

Journey 21 Summary Report

Information about the Applicant

Journey21 Inc. is a Residential Community and Enrichment Center for adults with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities (IDD) located on a 12-acre parcel in the Pabst Farms development in Oconomowoc, WI. Journey21 is the result of passionate and mission-driven families who came together in pursuit of building a community based in love and acceptance, dedicated to helping adults with an IDD achieve their fullest potential and live their fullest lives. Our mission: to provide safe, supportive and enriching living and learning options for adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities in Waukesha County and surrounding communities. Our vision: A day when every adult with IDD has the home of their choice where they can have friends, opportunities to grow, and live independently within a vibrant and inclusive community.

Journey21 serves adults ages 21+ with a diagnosed intellectual or developmental disability (IDD). Residents of Journey21 must meet the requirements of an evidence-based admissions process administered by a qualified third party. All participants of our Programs and Outings are required to complete an intake process with their family/legal guardian to ensure we understand how to best support them. We support range of abilities, support needs, and mobilities. We aim to support adults with IDD in Waukesha County and the surrounding communities.

Statement of Need

The need for Journey21 originated from the experience of not only our founding families, but the experiences of so many other families of adults with IDD. With more than 39,000 adults living with IDD in Wisconsin and an extreme shortage of housing, social, and learning options currently available, the need is great. Wispact Foundation support is being requested because we share a deep commitment to individuals with disabilities and enriching their lives. Your support of transportation, as well as tickets and fees for our Programs and Outings will eliminate two barriers that the individuals we serve can face

Project Goals and Expected Benefits

We respectfully request your support of our Programs and Outings, and specifically \$9,500 in transportation and ticket fees, to support the individuals we serve with IDD. Journey21 Programs and Outings are at the heart of our mission to provide safe, supportive and enriching living and learning options for adults with IDD in Waukesha County and surrounding communities. We offer a variety of unique activities, which began in summer of 2021 and continue on a quarterly basis. Through these offerings, participants explore vocational and educational interests and enjoy robust social options. Activities such as basketball camps, bowling, park walks, art classes, and visits to Milwaukee and Madison attractions are available. We also recently added Social Skills outings and Give Back outings, because community service is a cornerstone of Journey21. Also in development is Life After 21, a curriculum-based program that builds life skills that will lead our adults towards lives of greater independence. Your support will ensure that neither transportation nor financial need is a barrier for the adult with IDD whom we serve.

Journey21 conducted a gap and needs analysis that included meetings with local providers and an environmental scan of providers, programs, and facilities within 60 miles of Oconomowoc that offer any kind of day, evening, and/or weekend program for adults with IDD. This research made clear that additional opportunities for adults with IDD to participate in social, vocational, and educational opportunities are needed. We designed our Programs and Outings specifically to build upon and enhance existing options to meet the needs that our partners and families identified.

Journey21 Programs and Outings are designed to:

- Provide learning opportunities that will help build job and social skills
- Provide social opportunities that will promote friendships and end isolation for adults with IDD
- Provide ongoing opportunities to build and use life skills to gain better self confidence and grow towards greater independence

Project Implementation Plan

Journey21 Programs and Outings are offered on a quarterly basis. Offerings are posted on our website and emailed out to our e-newsletter interest list. In the summer of 2021, we began serving adults with IDD through a series of quarterly programs and outings. (We secured 501c3 nonprofit status in October, 2021.) Our first set of summer programs and outings served 24 adults, some multiple times, through 10 engaging outings. The number served as of our summer programming, currently underway, has grown to 80 adults, some multiple times, through 11 outings and 3 clubs. We will continue serving adults with IDD this way moving forward.

Many programs and outings, including informational opportunities for families, will take place at our Enrichment Center once construction is completed (construction began in May, 2022, and completion is expected Q1, 2023). Even when construction of the residences is complete in 2024, Journey21 Programs and Outings will continue to serve both Journey21 residents and other adults with IDD in the community.

Heidi Hamilton, who leads the Programs and Outings for which we are requesting funding, was a Special Education Teacher and Transition Coordinator at Arrowhead High School in Hartland, Wisconsin, for 29 years before joining Journey21 full-time in July, 2022. Growing up with a younger brother who has special needs, she developed a passion for helping students/adults with special needs transition into the workforce and adult life.

Evaluation Plan

Journey21 is committed to measuring the effectiveness of our programs and services. In the short-term, our success will be determined by an increase in the number of adults with IDD served through Programs and Outings, which has already seen exponential growth. We also survey participants and participant families regarding their experience at outings and adjust our methods according to their feedback.

Journey21 carefully tracks the names, basic demographic information, and any special needs for all Programs and Outings participants, and all participants are required to complete an intake process with their family/legal guardian. The form is designed to capture all their behavioral, medical, and disability information as well as their preferences and methods for helping them to be successful.

Budget

2022 Programs and Outings Project Budget	
<i>Fiscal Year ends 12/31</i>	
REVENUES	
Donations	
In-Kind	\$500.00
Unrestricted	<u>\$7,500.00</u>
Subtotal - Donations	\$8,000.00
Grants	\$65,000.00
Income - Programs and Outings	\$11,000.00
Total Revenues	\$84,000.00
EXPENSES	
Direct Costs	
Tickets & Fees	\$7,500.00
Facility or equipment rental	\$750.00
Food and drink	\$750.00
Transportation	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
Subtotal - Direct Costs	\$11,000.00
Indirect Costs	
Insurance	\$500.00
Payroll & Expenses (W2 or 1099; leased from Journey21 Services, LLC)	
Program Director (FT 6 months)	\$65,000.00
Program Leader (PT)	\$3,000.00
Social Skills instructor (PT)	<u>\$1,200.00</u>
Subtotal - Payroll & Expenses	\$69,200.00
Printing, Graphic Design, Postage, Shipping	\$600.00
Miscellaneous	\$200.00
Subtotal - Indirect Costs	<u>\$70,000.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$81,500.00
PROFIT/(LOSS)	\$2,500.00

Staff Recommendation

The grant can be recommended for approval in the amount requested of \$9,500.00. The grant will provide funding for transportation that directly benefits the disabled individuals supported by the organization.