



**LITTLE CITY**

# AT A GLANCE

**Little City is a vital, vibrant community offering a comprehensive scope of residential options, programs, and services for nearly 1,000 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.**

We are dedicated to creating a safe and nurturing environment to live and learn with a healthy and stimulating balance of education, cultural and vocational experiences, employment services, and recreational opportunities for all. Our nonprofit includes a 56-acre campus, offering a choice of children's and adult housing, day programming, and educational options, as well as several foster care & adoption offices in the Chicago area.

## Education

- **LITTLE CITY'S CENTER FOR EDUCATION** provides a dynamic and supportive learning environment for 46 students ages 7-22 with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- **THE THRIVE PROGRAM** is the only one of its kind in the region to serve students with the highest needs, who would otherwise need to go out of state for educational and support services.

## Residential

- **ADULT RESIDENTIAL SERVICES** serves more than 100 adults in 16 community-based homes throughout the Chicago suburbs and in apartment-style living on campus.
- **CHILDREN'S RESIDENTIAL SERVICES** includes eight on-campus homes that provide 24/7 support for children learning life skills, independence, and preparing for adult programming.

## Day Programming

- **CENTER FOR EMPLOYMENT & BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES:** Little City's Employment Program has helped more than 240 individuals find community-based employment with more than 100 local business partners.
- **CENTER FOR THE ARTS:** The Center for the Arts has produced artists who have been featured in major galleries, commissioned by businesses and music festivals, and highlighted in a documentary. The classes support all skill levels in painting, drawing, computer graphics, pottery and more.
- **HORTICULTURE:** Little City's Horticulture Program takes place in two on-campus greenhouses and multiple gardens giving participants a chance to work with nature. The annual Plant Sale and Harvest Stand are two of the most popular events.
- **RECREATION & WELLNESS:** Little City's Recreation Program allows participants to explore hobbies, sports, and classes. From cooking classes and choir to swimming and weightlifting, there is something for everyone at Little City, including Special Olympics!
- **COMMUNITY DAY SERVICES:** Palatine main campus, Countryside Center in Schaumburg, and Grayslake Center in Lake County offer nearly 200 people a full day of choices and activities including volunteering, photography and music clubs, science classes, field trips, vocational skill work and more.

## Family & Community Services

- **FOSTER CARE & ADOPTION:** Little City's Foster Care & Adoption Program is one of the most successful in the state, having placed more than 260 children in loving homes throughout its history. Offices are located in Chicago, Joliet, and Matteson.
- **COMMUNITY-BASED CLINICAL SERVICES:** Little City offers clinical and therapy services for individuals and families navigating the challenges and difficulties of caring for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, as well as to the broader community.



## Get Involved

- Direct contributions
- Corporate sponsorships and donations
- Group or individual volunteer opportunities
- Workplace giving and matching programs
- Planned giving through legacies and bequests
- Special event attendance

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