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Spring 2022 Newsletter

Some of you have been able to keep up with the activities of IndependentWorks on Facebook while others have attended our monthly activities. As the pandemic has become less threatening, we have had more opportunities to move forward together, and hope this newsletter will keep you informed and involved!

Strategic Planning

Our board president, Carolina Matt, was awarded a scholarship with QENO, Quality Enhancement for Non-profit Organizations, an organization affiliated with UNCW. Her coach, Kim Nelson, facilitated workshops with our board members and our community, including Zhen Tu, Rob Ferber, Debbie Bluestein, Mary Beth Bobek, Fran Scarlett, Laura Elliott, Johnny Johnson, Marguerite Rhodes, Sue Vest, and Shelley Germain.

We developed strategic and action plans that focused on building an Advisory Council; Partnerships with other organizations; Housing Models; and Fundraising. Our board and volunteers have been working hard to realize these plans, but we could you use your help!

How You Can Help

Our Board of Directors currently consists of four individuals. We are looking to expand the Board of Directors plus we are forming an Advisory Council. IndependentWorks volunteers also host monthly activities and attend many other events. Do you have a set of skills and/or the time to help? We are particularly looking for help with marketing, fundraising, social media, and legal help. We could use talented people like you to help our team! **Sign-Up Here>>**

Upcoming Special Events

IndependentWorks has tickets to attend the **Wilmington Sharks game on July 3rd at 7 PM.** Cost is $5.00 each. The tickets include admission to the game plus a small drink and food item! We will have a tent and table near the entrance and will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets during the game. About 25 IndependentWorks supporters enjoyed a hometown minor league baseball game together last year, while raising nearly $500. It was fun! If you would like to attend or volunteer, please contact: independentworks.ilm@gmail.com



Thanks to Zhen Tu, IndependentWorks received a grant from **Broadway for a Better World**, for 20 tickets to see the Blue Man Group on **Wednesday, July 6th at 7:30 PM** at the Wilson Center. The show will be full of music, laughter and surprises - Warning: it will be loud! We must limit the tickets to 2 per person, and first come, first served. Sign up by contacting: independentworks.ilm@gmail.com.

New Partnerships

IndependentWorks began partnering with City Place, a non-profit that has a very similar model to create a housing community for adults with neuro-diversities, combined with senior citizens. We have had meetings together with other potential partners including representatives from Cape Fear Collective, the Methodist

Community Development group, and Novant Health. They are very interested in assisting us to develop an affordable community like this.

We have also been working with **Indie Tree**, another non-profit with similar goals to develop a housing community in Charlotte and in Wilmington. Together we are pursuing discussions with local organizations that will bring our mutual visions to life.



IndependentWorks showed support for other local organizations serving our community by setting up an information table and tent at Miracles in Motion, a 5K walk/run by Access of Wilmington and Autism Walk by the North Carolina Autism Society. We spoke with many interested individuals who signed up to receive updates about our work and upcoming newsletters.

Monthly Events



Monthly movies at The Pointe 14 Cinema: This is very popular with 20-30 prospective residents, family and friends attending. It is at **4:30 PM every 2nd Wednesday** of each month with first rate movies such as The Bad Guys, Sonic 2, and Dog. It is only $7 per person, and this also includes a small drink and popcorn! Watch our **IndependentWorks Facebook page** for updates. Come and enjoy a social outing!

Weekly Walking Club: In collaboration with the Charles Lea Center, we meet at Shelter #5 at Long Leaf Park **every Tuesday at 9:00 AM & every Thursday at our NEW time 7:00 PM** weather permitting. Join us for a walk and some conversation. We typically walk the outer loop which takes about 30-45 minutes.

Fundraising

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