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Business Spotlight

REACHing Dreams of Independence

Over the past thirty years, Tri-Valley REACH, a local 501c3 nonprofit, has been dedicated to building inclusive communities for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) to live independently in the region.

REACH aims to create local, affordable, and equitable living options that facilitate a path towards independence. "The need for such housing and services in our community continues to grow, and REACH plays a critical role in fulfilling this need," noted Jamie Renton, REACH Board Member and Adults with Disabilities Transition Specialist for Pleasanton Unified School District's Pleasanton Adult and Career Education. As cited by the Regional



Center of the East Bay, more than 3,150 individuals with I/DD are living in the Tri-Valley. Additionally, the prevalence of autism and other forms of I/DD are increasing, with 1-in-38 eight-year olds nationwide being impacted, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

"Individuals with I/DD face numerous challenges when it comes to employment opportunities, often experiencing lower rates of employment compared to individuals without disabilities. To meet this growing need, rental fees at REACH proper-

ties are income based, ranging as low as \$350 per month. This provides individuals with I/DD access to independent living—even with an extremely low income," said Renton.

To support these growing efforts, REACH is hosting its annual REACH for Your Dreams event on Thursday, September 14, 2023. The event aims to raise essential funds to build and maintain inclusive communities for adults with I/DD to live independently. Sponsorships from local individuals, businesses, and organizations are instrumental in supporting REACH's efforts to expand its capacity to aid some of our most vulnerable community members.

By attending, sponsoring, or making a donation to the REACH for Your



REACH Board Members, Jamie Renton (second from right) and Sharon Almeida (left), with REACH Residents (left to right) Tony Anderson, Connor Ciraulo, Andrew Trevallion, and Dan van Looy.

DREAMS event, you can directly contribute to bridging the gap in funding for future REACH residents.

To learn more about Tri-Valley REACH or how to sponsor the event, please visit their website at www.trivalleyreach.org.

Philanthropic contributions to Tri-Valley REACH can be made online at trivalleyreach.org or be mailed to P.O. Box 5564 Pleasanton, CA 94566. All donations are fully tax deductible – Federal Tax ID # 94-3158507.