Our mission is to partner with people of all ages and abilities to lead meaningful and active lives.

We promote independence for people with disabilities. Our focus is creating opportunities for people to engage socially with their community, find a job in the community, and learn life skills to live independently in their own home.
Many community partners helped to make the Art of Chocolate possible. We extend our deepest gratitude to The Bloomington Moose Lodge our King of Cakes sponsor at the $10,000+ level. Many others volunteered their time and donated to this event.

**Chocolatier $5000+**
- Lamar
- Oliver Winery
- Baugh Fine Print & Mailing
- Bloomington Watercolor Society
- Gallery Mortgage Group
- PeaceTree Mountain Truffles

**Event Donations:**
- Osmon Chiropractic Center $300
- Blue Hugh & the Quarry Dogs/Players Pub $765
- Bell Trace $545
- Bloomington Watercolor Society $495
- Vibe Yoga $160
- Truffles Fine Cuisine $100

**Total Donations** $2,365

*Thank you to these local businesses for partnering with us!*
In the 2017 Art of Chocolate, we were thrilled to have a couple of our clients request to help decorate our tables by building our centerpieces! It was a fun experience for both our clients and our other volunteers.

We introduced the Mardi Gras theme for the first time, which was wildly popular! Our guests really enjoyed wearing masks.

Art of Chocolate
Net Total: $34,513

Guests enjoyed chocolate treats by six local chefs.

Possibly the biggest hit of the whole evening was our chocolate artist and model! Local artist Kurt Larsen painting chocolate on model Kristy Haunn.

At the beginning of the evening, Kristy didn’t think she wanted chocolate on her face...looks like she changed her mind!

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Grants

LIFE Designs received a total of 8 grants and was allocated funding by 3 United Ways during 2017. See some highlights:

Solar Uniting Neighbors (SUN)—$14,600

Solar panels for Highland group home, which saves money each year!

SUN is a program of Prosperity Indiana and was administered by Duke Energy Indiana, and others.

Baxter International Foundation—$76,752 over 2 years

The grant established a “LIFE Mentor” volunteer program. We hired a new “Community Engagement Coordinator” who has developed and is managing the volunteer program.

Currently 2 clients have been matched with volunteers and 9 more are waiting to be matched with a mentor.

Smithville Charitable Foundation—$5,000

This grant provided supplies for our education program serving about 40 adults with developmental disabilities who want to build life, employment, and social skills.

Jack Hopkins Social Services Fund—$15,000

This mobilized our workforce through technology. We purchased tablets for our team managers so they could be more responsive to case managers and families of clients.

Bloomington CDBG—$34,000

to replace the roof and HVAC system at the Dunn group home and the roof at Winslow group home.

Additionally, we received housing grants for McKinley and Crawford II in the amount of $1,682,975.
nimboIP has provided our phone service for several years. Last year when they realized our phone system needed to be upgraded, they offered to donate the equipment and installation.

Bill Thompson (Left) Russell Bonanno (Right)

Premium & Exotic Wholesale, International Art Project

Premium and Exotic Wholesale proudly sponsors the creation of International Art Project. Last year, they donated over 81 pieces of art to LIFE Designs. The art is currently being used to decorate our office. In the future it will help to fund our programs and endowment.

Baxter International Foundation
City of Bloomington
Lamar
Community Foundation of Bloomington & Monroe County
Bloomington Moose Lodge
United Way of Bartholomew County

$5,000–$9,999

Brady & Casey Mullis
Bloomington Rotary Foundation
Smithville Charitable Foundation
United Way of Monroe County
There were 400 more donors with gifts of less than $1,000 to support LIFEdesigns in 2017. Thank you to all who help “Bridge the Gap” to independence for people with disabilities.

Endowed Funds

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Within our board designated endowment, we have several memorial funds honoring those they are named after.

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Programs

At the heart of our mission, our programs are how we make an impact in people’s lives. We have over 250 employees who supported over 450 people across Owen, Monroe, Greene, Lawrence, Morgan, and Bartholomew Counties.

Supported Living

It is our goal to provide the support needed for our clients to be able to live as independently as possible. Supported living gives people more opportunity to make choices in their life. For instance, where to live, who they want to live with, and what their daily schedule looks like.

Meet Jennifer! She is very social, and needs our staff to support her to make arrangements and plan for all the fun activities she enjoys. Jennifer really wants to be independent and make her own choices in her life to follow the path she chooses. She already lives on her own and works 2 jobs, but would like even more hours!

Group Homes

We believe that everyone can live in a supported living environment with the right support. We also recognize that some people prefer the group living environment and we still operate 5 group homes where we provide 24/7 staffing and offer a more structured schedule of activities where clients can socialize with one another.

Supported Living, Education, and Wellness programs are most in need of funding.
Respite
Many families who have a child or other family member with a disability need a break, or time to care for themselves or other family members.

28 Families
Temporary Relief
Peace of Mind

11,000 Hours of Support
Allows children or adults to live in their family home and gives the family a break from caregiving.

Wellness
LIFEDesigns has 4 on staff nurses who provide service and act as a resource for all our staff. Wellness coordination extends beyond services provided through routine doctor visits. Clients receive face to face visits and a head to toe assessment of health and vitals with our nurses.

Education
We’ve changed the name of our adult education to LECO or Life Enrichment Community Opportunities. For the past few years we’ve been exploring ways to personalize our education program even more to each individual. This year we’ve started art classes! Because of the Smithville grant, our LECO program was able to receive cameras and our clients had their very own art gallery with photos they took themselves on the cameras! The art gallery was held at Artisan Alley earlier this year.
Employment

2017 was a big year for our employment program! We hired 6 new employment consultants, and expanded our program by 4 new positions. Our expansion allowed us to offer services in Bartholomew County and collaborate with a group of other providers to develop transition services for high school students who are primarily focused on employment skills. In this collaboration, each agency has assigned schools. We’re working with Brown County, Edgewood, and Owen Valley schools. Our contract with vocational rehabilitation, as well as grants from Duke Energy and the Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County, made this expansion possible! One of the new positions we hired is a Transition Coordinator, who works individually with students in one of our assigned schools.

Meet Ryan, a client of LIFEDesigns, was diagnosed with Autism at a fairly early age. LIFEDesigns partnered with Ryan to help him find a job at AMC theaters, which he really enjoys! Ryan works about 3-4 days, but is currently looking for more hours so he can achieve his dream of living on his own! Ryan also wants to have a dalmation and name him Timmy.

Our referrals increased by 26% even with the state changing to order of selection in August 2017.
Housing
We’re an affordable housing developer, and have a number of different types of properties to benefit our clients. Our greatest priority is creating homes for our clients that are both affordable and accessible. Some considerations we recognize when building a new development are access to public transportation, access to community amenities, and a person’s need for their own private space.

5 Group Homes
Services are designed to maximize our clients’ abilities.

68 People lived in LIFEDesigns Affordable Housing

Meet Julie
Julie grew up in Bloomington and was born into poverty. She became an adult early when she had a child at a young age. Julie found that the market rate for apartments in Bloomington were unaffordable and good landlords were hard to come by. Moving into Housing Options was transformative. Julie is proud to be able to give her daughter stable housing. Her daughter has also gotten to know people with disabilites by living in Housing Options and now has an understanding for the importance of an intergrated community.
Community Engagement

This year, and moving forward, we are looking for ways to create more opportunities to host inclusive community events where our clients have opportunities to develop new social relationships by interacting with each other and others in the community.

LIFE Mentor Volunteer Program

Thanks to Baxter International Foundation, LIFEDesigns was able to start a one-on-one mentor volunteer program, also known as our LIFE Mentor Program. Kristen oversees this program and helps staff and clients to engage in the community.

“Baxter is committed to supporting awareness and respect for those living with disabilities, advancing inclusion in our communities, and engaging employees through volunteerism,” said Stacey Eisen, President of the Baxter International Foundation and Senior Vice President, Global Communications, Baxter International Inc. “To that end, we are pleased to support LIFEDesigns' volunteer mentor program focused on empowering people living with disabilities to make healthy lifestyle choices and develop meaningful mentor-mentee relationships.”

Student Engagement

In 2017, we were able to host 13 interns and 4 service learning class projects. We’re looking to increase our involvement with Indiana University and Ivy Tech.

Community Trainings Offered

- CPR, First Aid and AED
- Crisis Prevention Training

Volunteers  Volunteer Hours
# Financial Summary

## Revenue

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## Net Income

$1,663,968

Medicaid reimburses LIFEDesigns for providing services, however the reimbursement rates don’t fully cover all of the program costs.

Each year LIFEDesigns needs to fundraise to ensure that our program can continue providing staff supports to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Any extra revenue is generally put into our endowment or reinvested in our staff to serve more people.

Your donation to LIFEDesigns provides what people need most...staff supports to teach life skills, employment skills, and so much more!
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Donate
Promote independence for people with disabilities.

Volunteer
Personally guide someone with disabilities in our life mentorship program. Be a friend and role model!

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