

Who is Carey Services and What Do They Do?

By Jim Allbaugh, President/CEO, Carey Services

I am glad you asked. But first, I would like you to go on a journey with me. On that journey, imagine if you will, a difference making organization changing lives in positive ways, every single day. Picture an organization with a team of more than 220 dedicated professionals going to work every day with the focus, a mission really, of “Turning abilities into opportunities.” Visualize a community where prenatal moms, infants, and toddlers from birth to age three, and people of all kinds of different abilities thrive because of the awesome programs and services they receive from that organization. Imagine that organization serves a community that is as long and wide as five of Indiana’s ninety-two counties in North Central Indiana.

Now think about an organization that started nearly 70 years ago in a small school in downtown Marion, Indiana, with a simple but powerful message: “We need something more for people with disabilities and families in our community.” Imagine at that time, nearly 70 years ago, people with disabilities were segregated, institutionalized, and not valued as a part of their community. And low-income families did not get the support they needed. Imagine there was an organization that stepped up and took a leap to start to solve these problems in the community!



Now imagine that organization grew from that small school to a human services organization that provides more than eleven million dollars of services and supports, with the value of that impact going right back into the local community. Imagine there is one organization that makes that kind of impact and imagine the passionate people in that organization have provided extraordinary care for almost seventy years.

What a wonderful journey so far, right? Man, I would want to be a part of and support that organization! Because now I want you to imagine an organization that exists with a vision to create a world where all people are empowered and equally valued in the community. That is a powerful vision.

I hope by now, you have figured out the organization I am talking about is not a figment of anyone’s imagination. It’s in the title of this article really. That organization is real, and it is right in your community, and my community. That organization has been here, and is Carey Services, Inc.

What do we do, you might ask? We provide early childhood education and intervention services through classroom and home-based learning. We train people to develop their life skills to make people more independent. We give on-site work experiences, and we help people get jobs in the community, supporting them once they are employed. We provide people with safe and affordable housing, and then we support them in their own homes. We help people create art to make money from their creations. We transport people to places they choose to experience in the community. We do a whole lot more.

I am a part of and support Carey Services. I love who we are and what we do. I hope you will also!

Early Head Start Celebrates Halloween

The management team of Early Head Start at Carey Services celebrated Halloween by dressing up as Eric Carle book characters. They visited all of the classrooms to share their books. On Friday, October 28, they spent time at the Hartford City site and on Monday, October 31, was the day for the Marion site. The staff and kids had so much fun, but we’re betting management enjoyed it more than the children did! They LOVE these opportunities to spend time in the classrooms!



November is
NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH
#CaregiverAnd

This month we recognize and honor the commitment caregivers across the country provide each and everyday. According to the Administration for Community Living, at least 53 million people provide informal – and usually unpaid – care and support to aging family members and people of all ages with disabilities each year. While we celebrate this commitment each day, this awareness campaign during November offers an opportunity to raise awareness of caregiving issues, educate communities, and increase support for caregivers.

- The Caregiver Action Network shares these tips for family caregivers.
- Seek support from other caregivers. You are not alone!
 - Take care of your own health so that you can be strong enough to take care of your loved one.
 - Accept offers of help and suggest specific things people can do to help you.
 - Learn how to communicate effectively with doctors.
 - Caregiving is hard work so take respite breaks often.
 - Watch out for signs of depression and don't delay getting professional help when you need it.
 - Be open to new technologies that can help you care for your loved one.
 - Organize medical information so it's up to date and easy to find.
 - Make sure legal documents are in order.
 - Give yourself credit for doing the best you can in one of the toughest jobs there is!

Carey Services offers respite care for those temporary or periodic times where the family, or routine caregiver, needs to take a break, to run an errand, go on vacation, etc. We can provide respite services for those people who qualify and who have such care included in their plans. This service can accommodate many scenarios; we can help identify opportunities for respite care to meet an individual’s needs. For information on Respite Care, call 765-668-8961.

Thank you to the family caregivers and the difference you make to those you care for!



Please join us for a
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
to mark the opening of the Wellness Walkway and Recreation area at our Pleasant Woods and Pleasant Square apartments

Tuesday, November 8th @ 1:30pm
Located on Carey Street, between 26th and 28th Streets

