuals with intellectual disabilities. Special Olympics Philadelphia serves 1,576 athletes and 90% of its clients are enrolled in special education.

Variety - The Children's Charity of Greater Philadelphia

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Variety – The Children's Charity of Greater Philadelphia has been serving children with disabilities since 1935. Its programs and services are designed to effectively address the children's physical, social, medical, educational and recreational needs without regards to economic status, race, creed, gender or type of disability. Variety serves children between birth and 18 years of age with temporary and/or permanent disabilities resulting from injury, illness or congenital conditions.

HEALTH

Adult Care of Chester County, Inc.

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For over 27 years, Adult Care of Chester County, Inc. has been providing adult day services to the communities of Chester County. It is the oldest adult day services program in the county. The mission of Adult Care of Chester County, Inc. is to support and empower families in their caregiving experience by offering them a welcoming, friendly day service that provides state-of-the-art care from a highly trained, relentlessly competent, and compassionate staff dedicated to enabling their loved ones to physically and cognitively thrive so they can remain at home for as long as possible.

Advocates for the Jewish Mentally Ill

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The mission of Advocates for the Jewish Mentally Ill is to improve the quality of life for persons with mental illnesses by providing psycho-social rehabilitation, housing, vocational training and by raising public awareness of mental illness within the Jewish community.

ALS Association, Greater Philadelphia Chapter

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The mission of the ALS Association, Greater Philadelphia Chapter is to lead the fight in treating and curing ALS through global research and nationwide advocacy. It hopes to achieve this goal while empowering people living with Lou Gehrig's Disease including their families to enable them to live fuller lives by offering them compassionate care and support.

Alzheimer's Disease & Related Disorders Assoc. -- Delaware Valley

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The mission of the Alzheimer's Association is to provide information and supportive services to persons living with Alzheimer's disease.

Arthritis Foundation, Inc. Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter

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The Arthritis Foundation's mission is to improve lives through leadership towards the prevention, control and cure of arthritis and related diseases. Since its inception in 1948, the Foundation has worked to support scientific research of arthritis, contributing \$400 million over the past 60 years; to inform the medical community and the general public about the disease; to advocate for recognition of arthritis as a major public health problem and for federal support for treatment and research; and to develop programs and services, offered by chapters around the country, that help people with arthritis improve their ability to perform simple daily activities.

Best Buddies Pennsylvania

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Best Buddies International (BBI) is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 1989 by Anthony K. Shriver. Its mission is to enhance the lives of people living with intellectual disabilities by providing opportunities for one-to-one friendships and integrated employment. Today, Best Buddies International has more than 1,400 chapters across the country and has 41 international locations. BBPA carries out its mission by overseeing 4 programs: Best Buddies Middle Schools, High Schools and Colleges, and e-Buddies® (an online friendship program). Four programs achieve the following goals: 1) promote one-to-one friendship opportunities between people with and without intellectual disabilities; 2) develop leadership skills for students and adults with and without intellectual disabilities to lead the integration movement; 3) transform attitudes regarding the needs and natural abilities of people with intellectual disabilities; and 4) develop social skills for people with disabilities that aid in their employment, independence and community integration. BBPA serves people with and without intellectual disabilities throughout the state.

Bryn Mawr Rehabilitation Hospital

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Bryn Mawr Rehab is dedicated to serving people whose lives can be enhanced through physical and cognitive rehabilitation. It continually strives for excellence by providing care and services which are valued by those it serves and by contributing to the community through education, research and prevention of disability. Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital offers a full continuum of services for adults and adolescents which includes acute inpatient care, specialized day treatment services and many outpatient options. The wide range of illnesses and injuries it treats includes brain injury, stroke, spinal cord injury, multiple sclerosis, chronic pain, multiple trauma, amputations, and other orthopedic and neurological conditions. Its program of care concentrates on helping individuals relearn the physical and cognitive skills necessary to resume as independent a life as possible after life-altering illness or injury strikes.

Center for Autism

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The Center for Autism's mission is to improve the quality of life for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders and their families. It continually strives to be the premier resource for specialized autism services in the Philadelphia region by providing programs that meet the needs of each individual affected by autism. Founded in 1955, the Center operates two locations in Philadelphia and serves over 700 people annually. The organization offers evaluation services to individuals of all ages; a Pre-K Program for children 2-5 years old; a Social Competency Program for individuals ages 6-15 years old; Individual Outpatient Therapy to people of all ages; and consultation services to professionals throughout the region.

Central Montgomery Mental Health / Mental Retardation Center

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Central Montgomery Mental Health/Mental Retardation Center (Central) provides comprehensive mental health and addiction services for all people in need, regardless of their ability to pay, and is committed to educating the community in appropriate and effective mental health practices and the training of mental health professionals in all disciplines. Its vision is "To set the standard for excellence in the delivery of behavioral health services."

Cerebral Palsy Association of Chester County, Inc.

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The mission of the Cerebral Palsy Association of Chester County, Inc. is to enhance the abilities and support the independence of people with Cerebral Palsy and other mental disabilities throughout all aspects of their life.

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Delaware Valley Chapter

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The mission of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, a nonprofit donor-supported organization, is to ensure the development of progress towards curing and controlling cystic fibrosis and to improve the quality of life for those living with the disease.

Epilepsy Foundation of Eastern Pennsylvania

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The Epilepsy Foundation of Eastern Pennsylvania's mission is to lead the fight towards ending seizures, finding a cure and overcoming challenges created by epilepsy. This is accomplished through free educational programs, support and socialization groups, one-on-one consultations and referrals, and individual advocacy. The intent is to meet the non-medical needs for people affected by epilepsy/seizure disorder to enhance lives and build supportive communities.

Hope Springs Equestrian Therapy, Inc.

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The organization's mission is to enhance the quality of life of individuals living with disabilities or behavioral challenges by providing them with affordable therapeutic riding and other high-quality and professional, horse-assisted activities in a warm, safe and familiar environment. Hope Springs Equestrian Therapy (HSET) was founded in 1997, offering horseback riding therapy to disabled children, youth and adults living with a variety of handicaps. During the past 14 years, it has grown from a program with only one instructor and horse to a full-fledged, community-recognized organization with an active, committed board of directors and standing committees. The Hope Springs "family" now includes 6 instructors, 5 horses and 4 ponies, 40 volunteers, and over 65 riders. Its instructors are professionals who have many years of experience teaching and working with people with disabilities; they are uniquely qualified in this extremely specialized field. The programs that are provided include therapeutic horseback riding, At-Risk Youth Program and Summer Camps.

J/CHAI (Judith Creed Homes for Adult Independence)

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The mission of J/CHAI is to provide residential services and training for individuals who are mentally retarded.

Ken-Crest Centers

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The mission of Ken-Crest Centers is to provide services to people living with mental retardation or other developmental disabilities.

Magee Rehabilitation Center

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The mission of Magee Rehabilitation Center is to improve the quality of life of persons living with disabilities by providing high-quality physical and cognitive rehabilitation services.

Melmark Charitable Foundation

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The Melmark Charitable Foundation was established for the sole support of the programs and services of Melmark. The mission of Melmark is to serve children, adults and their families affected by a broad range of cognitive, intellectual and developmental disabilities including autism, brain injury and other neurological impairments. It provides evidence-based educational, vocational, clinical, residential, health care and rehabilitative services, personally designed for each individual in an environment of warmth, care, and respect.

Mental Health Association of Southeastern PA

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The mission of the Mental Health Association of SEPA is to promote innovative services and ideas that create opportunities for resilience and recovery from mental health conditions through advocacy, direct services, training and education, and information and referral. It provides technical assistance to regional, state-wide and national constituencies based upon knowledge learned from the people it serves, employs and those engaged with MHASP in transformative partnerships.

Montgomery County Association for the Blind

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The mission of Montgomery County Association for the Blind is to enhance the quality of life of people coping with blindness or vision impairments by utilizing education, support, and advocacy. Montgomery County Association for the Blind (MCAB) is a regional provider of services for the blind and visually impaired, supplying vision rehabilitative services that help individuals regain their independence, self-sufficiency and confidence after sight loss. MCAB serves 2500 consumers of all ages.

National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Greater Delaware Valley Chapter

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The mission of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is to create a world free of multiple sclerosis.

Parkinson Council

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The Parkinson Council is dedicated to promoting research initiatives for the causes and cure of Parkinson's disease through educating patients, their caregivers, health care professionals and the general public about Parkinson's and improving the quality of life for patients and their families. Each year, volunteers organize several fundraising and educational events as well as create and manage a variety of communication and support services. Its medical educational mission is four-fold. The Council seeks out those with the early symptoms of the illness in order to encourage them to receive prompt professional care; for those with later stages of Parkinson, it continues to educate and support both the patient and the caregiver; assist in the education of health professionals by making them aware of the symptoms and best methods of care; and educate elected representatives of the tremendous cost to the nation and solicit their assistance in funding the needed research.

Pegasus Riding Academy, Inc.

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The mission of Pegasus Riding Academy, Inc. is to provide therapeutic exercise in various forms while concentrating on ability rather than disability. Pegasus Riding Academy, Inc. is a therapeutic horseback riding program that provides physical, developmental, recreational and rehabilitative therapy to children and adults with disabilities in Philadelphia and surrounding areas. Pegasus is the only therapeutic riding program in the City of Philadelphia. Its riders represent over 100 different disabilities. In pursuit of its vision to provide innovative and inclusive therapeutic riding programs that improve lives, it has developed a reputation for serving clients that other programs have denied, regarding them as too young or complex. The ultimate goal of riding therapy, which utilizes the horse and its movement, is to achieve and restore an optimal level of movement and function, restore independence and improve the quality of life. In addition, therapeutic riding has recently been identified as a progressive treatment for autism and the organization has embraced the opportunity to serve the ever growing autism community by incorporating innovative programs in a traditional therapeutic riding setting.

Philadelphia Developmental Disabilities Corporation

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PDDC is committed to ensuring that people with disabilities are provided with the support and services necessary for them to be included in their communities and live their lives with maximum satisfaction. Through programs offering employment training, participation in the cultural arts, individualized services in the home, and options for social recreation, PDDC provides a holistic approach towards supporting people in their desire to achieve community connections.

Planned Lifetime Assistance Network of PA (PLAN)

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Planned Lifetime Assistance Network of Pennsylvania, or PLAN of PA, provides Planning, Trust, and Care Management Services to adults with mental illness, autism, intellectual disability or brain injury and their families in the Greater Philadelphia area. By helping families develop a Personal Care Plan -- for now or in the future -- PLAN of PA looks for ways to maximize quality of life while answering the question, "Who will oversee the care of our loved one when I am no longer able to do so?" Its goal is to continue the care when the family cannot manage alone or can no longer act as caretaker, providing critical services not provided by public benefit programs. PLAN of PA was founded in 1989 by a group of families with mentally disabled family members, and its Board of Directors still includes members who have a child with a mental disability. Its history of 20 + years as a fiscally responsible non-profit -- along with a committed, caring staff -- ensures the community that PLAN of PA will always be here for families and their loved ones.

Quest Therapeutic Services

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Quest Therapeutic Services, located in West Chester, Pennsylvania, 35 miles west of Philadelphia, provides exceptional pediatric therapy services to enhance the lives of children with special needs in the Delaware Valley. Licensed physical, occupational and speech therapists, as well as special instructors, provide a full range of pediatric services to enable children with special needs to grow and develop to their fullest potential. Services are offered in a variety of settings to maximize results, including the home, school and community, as well as in a state-of-the-art therapy facility where it also offers Equine-Assisted Therapy in a heated indoor arena. Its goal is to continuously advance pediatric therapies through teaching, research, clinical partnerships and education throughout the community and the profession as a whole.

Special Equestrians

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The organization's six programs provide specific equine therapeutic services to varied populations. It teaches horsemanship skills including structured stretching, independent riding and exercises tailored to each student's specific needs in its Therapeutic Riding Program. Its Hippotherapy program serves the most fragile students in half-hour private sessions. The REINS Program is for children diagnosed on the autism spectrum. The organization partners with local youth shelters and alternative schools to bring its Youth Connections Program to at-risk youth. Silver Saddles is geared to people aged 55 and over with age related disabilities. Summer Horse Camp is open to riders and community members who are living with disabilities under the age of 18.

Visiting Nurse Association of Greater Philadelphia

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The mission of the Visiting Nurse Association of Greater Philadelphia is to provide comprehensive home health care to people in need, regardless of their ability to pay any expenses.

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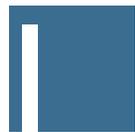
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