

# Volunteerism

The Independence Village is richer for its dedicated core of volunteers. Citizens in the area transport residents to work and church, help with fundraisers, donate supplies or groceries, and chaperone outings. We enjoy a strong relationship with all of our industrial and community partners. Examples of such partnerships include those with BP, Valero Refining, and Oiltanking whose employees not only help with building maintenance, but also with developing personal friendships with Village residents. Other volunteers from area churches, service organizations (such as the Jr. League of



Galveston Co. and Girl Scout Troop #457), other United Way agencies, and many more. Please join us in helping our residents achieve their independence.



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# Independence VILLAGE



Residential Assisted  
Living Facility for  
Intellectually  
&  
Physically  
Challenged Adults



*Our Residents ARE the Village*

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# Our Mission

Our mission is to provide safe, affordable housing for adults with mental or physical challenges and to maintain a healthy, happy home that fosters community involvement and independent lifestyles.

An affordable assisted living facility in Texas City, TX., The Independence Village formerly HRA Village) is a welcome option for adults with developmental or physical disabilities. The Village offers room and board in a comfortable, supervised, family setting. We provide a safe home with private living quarters, balanced meals and assistance as needed with daily responsibilities. We encourage independence and promote community integration by maintaining an active presence in the area, holding fundraisers and participating in area events.

Founded in 1982 by 16 aging parents concerned about their ability to care for their adult children, The Independence Village, completed Phase 1 of the facility in 1992. The community embraced the effort by helping with construction and later by supporting the many fundraising projects. Continued support was evident in 1997, when Texas City asked HRA Village to join two other entities representing the community in its successful bid for All American City.

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# Community

"Community" is a defining, recurring and unifying theme for the Village. Acting on their commitment to the community that has rallied behind them, our residents:

- Cultivate and harvest a Garden with the help of Valero Volunteers.
- Bake & deliver cookies to the Texas City and LaMarque employees & community volunteers.
- Work fundraisers for three area Chambers of Commerce.
- Help Mainland Communities United Way on special projects and during their Annual campaign.
- Participate in various community fundraisers including those for persons who are underprivileged or disabled.
- Volunteer at local nursing home & thrift shops.
- Attend Vacation Bible Schools at several local Churches.
- Participate in "challenge baseball" activities.



- Attend dances and sporting events.
- Work at least part-time for such employers as Kroger, Good Will, Chick-Fil-A and other local businesses.

# Education

One Village resident attends College of the Mainland on a regular basis. In addition, The Village has forged relationships with area High Schools, Colleges and Universities, with mutually beneficial results. Our residents widen their circle of friends and experiences, and students who interact with them gain new perspectives on adults with disabilities. Participating educational institutions have included: UTMB Galveston's School of Nursing regular curriculum coursework. University of Houston Clear Lake's School of Education-graduate class peer relationship program. Texas City and LaMarque High School students fulfill community hours for club membership. In addition, residents enjoy cultural events such as attending theatrical and musical performances, and experience the "Joy of Art" through a program conducted at the Village by a group of talented local artists.

# Commitment

Historically individuals at the Village have lived under the unwavering watch of their parents or guardians, who have helped them achieve relative self-sufficiency. The Independence Village is committed to perpetuating a secure, nurturing home that our residents deserve. Although our residents' functional abilities provide them with varying degrees of independence, every person with disabilities share's a life-long need for safe, permanent housing. The Independence Village fulfills this need. In addition to providing a secure, comfortable, happy home, we link residents to resources in the community that provide personal fulfillment, independence, socialization and integration.

