

2023 Annual Report

Our Mission

To provide residential and communitybased programs and services enhanced with Christian care, for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Our Vision

Our vision is that adults that want and need the Protected Harbor model for Christian care homes will have a home with Protected Harbor.

Support Our Work

We believe that God calls each of us for a very special purpose. The work He has called us to is a ministry that we embrace with our whole hearts.

Services Provided:

Residential Rehabilitation
Case Management
Personal Supports
Living Skills
Vocational Workshops
Community Integration

Executive Board:

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Message from the President of the Board

As 2023 closed, we reflected on the blessings we received these past months. God bestowed His grace on Protected Harbor, and we are grateful.

We continue to be committed to expand services to reach a far greater number of God's Special People in Southwest Florida than ever before. In October, we expanded our footprint and became a licensed provider for Adult Day Training. We had locations in Lee and Collier counties. While this is a great start to assisting a far greater number, we are working to close the gaps in all service areas. There are almost 600,000 people with developmental and intellectual disabilities in Florida. With over 30,000 of them on waiting lists. We continue to feel a deep burden to be part of a solution, and we need your help. The Lord has called Protected Harbor to act and make a difference! This can only be accomplished with and because of our dedicated community partners and generous donors. We are thankful for all of you, our donors, community partners, families, friends, prayer partners, and most of all our clients. But we need more supporters who take a step of faith with us. You can help by spreading the word of Protected Harbor's work, becoming part of our ministry by donating, or joining our expanding group of recurring givers. Most importantly, we covet your prayers for us and the special population we serve. The new year brings the anticipation of blessings and exciting progress as we call upon the Lord to lead us.



Jeff Buchholz Board Presiden

And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not to men...whatsoever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus giving thanks to God...

Colossians 3:23





- Staff, clients, and friends of Protected Harbor gathered at the Annual Outdoor Olympic Games. ReUnite and the Lee County Sheriffs' Community Ice Cream truck joined the fun.
- Protected Harbor became licensed to provide Adult Day Training Life Skills Development services.. This allows us to expand and serve additional needs in Southwest Florida.
- The initiation of our Navigation Support Services created supports for individuals and families in need. This service assists with referrals, applications, understanding of guardianship, and life planning.

H Year in Review H Look at the Numbers

- 114 Volunteers providing 552 hours of service.
- 172 Clients received individual care.
- 74 Individuals on a wait-list for services
- 42 Caregivers/family members provided with support and relief.
- Families received helped with the Med Waiver application.

We anticipate a growing number of individuals will be served as the program has been developing organically thus far. Being in the startup phase of this program, we have not invested resources in marketing supported living for new clients or support services for their families. All inquiries are finding us on our website, referrals through professionals, or through word of mouth. The need is significant, and we are continuing to build the infrastructure to support the growing demands that exist in our community.

Deb's Success Story



To gain confidence and skills needed to interact with others in a workplace setting, Deb worked with the Protected Harbors Case Management Team (CMT) and Adult Day Training team to gain skills, such as, advocacy, how to ask for reasonable accommodations, the importance of accurately answering questions, communication and listening, and rights. When Deb obtained employment, she and her mentor continued to work together as she maneuvered through the various ins and outs of her position. In her position, she provides samples of products to customers. Part of this requires her to accurately relay important information about the products to customers. Deb was finding shoppers would not listen as she tried to explain, and she was becoming frustrated. Her mentor assisted her in ways to accurately relay product information and created a key point chart to help her determine the top 5 key points to tell customers. Deb is now one of the top sellers and her goals and quotas are usually met or exceeded. Her dream is to work in a hospital and help others.

2023 Financials

Support and Revenue



