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COMMUNITY REIMAGINED

| 2024
impactreport

As we review all the many days of 2024, we're excited to reflect on the incredible progress we've made together during 2024. We really appreciate your deep commitment and support in fostering *inclusive, diverse, engaging, affordable, and lifelong (IDEAL)* communities across the Triangle and state.

“ They have accepted me as an individual, as a personality, as an entity. I belong! I am important! I am somebody!”

*Beatrice Sparks, author,
Go Ask Alice*





2024 HIGHLIGHTS

In the third year of working with community partners to make a collective impact and create **IDEAL** (*Inclusive, Diverse, Engaging, Affordable and Lifelong*) Communities, our priorities are focused on:

- **Developing our model**, including creating a clear set of principles and processes.
- Actively **implementing our model** in 2 communities in the Triangle.
- **Championing policy changes** that support our vision for inclusive housing.

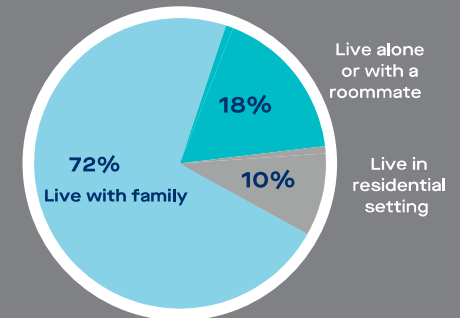
The Crisis

62%

In a national survey, 62% of adults with developmental disabilities dream of living in their own home

25%

More than 25% of family care providers are over the age of 60



Estimated number of individuals with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities by living arrangement, FY: 2017

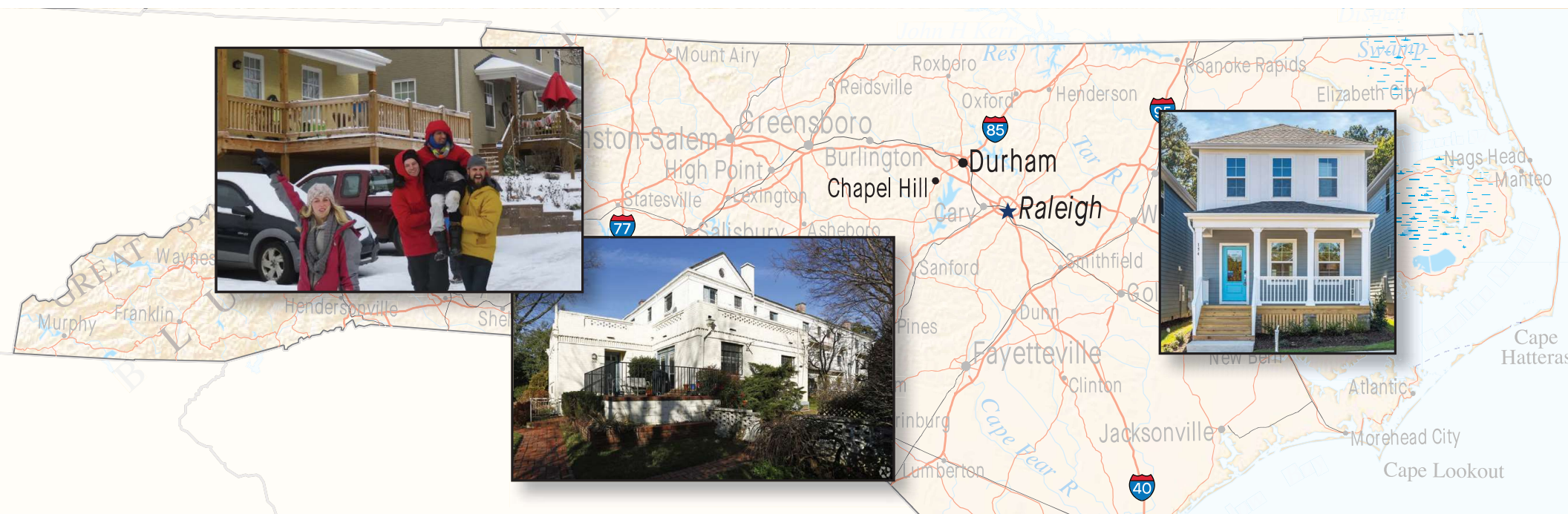
Approximately 62,800 adults in North Carolina have an intellectual and/or developmental disability and their options in where to live is limited.



IDEAL MODEL DEVELOPMENT

Over the past year, our work groups and action teams have been refining the processes and principles that define **IDEAL** communities. So far, this includes a four-phase model, including:

1. Building a strong team of inclusive housing champions,
2. Assessing and modifying potential sites,
3. Planning community engagement activities and support
4. Ensuring long-term success and sustainability.



COMMUNITY IMPLEMENTATION & REPLICATION

Working with wonderful community partners, we've started testing this model at three different sites across the Triangle, including:

1. **North Street Community (Durham):** An intentional community of people with and without disabilities founded in 2012. Beginning in January 2024, HOPE NC's Community Facilitator, *Collin Flake*, has been building a sense of engagement and belonging among residents.
2. **Grosvenor Gardens (Raleigh):** A historic apartment community in downtown Raleigh where partners, CASA NC, Alliance Health, and HOPE NC are supporting individuals with disabilities to live "interdependently" since August 2024.
3. **Weavers Grove (Chapel Hill):** We are just beginning planning for our third IDEAL community in Weavers Grove— a mixed-income housing development under construction by Habitat for Humanity. Eighteen IDEAL residents with disabilities will live in future townhomes in the neighborhood beginning in 2026.
 - **Read: [The Local Reporter:](#)** *Habitat for Humanity and HOPE NC announce new affordable housing partnership by Michelle Cassell Nov.13,2024*
 - **Watch:** Habitat's Weavers Grove Dedication on HOPE North Carolina's YouTube @hopenorthcarolinainc7053



POLICY & ADVOCACY

As we develop tangible examples of inclusive housing, we're also advocating for policies needed to sustain and expand these efforts.

- **Inclusive Housing Summit:** Hosted the third annual summit, with **200 attendees, 18 sponsors** and **21 table exhibitors**, building stronger networks and energy for inclusive communities.

- **Advocacy Initiatives:** Raised awareness among policymakers and stakeholders and pushed for key changes to HUD Section 811, the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit's system of approval for projects called the QAP, and State House Bill 1003.
- **Statewide Coalition:** Building a coalition of 20+ organizations advocating for inclusive housing across North Carolina.

Your support has been vital in driving this progress, and we couldn't have done it without you.



LOOKING AHEAD TO 2025

As we enter 2025, we are committed to deepening progress and strengthening our collective impact so that more individuals can live in **IDEAL** Communities. We will continue to advocate for statewide policy changes to enable inclusive communities to develop. At the same time, we will work to cultivate belonging in our Triangle communities and create sustainability for their funding. We connect with community partners and people with lived experience across the state to do this important work and we hope that you will join us.



Meet John . . .

John loves the freedom and flexibility that come with having his own apartment. Several months ago, John tried living in a group home, but the unhealthy food, requirement to be either working or at a day program from 9 am to 3 pm, and lack of freedom to even go out for a walk by himself quickly determined that it was not a good fit. John wanted to have the freedom to make his own choices about where and when he would go places.

John was the first HOPE NC resident at Grosvenor Gardens and moved in on Saturday, August 31. His days are busy with morning workouts at the YMCA, walks to local attractions such as the Museum of Natural Sciences and restaurants, his job at a nearby grocery store, and outings with HOPE NC Community Facilitator for Grosvenor Gardens, *Karen Oldoni*. In September, they cheered on the St. Mary's School basketball team to a victory. There are loads of things to do and places to go in Raleigh and thanks to HOPE NC, John has been able to connect quickly to so many of them. John is enjoying meeting his neighbors and he has so much to offer his community in return. John says, **“Thank you HOPE!”**

An investment in HOPE NC is an investment in people with intellectual and developmental disabilities like John. Thanks to our community of support, we are increasing inclusive housing options across the Triangle, successfully collaborating with community partners to create similar opportunities across the state and educating and advocating to others about the need for the funding and development of inclusive communities.

Together we will keep working until people of all ages and abilities have a place to call home where they experience a true sense of belonging.

2024 HOPE NC by the Numbers

11

Monthly community events to build relationships with people with and without disabilities

347

People with and without disabilities who attended the monthly events

17

Community volunteers who donated 10 or more hours to these events

39

Community Partners working with HOPE NC to create IDEAL Communities

27

Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities supported by our Community Facilitator as they live in their own home

256

Events and Activities at North Street and Grosvenor Gardens supported by the Community Facilitators

2,600

People with and without disabilities who attended those events/activities

45

Partnerships with organizations and churches near the North Street and Grosvenor Gardens communities





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- Tell others about the importance of independent living?
- Connect with government leaders to improve our disability community?

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