

About OASIS



Behavior Management Workshop at Rockville Library on 16 May 2009



Yoga Workshop at Potomac Community Center on 07 May 2011



Families get-together at Cabin John Park on 10 Sep 2011

Organization for Advancement of and Service for Individuals with Special Needs, Inc. (OASIS) is a nonprofit organization with 501 (c) (3) status formed by parents to help children and adults with developmental disabilities.

Initially started in 2007 as a support group among the families of individuals with special needs, OASIS now serves as a forum for families to share and exchange information pertaining to the care of individuals with special needs.



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OUR MISSION

OASIS is a nonprofit organization committed to enriching the lives of individuals with special needs and their families through support and services.

OUR VISION

To facilitate services such as social, cultural, educational, financial, and residential for individuals with special needs by creating an inclusive community.

The uniqueness of this organization is its commitment to understand the compulsions arising out of various cultural differences among the beneficiaries and addressing these compulsions appropriately while facilitating the services to the individuals with special needs.

Support, Inspire & Empower

By forming OASIS, we have successfully established a platform to voice the needs of this segment of the population.

We are ready to take the next step and offer much needed services in the coming years.

We plan to do this in three stages:

Short Term - Immediately

Organize monthly special needs activities and get-togethers as a group utilizing community centers or by renting a place

- Music
- Hands-on craft lessons
- Yoga
- Other relevant activities

Benefits:

- Bringing families together.
- Opportunity to share experience and exchange ideas.
- Much needed mutual support.
- Opportunity to develop friendships with peers in a nurturing environment.

Medium Term - 3 to 12 months

Set up a facility to provide respite care for families and offer a safe environment for individuals with special needs.

- Gradually introduce individuals with special needs to this facility over weekends and holidays to get familiar with the environment.
- Other OASIS members would volunteer their time to provide necessary supervision and support.

Benefits:

- During family emergency, or other urgent need(s) to leave town, families can avail themselves of the facility for respite care services.
- Provides an assurance that their loved ones will be in a place they are accustomed to.
- Caregivers have a specific address to go to provide respite care services.

Long Term - 1 to 5 years

Establish an inclusive community for individuals with special needs.

- Buy a suitable property with scope for expansion for future needs.
- Develop into an inclusive residential/vocational facility.

Benefits:

- Enables individuals with special needs
 - to live in a safe, supportive and stimulating environment
 - to receive loving care and supervision.
 - to lead a socially/culturally interactive and productive life.

- Provides peace of mind to all that the individuals with special needs will be lovingly cared for throughout their life.

We have come to you seeking your help and support to make our vision a reality.

You can support us in many ways:

- Monetary contribution (no contribution is ever small). OASIS will provide all the details and receipts for your tax-deductible contributions.
- If you wish to include OASIS in your estate/will, please contact us.
- If you own real-estate and are interested in leasing it out for OASIS to support our noble cause, please contact us.
- If you wish to support our cause by volunteering your services, we would gratefully appreciate it.