

# 2020 - A New Century - Our New Home



**PANHANDLE INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTER**

***DIFFERENT, NOT LESS***

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# Overview



- **Four Story Building**
- **Courtyard**
- **Greenhouse & Gardens**
- **Parking Garage**
- **Patio Area**



Master Plan Development



# Purpose - Services - Programs

## **Panhandle Independent Living Center / "Our New Home"**

- Panhandle Independent Living Center recently purchased the 4-story building with parking garage located at 2209 SW 7th in downtown Amarillo. This four story, 28,000 square foot building will provide accessibility, expanded training programs, and office space on the 4th floor for non-profit organizations for additional rental income.
- We invite you to learn more about our organization and our goal to help those with disabilities to live independently.

## **Our Purpose**

- Panhandle Independent Living Center (PILC) is a private, non-profit, non-residential organization managed and operated by and for individuals with disabilities. PILC attempts to stimulate and promote a growing sense of personal dignity and responsible community participation of individuals with disabilities through training, community development, and direct services to meet their needs.

## **In Our New Home We Will Offer:**

- A collaboration with Veterans Healthcare Administration and Administration for Community Living to assist veterans who are at risk of being placed in nursing homes to remain in their own homes.

## **Fitness**

- a. Including adaptive equipment and low impact exercise classes
- b. Year-round Youth Program – adding Parent/Sibling support groups

## **PILC's Independent Living Skills for Visually Impaired**

- Training for blind and visually impaired individuals assists clients to gain greater control of their lives. Clients learn to:
  - a. Perform everyday tasks
  - b. Utilize electronic devices to communicate with family and friends
  - c. Actively participate in their communities

## **Independent Living Skills Training**

- PILC'S staff provides group activities and individualized one-on-one training to support outcomes such as:
  - a. Living independently
  - b. Depending less on family members
  - c. Decreasing the need for attendant services
  - d. Decreasing the need for supervision of daily activities
  - e. Having more control over their lifestyle
  - f. Improving ability to perform daily activities
  - g. Improving mobility
  - h. Improving communication
  - i. Improving personal/social adjustment
  - j. Improving self sufficiency



## **Panhandle Independent Living Center Campaign Leadership and Advisors**

### **Board of Directors**

Brian McCullough, President  
Marcie Robinson, Vice President  
April Pollreisz, Treasurer  
Jana Campbell, Secretary  
Ray Aplin, Member  
Julie Curbo, Member

### **Administrative Officers**

Joe Rogers, Chief Executive Officer  
Pamela Ware, Chief Operating Officer  
Selena Fogg, Chief Financial Officer

### **Campaign Committee**

Charlotte Rhodes, Campaign Advisor  
Libby Bliss  
Sandy Watts  
Judy Whiteley

### **Community/Client Advisors**

BritKare  
Emily Hammer, Ph.D.  
Grab Bar MD  
Ormson Hearing Health Care  
Panhandle Eye Group  
Wise Hearing Solutions

# Stephanie . . .



**Stephanie Hunt Littlefield** was a 2016 graduate of the Youth Encountering Success Program 14th annual graduation ceremony. Not only was she praised for her leadership in the summer program sponsored by Panhandle Independent Living Center, she also graduated from Amarillo High School and started her post-secondary education at Eastern New Mexico University of Roswell to study animal healthcare and veterinary assistance.

As we reflect on Stephanie's success, it is important to remember her history. "I have Noonan Syndrome and that's the reason I'm small" Stephanie commented. "I actually had to get shots every night to help me grow, so I've been called 'Shorty' and all that." Cindy Hunt, Stephanie's mother, stated "the program gave my daughter a sense of community with a group of students who fully understand what it's like to be wrongly judged because of their differences." "Stephanie came in as one of the clients, but she blossomed into an actual leader," stated Vanessa Santos, a former PILC Youth Transition Coordinator.

We now spring forward to 2019 with Stephanie and her family. She has certainly blossomed. She received her certificate in Animal Health Care from Eastern New Mexico University and currently works in her chosen field at Canine Fashions Amarillo. She is now married and her name is Stephanie Littlefield. Her "happy photo" certainly depicts a happy and clean dog with a "happy and talented caregiver."

Stephanie is an example of a successful partnership with PILC where independence and success are achievable for everyone.

# Brian . . .



**Brian McCullough  
and Pilot Guide Dog KB**



In 2004 I began to experience vision loss and finally had to quit my job in middle management for a large chemical company. The world of disability is a maze and confusing. After a divorce, I ended up back in Amarillo living with my parents. Thirty-nine years old, no job, and living back with my parents were not goals I had for my life and career.

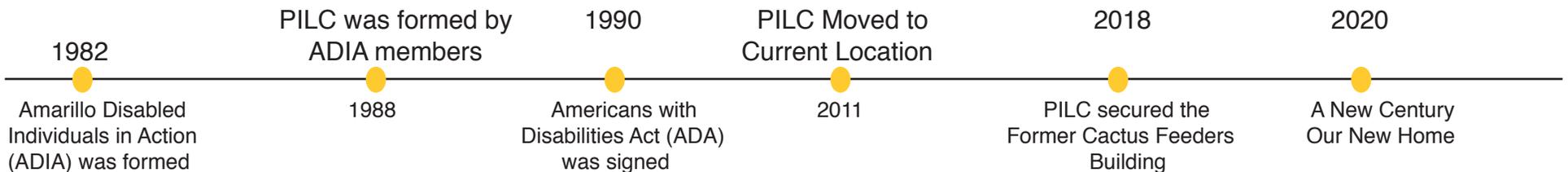
I was referred to the Independent Living program by one of my eye surgeons and it opened many doors to my new life. Technology assistance, audio books, mobility training, braille, cooking, and the ultimate, my Pilot Guide Dog, KB. It was not easy and took lots of work on my part and a lot of encouragement from others.

Today, KB and I own our own home and truly live independently. There are so many people to thank for everything along the way and PILC was an integral part of it. I have always wanted to give back to so many for helping me and I am very pleased to be on the Board of Directors for PILC. Now I am privileged to lead this wonderful organization as the President of the Board of Directors.

# **Different, Not Less**

## **PILC's History and Our Future**

Panhandle Independent Living Center (PILC) began as a dream among a small group of concerned men and women, working to build better lives for people with disabilities in Amarillo and the top 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle.



On average, Panhandle Independent Living Center serves 300 consumers annually. Our program offerings include: Independent Living Services (ILS), Youth Encountering Success, Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Peer Support, and Fitness programs. Each of these programs provide adults and youth with opportunities to gain independence, acquire skills to secure housing, employment, transportation, computer training and counseling services. All of these programs are offered in our current location.

There are 27 Centers for Independent Living in the state of Texas. We service one of the largest geographic regions in the state, encompassing the top 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle. Our Center is run by, and for, individuals with disabilities. 82 percent of our employees and 100 percent of our Board of Directors identify as having a disability. Our employees are personally invested in ensuring success for individuals with disabilities.

The Center currently has 12 full-time positions. Each of these positions is funded from government sources, primarily through federal and state grants. Panhandle Independent Living Center always welcomes new individuals and families to seek support and services from experienced counselors and staff.

We are a 501(c)3, non-residential facility, whose mission is to educate and encourage people with disabilities to live, work and achieve in a fully accessible community. Our programs stimulate and promote a growing sense of personal dignity and responsible community participation through practical life skills training in a safe and supportive environment. Our motto, **Different, Not Less**, captures our goal of achieving the acceptance and full participation of individuals with disabilities in all aspects of life.

### **The Site**

PILC's current site does not provide a safe, accessible route from the sidewalk at 7th and Rusk to the front of the building. PILC will improve the existing sidewalk to include curb cuts for wheelchair access. A large portion of the current parking area facing 7th Avenue will be landscaped with grass and trees. An accessible ramp will be integrated into the landscaping to provide a visually pleasing and safe route from the street corner to the building.

### **Garage**

Traffic patterns of the current parking lot will be changed to provide a one-way vehicle lane through the garage to the entrance of the building. The lane is designed to be wide enough to accommodate side entry accessible vehicles to pick up or drop off passengers. The two parking spaces closest to the door are designed to accommodate accessible vehicles. Four other non-accessible spaces are available in the garage.

### **Basement**

A 1200 square foot basement will house the upgraded environmental and electrical systems in the building. A secured file room designed to accommodate heavy, fire-proof filing cabinets will be housed in the basement. Additionally, a large emergency shelter area will be located next to the file room.

### **First Floor**

A welcoming foyer looks onto a large open meeting room with space for 60, adjacent to a residential training kitchen and laundry area. This meeting space will be used for group meetings and activities. The meeting space can support catering as necessary. The kitchen area features residential appliances as well as a washer and dryer. Life skills training in home economics, including laundry skills, kitchen safety, and nutrition will be conducted in the kitchen. A tree-lined courtyard adjacent to the meeting room with tables and large umbrellas will add a cozy, relaxing area for employees and guests to enjoy alfresco meals.

### **Second Floor**

The second floor will house office space to accommodate current staff and allow for growth. In particular, the space will allow PILC to house volunteers and interns interested in providing support to clients.

The space will allow PILC to accommodate the additional staff needed to expand current services and add new services such as Veterans Directed Care, Literacy and Work Incentives Planning and Assistance.

### **Third Floor**

This area will house four small intake rooms, five classrooms, a fitness room, library, youth room and a large Boardroom. The youth room will provide social and recreational activities for kids with disabilities to gain confidence and improve interpersonal skills while interacting with their peers in a safe environment.

This floor will also house a media production studio and office to help PILC reach a new generation of clients who are comfortable accessing technology and social media in order to develop independent living skills.

The library will also serve as a technology center with computers and other devices to provide support for those who wish to find employment, upgrade their computer skills or use specialized accessible equipment.

The fitness room will include adaptive exercise equipment and can also be used for activities such as yoga, wheelchair exercises and kickboxing.

### **Fourth Floor**

This floor will feature offices that PILC intends to lease to non-profits and allied businesses that need affordable, accessible and secure space in which to provide services. PILC will endeavor to secure long-term leases in order to provide rent stability to these agencies, as well as to provide PILC with a predictable revenue stream. The fourth floor also provides PILC with additional space to grow as our service offerings expand in future years.

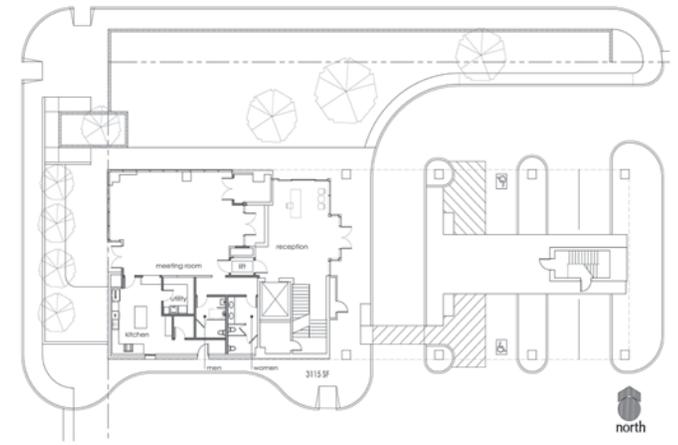
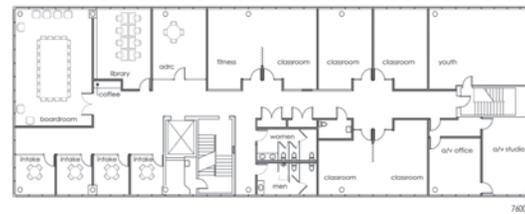
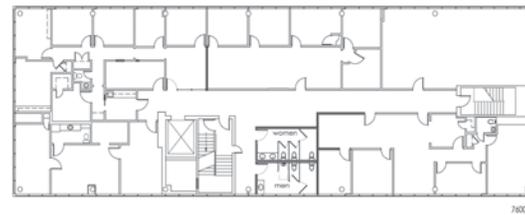
### **Greenhouse and Garden**

A small parking lot located adjacent to the main building will be transformed into a greenhouse and garden for clients, based on the concept of a community garden. The purpose is to increase a sense of wellness and to promote healthy eating by encouraging clients to grow their own fruits, herbs, and vegetables.

# Naming Opportunities

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	Donation Amount	# Available
Name the Center	\$1,000,000	1
Street Level Courtyard	500,000	1
Green House and Gardens	250,000	1
Building Front Entrance and Landscape	250,000	1
Parking Garage	150,000	1
Basement	100,000	1
Name the First Floor	\$ 150,000	1
Meeting Room	100,000	1
Reception Area	100,000	1
Kitchen	75,000	1
Restroom	10,000	1
Stairs	10,000	1
Name the Second Floor	\$ 150,000	1
Administrative Suite / Lobby	100,000	1
Administrative Offices	75,000	3
Program Manager	75,000	2
Offices	25,000	4
Small Meeting Room	25,000	1
Three Offices (Four Cubicles in each)	25,000	3
Restroom	10,000	1
Stairs	10,000	1
Name the Third Floor	\$ 250,000	1
Boardroom	100,000	1
Library	100,000	1
Special Community Programs Office	50,000	1
Fitness Center	50,000	1
Classrooms	50,000	5
Youth Room	50,000	1
Media Production Studio	50,000	1
A/V Office	50,000	1
Intake Offices	25,000	4
Restroom	10,000	1
Stairs	10,000	1
Name the Fourth Floor	\$ 50,000	1
Stairs	10,000	1
Additional Naming Opportunities		
Office	\$ 10,000	1
Shop	10,000	1
File Room	10,000	1
Mechanical Room	10,000	1
Donor Plaques		
Name on \$5,000 Donor Plaque	\$ 5,000	20
Name on \$1,000 Donor Plaque	1,000	80



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# ***Where Everyone Is Someone***

- A high performing workforce drawn from all segments of our community.
- A culture that encourages collaboration, flexibility, and fairness to enable all individuals to contribute to their full potential.
- A community committed to a diverse workforce, especially individuals living with disabilities.
- A community increasing the knowledge of cognitive and physical disability-related resources and disability awareness.
- A community taking pride in knowing that as a result of our efforts, everyone will have a greater chance of achieving the American Dream.



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