



Celebrating 40 Years

1974-2014

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	The program expanded and became Hope Preschool and included home services for infants. Hope Center, Inc. formed and became a non-profit.		Hope Center, Inc. began the acquisition process to purchase Hickory Manor Nursing home. Mac House officially opened Nov. 1, 1976.		The new facility for Hope Preschool and the MCDS administrative offices was completed at 1106 Hospital Drive, McPherson.		The adult sheltered workshop (McPherson Industries) moved to a larger facility on Hwy 81 Bypass. The administrative offices also moved there. The construction of a group home in Lindsborg , which became the second IFC home, began.		Three new residential homes began in 1989 in McPherson and one in Emporia. There was opposition from the neighboring residents, but the city commissioners unanimously adopted the special use permit.		With the company's twentieth anniversary and expansion of services to other counties, came a new name change for the corporation. Multi Community Diversified Services, Inc. reflected the organization's commitment to providing a broader range of services beyond McPherson county.
The Kansas Developmental Disabilities Reform Act of 1995 led to the designation of MCDS as the County Developmental Disability Organization. The CDDO assisted people with developmental disabilities to determine eligibility for services.		McPherson Industries continued to contract with CertainTeed and added various other contracts with local industries including Sterling Drug/Hospira and Johns Manville. Cartridge King opened a retail store in Wichita.		On April 23, 2003 MCDS dedicated the new administrative office building.		The first annual Ride for Independence Poker Run fundraiser was held.		Fall of 2012 the first annual Teams for Dreams softball tournament was held. The tournament is a fundraising event for MCDS.		The MCDS Board and executive committee choose a new logo to represent the mission of MCDS. The new logo was introduced in January. MCDS celebrates 40 years of as a service provider. Cartridge King of Kansas celebrates 20 years of business. Hickory Heights opens in October.	
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	Work opportunities for persons with disabilities continued to expand into the new century. MCDS contracted with NISH (National Industries for the Severely Handicapped) with McConnell Air Force Base to provide recycling services at the air base in Wichita.		In the spring of 2001, MCDS Board members and executives broke ground for a new facility in the BPU Industrial Park. The new facility included ample space for administrative offices, case management, day programs, and life enrichment classes as well as a warehouse for MI and Cartridge King.		Cartridge King opens a retail store in Topeka.		A groundbreaking and ribbon cutting ceremony was held for the twin homes called Genesis located in Deerfield Addition in McPherson. A total of 16 clients will live in the homes. Clients moved into homes in October.		A demolition ceremony was held at Mac House on S. Hickory Street. Mac House was torn down and Hickory Heights will be built on the property. Hickory Heights will house 12 clients. Opening Fall of 2014.		



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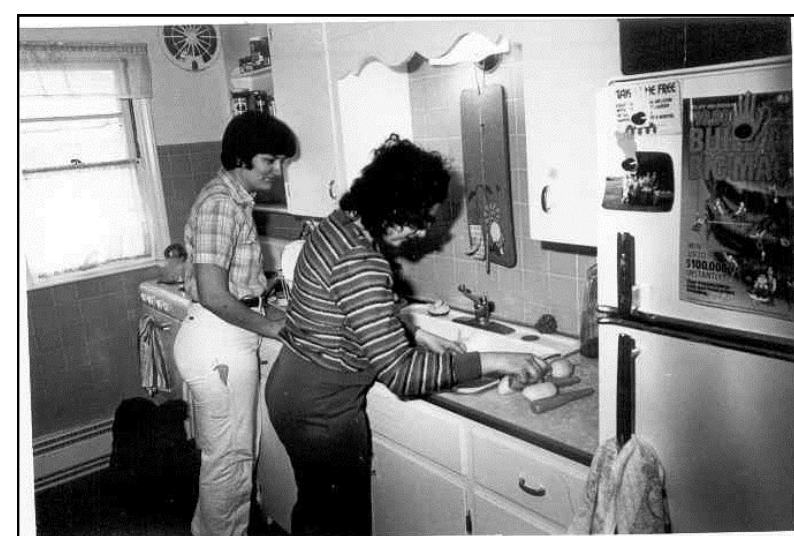
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