

The History of Anne Grady

The Mission of the Anne Grady Services is to provide dignity, respect, and quality service to people with disabilities and their families, always offering opportunities to reach their highest potential.



Anne Grady Center



Eber Home

Grady Center their home spent their last days in the loving care of dedicated staff. As a means to remember those individuals and staff that passed away, a Memorial Garden was dedicated in 1992.



Everwood Home



Anne Grady Expansion



Richards Road



Anne Grady Greenhouse

First named Decem Center to symbolize the 10 NW Ohio counties we served, we were later renamed the Anne Grady Center in honor of a primary founding parent. Today, we are known collectively as Anne Grady Services.



Anne Grady

Anne Grady Center opened its doors on March 1, 1982.

The Eber Home, our first group home, opened its doors in 1991 allowing six men and women to move from the Center to a much smaller home.

Through the years, many of the people who called Anne



Memorial Garden

Further expansion of Anne Grady's community programs allowed for the Everwood Home to open its doors to six more men and women in 1993.

In an effort to alleviate crowded conditions at the Center and provide larger and more private living areas, the 1996 renovation remodeled all the homes and added a large activity room.

The third group home, Richards Road, opened its doors in 1997, giving four individuals a home of their own.

Many individuals are offered the opportunity to learn valuable employment skills through the Vocational Department. Thanks to a grant from the Toledo Community Foundation in 1997, Anne Grady was able to build a greenhouse.

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The Jack Mixon Natatorium opened in 2001. The natatorium offers a wonderful chance for the people being served by Anne Grady Services, as well as community members, to have the opportunity for recreation and therapy.

In 2002, four individuals moved into the beautiful new Gribbin Home.

To provide a quiet place for folks to listen to music, watch birds, or just sit in the sunshine while they enjoyed a snack, Anne Grady expanded the social area in 2003.



Anne Grady Social Area

It became increasingly apparent that many people in the community were in need of a reprieve from the difficult daily task of caring for an adult or child with a developmental disability. To meet this need, Anne Grady began providing adult and children's respite services and opened Annie's House in 2003 to create a safe, fun environment for children with special needs.



Community Center

As the Community Programs and Vocation Services Departments expanded, we soon realized that the Center was not able to accommodate the growth. In 2004, the Community Center was renovated to provide the much needed space.

Opened in 2006, the Eileen Home afforded the opportunity for seven individuals to move into the community, as well as further expanding the adult respite services that Anne Grady offers.

As state funding changes occurred and the need for more comprehensive vocational services became apparent, Anne Grady opened a new facility in 2006 – the Anne Grady Training & Work Center where we now have our own DISCOVERY Day Program designed to help individuals discover their yet untapped potential.



Jack Mixon Natatorium



Gribbin Home



Annie's House



Anne Grady Training & Work Center



Eileen Home

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Anne Grady's 1st NW Ohio Annual Respite Fair/Open House

For the past 25 years, Anne Grady Services has been concerned with meeting the needs of individuals with disabilities. Through the years, the needs have been ever changing and Anne Grady has grown to ensure that the needs of the community are met.

There are many children in our community at an increased risk for chronic physical, developmental, behavioral or emotional conditions that require health and related services of a type or amount beyond that required by children generally. These children require a great amount of care at home; it makes it difficult for families to get a break. We all know how hectic life can be these days and the added stress on a family with a child with developmental disabilities/special needs can become overwhelming.

Anne Grady Services also provides respite services to adults at both the Anne Grady Center and Eileen Community Home. Adults with special needs/developmental disabilities can enjoy a fun-filled stay in our respite homes and receive the type and amount of care and supervision they require.

As part of our silver anniversary celebration on April 27, 2007, we will be hosting our 1st NW Ohio Annual Respite Fair/Open House to showcase our services, highlighting our newly remodeled Respite Department. Anne Grady is inviting any families with adults or children with developmental disabilities/special needs to join us in this community-wide event to provide these families with information and resources about our services.

The event will be at the Anne Grady Center located at 1525 Eber Road, Holland Ohio 43528 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Anne Grady Center is located just off Airport Hwy., near the Toledo Airport. **John Martin, Director of the Ohio Department of MR/DD will be the keynote speaker; kicking off the event at 10:00 a.m. Families will have the opportunity to discuss their concerns with Director Martin in a small group from 11:00 - 12:00 noon.** One respite scholarship for one weekend at the Anne Grady Center will be awarded from all registered families to an adult or child with developmental disabilities/special needs.

For more information or if you are a vendor, please contact Julie Morse, Respite Manager, at 419-866-6500 ext. 213.



25 Years and Still Growing...

Twenty-five years ago a group of concerned parents challenged the state for a home-like place for their sons and daughters with mental retardation to live and the Decem Center (name changed to the ANNE GRADY CENTER in 1988) was opened.

The Center started by giving individuals served the basic loving care they needed. That care has progressed to finding out what they like to do and what makes them happy. It helps families and staff foster the self-worth and achievement of individuals and encourage their active participation in the community.

Thank you for your support during our first 25 years and your continued support as we look to the future.



You're Invited

John Martin, Director
Ohio Department of MR/DD
10:00 a.m.

Keynote Speaker

at

Anne Grady's
25th Anniversary Celebration
and
1st NW Ohio
Annual Respite Fair

on

Wednesday, April 27, 2007
10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Refreshments Served