



## The Tribble Center Special Needs Foundation

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### **Executive Summary**

The Tribble Center (Oconee County Board of Disabilities and Special Needs) provides Oconee County support and services to meet the needs of those who have developmental and/or intellectual disabilities, spinal cord and head injuries (HASCI), and autism. The Tribble Center Special Needs Foundation was organized in 2013 for the purpose of providing additional financial support and enhancements to the services offered to more than 500 advocates at The Tribble Center and within the community. As government resources (Medicare and Medicaid) are reduced, the Foundation can close the gap in order to keep services available. The additional funding includes donations from individuals, churches, community groups and grants. We are a 501(c)(3) accredited organization and donations are tax exempt.

The following services are provided to the advocates of Oconee County:

#### **Family Support**

- Case management for all advocates within Oconee County and assistance with the process of receiving those services including intake, Medicaid, etc.
- Early Intervention consisting of home based training for children from birth to school-age with developmental delays. Also provides training to parents to assist in their child's development. Supply books and materials.
- In home services for families and advocates, such as medical supplies and nursing assistance.
- Respite-sitter service for families with loved ones that have developmental disabilities, autism, spinal cord and head injuries.
- Assist families in times of crisis when all other avenues of funding have been exhausted.

#### **After Hours**

- Offer recreational, leisure time activities, and educational programs funded with local dollars. These activities are scheduled in the evenings and week-ends to enhance the social interaction for our advocates.

## **Adult Day Services**

- Provide activities during the day for development of self-help skills and socialization activities.
- Career preparation through job training in the community.
- In-house work from companies/businesses in our workshop and enclaves in the community. Advocates are paid for their services.
- Provide community support. Advocates are provided training in community settings such as restaurants in order to learn how to order, pay and tip appropriately.
- Employment Specialists are provided to "job coach" advocates to work independently.

## **Residential Services**

- Community Training Homes: each house four advocates who are being prepared to live independently.
- Supervised Living II: provides twenty four hour supervision with a 1-20 staff/client ratio.
- Supported Living I: provides supervision one to two days per week with a 1-20 staff/client ratio
- Supported Living III: provides twenty-four hour supervision with a 1-6 staff/client ratio

## **Opportunities to Volunteer**

- Offer opportunities for caring persons to participate in providing resources to support the programs of The Tribble Center, in all areas served by the Center.