



VISIONS FOR CREATIVE HOUSING SOLUTIONS

Our Mission: To provide residential options, services and support designed to meet the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities and similar disabling conditions throughout the Upper Valley.

Visions is dedicated to fostering growth and independence through vocational, social, and recreational opportunities.

Why Visions?

Visions for Creative Housing Solutions is a recognized leader in innovative housing solutions and is the only local organization that offers supported housing for individuals with developmental and other disabilities. Visions has developed a financially solvent business model with a track record that ensures long-term sustainability.

"Visions offers my son his best shot at living as independently as possible, with the dignity he deserves and the peace of mind all parents are looking for."

Lebanon parent

"From the moment we met with the team at Visions, we knew we had found a special place where our daughter could flourish, grow and become the person she wanted to be. We are so pleased, as is Taylor, with the environment and the team at Visions. It truly provides us with great comfort to know she is happy and that she is being the person she wants to be."

Enfield parent



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The Goal

The goal of the Visions Hanover Project is to raise funds to help provide permanent, supported housing for 12 individuals with developmental and other disabilities on the South Park Street site of Outreach House. The building will include: six studio, two 2-bedroom, and one 3-bedroom apartments; a large kitchen & dining room for family-style dinners; space for administrative offices; and accommodations for overnight staffing.

“As I have met with individuals and families, one theme is universal: the need for home and companionship. What is unique about Visions is carefully considered community ties, personal supports, and opportunities for participation in meaningful purpose. Visions for Creative Housing Solutions does this in the best manner possible... joining together and making possible for all persons the communities that we all wish for.”

*- Donald Shumway, Former Commissioner,
NH Dept of Health and Human Services*

Resident Perspective

“I love living at Visions. They take very good care of me there. I can do everything I want to do such as working at my job, going to exercise at CCBA, or just hanging out with my friends. We’re like a big family.”

*Visions Resident
Since 2016*

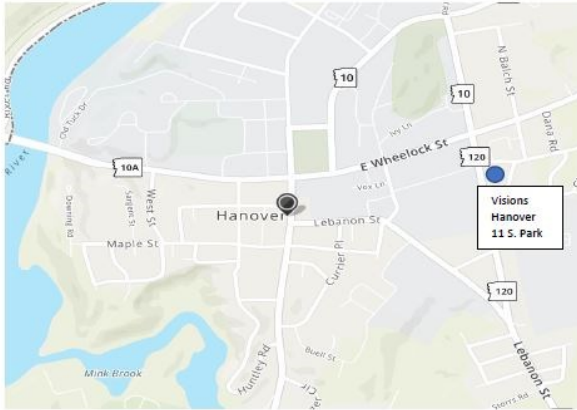


Our Vision for Supported Housing

Visions’ communities are individualized and promote self-determination and independence. Here, adults can find their place and see themselves as part of a caring circle of friends. Residents want meaningful connections and appreciate the Visions model. Visions provides a sense of belonging, of community, and the right support to grow and thrive. Staffing and schedule plans are person-centered and aim to help individuals lead engaged lives in their community.

- ◇ 24/7 support available
- ◇ Employment support
- ◇ Transportation
- ◇ Health & medical oversight
- ◇ Life skills development
- ◇ Relationship building
- ◇ Social & recreational opportunities

Why Hanover?



Since its opening in 2014 in Enfield, the Visions model has been so successful that Visions has been overwhelmed with requests for housing. This prompted the purchase of a second property on Green

Street in downtown Lebanon in 2020, where 11 individuals took up residence in August of 2021.

Meanwhile, in 2019, when Outreach House closed their doors and gifted their property to us, we seized on the opportunity it presented! Their generosity has allowed us to plan for our expansion into a third location—in the heart of Hanover where we will serve an additional 12 individuals with customized, wrap-around support services.



The property's downtown location is ideal: it's within walking distance of public transportation, Main Street shops, Dartmouth College, churches, the Library, and the Co-op.

Outreach House History

Outreach House, a nonprofit offering supported housing for seniors, opened its doors at 11 South Park Street in April of 1997, thanks to the volunteer efforts of Ann James, Reverend Donald MacKenzie, and several other members of the Church of Christ at Dartmouth College. Longtime Hanover residents and Dartmouth alumni may remember the property's past incarnation as home to the Blue Spruce Inn, a boarding residence which often hosted visitors attending Dartmouth College events, and later as the home and office of Dr. Hugh MacNamee, a respected child psychiatrist, and his wife Mimi and family.

In June of 2019, Outreach House donated the property to Visions to sustain its mission of supported housing for an underserved population. We are grateful!



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Project Timeline

2019 ↓	2020 ↓	2021 ↓	2022 ↓	2023 ↓	2024 ↓
Property donated to <i>Visions by Outreach House</i>	Plans developed; Approvals received; Silent phase of fund-	\$1.2M funds committed in first six months of campaign	\$2.9M total funds committed; Building raised; bid-	Construction begins	Construction complete; Residents move in

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