

Oak Tree Farm Welcomes Your Support

An SOS Health Care, Inc. Community

SOS Health Care, Inc., a non-profit organization that was founded in Myrtle Beach in 1989, is currently developing an affordable housing community for adults with Autism and intellectual disabilities in Conway, South Carolina. SOS provides 14 programs for children and adults Autism and intellectual disabilities across South Carolina. Oak Tree Farm, which will be on roughly 11 acres of land, will feature duplexes and apartment-style homes for about 90 individuals. Each resident will have a private bedroom and bathroom. Both the land plan and house plans have already been developed.



Oak Tree Farm will feature supports for individuals including a transition house, at which potential residents will stay overnight and learn how to live on their own with staff on-site. The community will feature a Life Skills Training Center, social skills development opportunities, a garden,

and walking trails. Oak Tree Farm will also have access to transportation via Coast RTA, a swimming pool, recreational and fitness activities, a job coaching program to assist individuals with entering the workforce, and more. The land for the community was specifically chosen for its close proximity to the grocery store, potential employers, police and fire departments, fitness center, and other community resources, all of which are within about one mile.

SOS currently has about 90 individuals on the waitlist for Oak Tree Farm, and has



recently begun its new Life Skills 2 Workshops for the group of individuals expected to move into the community after the first phase is complete. These 8-week

workshops are designed to focus on skills necessary for life at Oak Tree Farm and include collaborations with the police department to discuss safety, the fire department to train about fire prevention, local medical personal, and more. The workshops also focus on creating relationships among the potential residents to work together to solve problems.

Donations, grants, and corporate sponsors will fund the project, which is estimated to cost \$8.7 million. The community is being designed to be affordable for those with Autism and

intellectual disabilities, who frequently fall into HUD low-income housing criteria. Oak Tree Farm is the first development of its kind in the area. Currently, there is no national plan for housing for these individuals, who are often living with aging caregivers. SOS Health Care has submitted applications for permits with the City of Conway and has begun the bidding process for the infrastructure development. *For further information call (843) 449-0554 or you can learn more about Oak Tree Farm or donate at: <https://scautismhelp.com/oak-tree-farm>.*



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