At Heritage Christian Services, people come first.

HCS partners with thousands of people throughout Rochester and Buffalo to ensure everyone – including children and people with developmental disabilities – feels valued and respected. Most of the agency’s 2,500 employees work to support people who have disabilities so they can find the best place to live and work and build strong community connections.

The agency offers residential support, respite, community habilitation and employment supports. It has received a Compass designation by the Office for People With Developmental Disabilities for being one of New York state’s top service providers and earned national accreditation from the Council on Quality and Leadership.

Heritage Christian Services is known for innovative community impact programs including the Pieters Family Life Center, Expressive Beginnings Child Care, The Center for Human Services Education, A Second Thought Resale Shop, Springdale Farm and Heritage Christian Stables.


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Please contact me for further discussion on the following:

☐ Day habilitation
☐ Supported employment
☐ Pre-vocational services / Project Search
☐ I would like more information on other programs offered by Heritage Christian Services
☐ How to make a financial contribution
☐ Volunteer opportunities
☐ Please add me to your mailing list

Looking for family caregiving support or services for your loved one? Ask to speak with our resource advisor by emailing info@heritagechristianservices.org or call the office.

At Heritage Christian Services, providing opportunities for learning and growing.

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ABOUT DAY HABILITATION
Heritage Christian Services (HCS) day habilitation offers a variety of opportunities for individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities to focus on what is most important to them. With programs in Rochester and in Buffalo, participants enjoy a wide range of activities and make a significant contribution to their communities through more than 80,000 hours of collective volunteer service annually.

The HCS day program model:
- Strong emphasis on community contribution and civic engagement
- Day habilitation is a Medicaid Waiver funded service
- Adaptive technology to support skill development
- A high ratio of educational assistants per program participant
- An inviting, open environment that supports a philosophy of lifelong learning

BENEFITS OF DAY HABILITATION
Heritage Christian Services day habilitation programs offer many services to support each individual’s efforts to learn and contribute to the community. Our day hab program embodies a philosophy of self direction, community participation, contribution, productivity and full citizenship.

Independence
Our day habilitation staff works closely with individuals to develop the skills they need to support the areas in their lives that they have deemed important. This can include but is not limited to: reading, communication, math, money management, cooking and the pursuit of employment. In addition, each site is equipped with computers and adaptive technology, such as touch screens and specialized software.

Integration
Our day habilitation programs are designed to support full participation in the community and to develop and maintain relationships with members of the community. For instance, participants at Springdale Farm welcome nearly 40,000 people of all ages who visit the farm each year.

Individualization
Whether it’s working in a bakery, on a farm, or volunteering in the community, the focus in our programs is to recognize the hopes and dreams of individuals and support them in achieving their goals.

Productivity
Through a wide range of civic engagement opportunities, individuals are actively contributing to their communities. Examples include working with elementary schools and preschools, supporting food banks, making clothing for children in Third World countries and volunteering at soup kitchens. Individuals have utilized the skills learned while volunteering to pursue employment opportunities.

Heritage Christian Services offers a wide variety of day habilitation programs to suit the needs of each individual. In addition to multiple volunteer-based programs and three bakeries, HCS operates Springdale Farm – a 200-acre public demonstration farm where participants assist with the care of the animals, tend the grounds and lead tours. At Heritage Christian Stables, individuals engage in all levels of horse care.

At Mendon Ponds day hab, some participants like, Scott, are part of a group called The Flower City Pickers. Each week they collect food donations from vendors at the Rochester Public Market to distribute to those in need.

Day habilitation participants can volunteer at A Second Thought Resale Shop in East Rochester, a thrift store owned by HCS.

HOW DO I LEARN MORE?
For more information on Heritage Christian Services day habilitation, call (585) 340-2000 or (716) 743-2020 or visit HeritageChristianServices.org.