

OHC HISTORY

In the winter of 2014, a group of 12 committed families joined together in the basement of Our Place for an amazing training program — Opening Doors, New Futures Initiative: Creating Community Living Options for Individuals with Disabilities.

For the next year, through a grant from the Coleman Foundation, Center for Independent Futures (CIF) led these 12 families in a training and cooperative journey of empowerment to create a living community of partners for their loved ones with disabilities.

Monthly meetings expanded into residential housing visits, joint social gatherings and a coming together of ideas and talents creating what we now have — Our House Communities Inc. (OHC) — an organization committed to creating active living communities on the North Shore for all individuals with disabilities.

Our organization continues with monthly meetings, volunteer involvement and professional training, as needed, to move forward with our future vision and targeted mission to create a diverse and inclusive community that values individual preferences and active members of all abilities.

We continue to collaborate to build a community where individuals are nurtured, supported and connected. We are all working together to achieve and enjoy a full life with shared responsibilities, providing innovative housing opportunities and solutions that enable individuals to live interdependently in their home community.

OHC is a family-driven, nonprofit organization designed to create a full quality of life for our members. We continue to meet, supported and maintained through the involvement of family members and community friends.