



MISSION *CLCC seeks to create a shared, inclusive living experience for individuals with and without developmental disabilities in a farmstead village, by focusing upon the gifts of all in mutually rewarding relationships.*

VISION *CLCC envisions adults in Connecticut with and without developmental disabilities as valued and contributing members of our society, exemplified in a model community to be created in eastern Connecticut where all members experience a sense of belonging, share resources and enjoy a happy life.*

The Work of Creative Living Community of Connecticut, Inc. (CLCC)

In 2006, a small group of parents and individuals began asking the question, "What will happen to my disabled adult child when I am no longer able to care for him/her in my home?" In 2008, CLCC was formed as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation to provide community-integrated homes and employment for people with developmental disabilities. In Connecticut, people with these special needs face a multi-year-long waiting list for housing and have very limited job options. While no longer placed in institutions, people with developmental disabilities now reside in group homes, supported living arrangements in the community or remain with their families. Undervalued as members of society, these individuals typically remain socially isolated.

We believe a new model is needed, where locally rooted communities are interdependent and all members are valued for their unique contributions.

The CLCC Farmstead Village is an innovative response to the needs of adults with developmental disabilities. To succeed, CLCC will acquire a 100+ acre farm where homes can be built and jobs created for up to 60 people (approximately 20 disabled, 40 non-disabled). A viable business plan, rooted in the local food system, is being developed to create durable, productive and rewarding job opportunities. Housing plans are based on principles of community integration, relationship building and diversity.

How Can You Help?

Investing in CLCC is more than a "good deed." It is also an investment in the future of your community. Your act of good will identifies you as a smart investor and member of our community, where you will join others in a quest for the common good. Your actions and financial investment helps create the first community of its kind in Connecticut. In a very real way, donors breathe life into our ideas and give us the ability to create a new and better future.

Our Immediate Needs:

- ◆ 100+ acres of land suitable for 10-15 residential units with 30-75 acres for crops and pasture
- ◆ \$850,000 capital funds for Phase I: land, initial housing and farm set up
- ◆ \$150,000 salary funds for Phase I: Executive Director and Development Director positions
- ◆ Volunteers to serve on Committees and Board of Directors

Your involvement is critical to help create this unique solution to a persistent community-wide issue. Donors can assist by making large and small financial contributions to this project and by tapping into their own community networks to find additional investors. Please visit our website for more information.