



Press Release

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Former Staff Members Donate House For Use By Consumers

The Reverend Michael and Molly Haas have made a significant donation to Peak Community Services. Molly Haas is the former Director of Development for the organization, and Michael was the Director of Social Services in the 1980s.

The Haas family moved to New Hampshire in 2002. When they moved, the house in which they lived for 22 years, where six children were loved and raised, was put on the market.



The housing market being what it is in Logansport, the house was not selling. Michael and Molly feared the house would be purchased by someone who would not be able to care for it as they had.

They made an offer to Peak Community Services, an offer that allowed them to make a significant donation to a cause close to their hearts while giving the organization an opportunity to continue to meet its mission: to provide opportunities for independence to adults with developmental disabilities.

For the amount of the remaining mortgage, Peak Community Services purchased the house and will make it available to consumers who are part of the Community Living program. The Community Living program assists adults with developmental disabilities as they maintain their own homes in the community.

According to Molly, she and Michael are “pleased that the house will be put to such a good use for the foreseeable future.” They are very happy to have it provide a better quality of life for adults with developmental disabilities.

The donation was made in memory of Michael’s sister, Ann Marie Haas, whose life was “greatly enhanced by the excellent work” of similar programs in Michigan, and in memory of Ann Marie’s father, Terrence J. (Ted) Haas, who “worked and contributed with extraordinary generosity for the welfare and happiness of marginalized persons of many kinds” including persons with developmental disabilities.



Peak Community Services is currently doing some work on the interior of the house to make it ready for the two women who will be living there. Fawn and Marsha are anxious for that day to come. They have been making plans for furniture, curtains, and kitchen items and can talk of little else at this point.

Fawn and Marsha are among the nearly 50 adults who maintain their own homes in Cass, Pulaski and surrounding counties. The Ann Marie House becomes one of approximately 35 residences in which adults with developmental disabilities reside.

Peak Community Services gratefully acknowledges the gift and hopes to be a proper steward to the donor, to the consumers, and to the community.

