





A community where neurodiversity is supported and celebrated.

# What Is 29 Acres?

29 Acres is a supportive environment for neurodiverse adults. We offer evidence-based and customized support services for each client to ensure tangible growth in the areas of career readiness/employment, independent living, relationship building, physical health and emotional well-being.

What Do 29 Acres Participants Gain?

- Friendships
- Safety and security
- Personalized support
- Very low staff-to-client ratios
- Access to educational, vocational and volunteering opportunities
- Personal enrichment and fulfillment









### **Purpose**

We provide the support neurodiverse adults need to live a full and happy life.

IVIDUAL GROWTH. COLLECTIVE PROGRESS.



### **Passion**

Because our founders have children living with autism, we walk along this journey with you. We are resolute in our commitment to support the unique needs of each person and family we serve.



### **Programs**

While we are autism focused, we provide services to neurodiverse adults with a variety of diagnoses. Based on the level of support each client requires, we customize our offerings to meet those needs.



### **Place**

Find us in Cross Roads, TX, just 30 minutes north of Dallas on 29 acres of gently rolling, woods, meadows and fields. Two lakes, two state parks, and 100 miles of walking and biking trails are nearby. We are also within minutes of two major universities and several dynamic North Texas communities.



### How 29 Acres Is Unique

#### **Focused on Neurodiversity**

Because we are specialists in autism and other neurodiversities, each program and physical place at 29 Acres is designed to support the communication, structure, social and sensory needs of our clients. The methods we use are beneficial for adults with a variety of diagnoses.

#### **Outcomes Driven**

By using proven methods and providing regular reporting, we ensure our clients make measurable progress toward independence, career readiness and social skills.

#### **Custom-Designed Program**

We meet clients where they are and design and adapt our services and level of support based on each individual's interests, strengths and needs.

#### **Flexible**

Although we offer a full complement of support services, those who live with us and their family members choose which support services meet their needs, even if those services are delivered by another provider.

#### **Accessible**

We provide support services to the full spectrum of autism and related disabilities to include those who require minimal support to those with higher needs.









### Our Services at a Glance

#### **Transition Academy**

A two-year, all-inclusive educational and residential program for high-functioning young adults 18 and up with autism.

#### **Living Community**

Adults 18 and up can find a short-term or forever home at this fun and safe community designed to support and celebrate neurodiversity.



#### **Enrichment Services**

Comprehensive support services available for residents of our living community and for clients who prefer daytime services only.

### **Summer Transition Experience**

Participants 16 and up can enjoy the great outdoors and develop friendships while gaining social, career and life skills.

#### **Employment Services**

Our vocational specialist and trained life skill coaches work with clients to establish goals, develop skills and find opportunities.



Visit our website to learn more about resident and program participant criteria. www.29acres.org

## **Transition Academy: Your First Home**

This two-year residential program is designed for high-functioning young adults with autism who are age 18 and up and motivated to live independently in the near future.

### **Program Components**

- Live in our 29 Acres living community the first year
- Learn how to live independently
- Gain work experience through internships and jobs

#### **What Makes Us Different?**

- All-inclusive price includes all living, education and employment services costs
- Modeled after a proven program
- Low (I:4) staff-to-student ratios
- Serves as students' first independent home
- Social & community-based programming inclusive of evenings and weekends
- Support students with classes at local colleges
- Fosters long-lasting friendships
- One-on-one weekly cooking lessons, in addition to group classes
- Optional ongoing support following graduation













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### Living Community: Your Short-term or Lifetime Home

This neurodiverse community is an exciting place to live for adults age 18 and up across the autism spectrum and beyond. The goals of resident safety, security, socialization and independence were built into the design.

#### **All Are Welcome**

The inclusive nature of the community means the interests and independence level of residents varies. Some are employed while others attend classes or volunteer. Residents who need ongoing support to live independently may participate in the 29 Acres Enrichment Services or participate in another provider's services or program.

#### **About the Community**

- Phase I open summer 2020
- 36 rental units available
- Common areas are furnished
- Each resident furnishes his/her private bedroom and bathroom
- Rent includes utilities, internet and cable













- On-site property management and/or security available 24 hours a day/
   7 days a week
- Pool and hot tub on-site
- Community center includes commercial kitchen, gaming room, chill space, gym and other multipurpose space
- Biking and walking paths
- Outdoor grill
- Community garden and horticulture
- Small animal husbandry opportunities
- Scheduled transportation available
- Optional daily education, recreation and social opportunities
- Access to Enrichment and Employment Services is available (or the provider of your choice) and is billed separately.





Visit our website for pricing information, resident requirements and more details. www.29Acres.org

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### **Enrichment Services**

29 Acres Enrichment Services encompasses a full range of support services available for residents of 29 Acres and for clients who participate in Enrichment Services as a daytime-only program.

The type and hours of Enrichment Services provided are tailored to the needs and goals of each client.

## What We Do



**Vocational Training** – Learn your interests and develop career-readiness skills.

Adapted Sports – Get exercise and have fun participating in water, outdoor and indoor activities.

**Community Connections** – **Build relationships and learn** to navigate the community.

Daily Independent Living – Strengthen skills and routines that are a part of everyday life.

Interests & Leisure Skills – Pursue hobbies and enhance talents through independent choice and by trying new activities.

## Our Approach



- Programs are directed by Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA)
- We apply ABA principles in a natural adult environment to further skills
- We are goal and data-driven
- Full-time and part-time daily support services available
- Pay only for the support your child needs
- Public and private funds accepted











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### **Summer Transition Experience**

Join us for a summer filled with vocational training, daily independent living skills, therapeutic recreation, community connections and fun.

- Open to 16+
- Join us for I week or sign up for all 6 weeks
- **Transportation to and from meet-up** site available
- Day and overnight experiences available
- Adaptive Lake Program with boating, tubing, wake boarding, paddle boarding, swimming, kayaking and more
- Periodic progress reports with data
- Scholarships available based on need

#### What We Do

- Participate in adaptive sports
- Learn about adulting
- Practice social skills
- **Develop volunteer or job skills**









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### 29 Employment Services

We offer customized Employment Services to meet the unique career aspirations of each client. All participants work with our vocational specialist and support staff to establish goals and develop career readiness skills. We then match individual abilities and interests with a meaningful employment opportunity. As a Texas Workforce Commission vendor, we accept TWC funding or private payment.

### **Who Can Participate?**

- Adults age 14 and up with a developmental difference
- Open to current residents of Collin and Denton counties
- Participation in other 29 Acres services is NOT required to access 29 Employment Services

#### **Services Provided**

- Job Skills Training
- **Job Placement**
- **Supported Employment**
- **Work Experience**
- Vocational Adjustment Training

### **Industry Partnerships**

- Artificial Intelligence
- **Cyber Security**
- **Higher Education**
- Animal Care
- Healthcare
- Retail
- **Dining Services**
- **Hospitality & Tourism**
- Entertainment









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### 29 Acres Journey

Each 29 Acres client has a unique path tailored to his or her needs and interests. Here are two case study examples to illustrate the highly customized experience available at 29 Acres.

#### **Meet Steven**

He is a young adult with autism who requires a high level of support. He loves animals and uses technology to help him communicate.



- 2. Learns to cook his favorite meal and to surf on the lake.
- 3. Gains skills to reduce support to a 1:3 ratio.
- 4. Moves into 29 Acres Living Community with in-home nighttime support.
- 5. Finds a volunteer opportunity with the Humane Society.

6. Long-term 29 Acres resident and program participant.



Meet Jane
She is a young adult with highfunctioning autism. She is highly
intelligent but lacks independent living
and social skills.

- 1. Begins the Transition Academy living with 3 other girls in the 29 Acres community.
- 2. Attends classes on a college campus covering independent-living topics.
- 3. Receives support to practice new skills such as cooking, laundry, cleaning at her 29 Acres home.
- 4. Begins internship at local business doing 3D animation.
- 5. Graduates from the
  Transition Academy and
  begins full-time employment
  with her internship employer.
- 6. Decides to continue living at 29 Acres with her friends.

# Design Your 29 Acres Journey

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### The Bottom Line - Prices & Payment Options

We accept a variety of payment methods, including private insurance, private pay and government programs. We also award scholarships based on financial need. Visit our website or contact us for the latest pricing information or more information. www.29acres.org

### Take the Next Step

For more information or to schedule a tour, please contact us today. We are currently welcoming new clients!









