

## Participating Organizations

Bittersweet, Inc.

Filling Home of Mercy

Flat Rock Homes

Graceworks Enhanced Living

Luther Home of Mercy

Rose-Mary Center

St. Joseph Home

Sunshine

Wood Lane Residential Services

## Membership Eligibility

Membership in VFA is open to organizations that are:

- Incorporated as a non-profit
- Committed to leveraging community resources to support their service mission
- Serving individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- Operating in accordance with VFA's guiding principles and code of ethics

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## The Values & Faith Alliance



*The Values and Faith Alliance was formed in 2012 to offer an alternative voice in shaping public policy regarding services available to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We are a small organization of providers representing some of the longest serving organizations in the state of Ohio. If you are interested in an alternate approach to advocacy that incorporates spirituality and values-based discussion, consider VFA.*

# Serving Ohio's Citizens with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

## Our Purpose



**The Values & Faith Alliance (VFA) exists to educate the community and offer voice to shaping**

**a values-driven public policy on the future of services and supports for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.**

*We work collaboratively with other provider organizations and the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities for critical policy making discussions that shape the future of Ohio programs for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.*

## Our Guiding Principles

- Family is an integral part of each person's life and must be welcomed as an integral part of the service system.
- Services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities exist to support community. When a community experiences enhanced quality of life, success is achieved. This success can be reached by embracing the gifts that are offered by community members with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- Individuals deserve a home that serves them through their lifespan, accepting times of greater need as a natural course of life.
- Relationships are key to quality of life.
- The principles of gentle teaching and servant leadership guide our service approach.
- Public and private partnerships are critical to supplement funding of services that preserve good life quality.
- A continuum of service options can meet the needs and preferences of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families provided that all parts of the continuum respect individual dignity and strive to offer a high degree of life quality.
- Good stewardship requires us to demonstrate valued outcomes for those we serve as well as efficiency in operations.

## Our History

Nine organizations came together to form VFA. Each organization was looking for something more than existing provider organizations offered. Each wanted:

- Opportunities to share and shape our organization's agenda.
- To draw attention to highly specialized needs of individuals with medical or behavioral issues.
- Support for committing to individuals throughout their lives no matter what challenges they present.
- To find like minded organizations with a foundation built on values and commitment.

