WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Community involvement is essential in helping us meet our goal to provide developmentally challenged citizens with the best possible services and to help them reach their full potential. As a sponsor or volunteer, you can make a tremendous difference in the lives of all special citizens. Please contact us for more information concerning:

- Sponsoring Special Events
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Contributions (Cash, Memorial, In Kind)
- Fundraisers

Planned yearly events:
- Valentine Party
- Spring Fling
- Summer Blast
- Country & Western Party
- Halloween Costume Party
- Christmas Party
- Annual Fundraiser

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Most of us will never do great things... but we can do small things in a great way.”
Mother Teresa

The Developmentally Challenged are not very different from you and me. They have dreams, goals, aspirations and are endowed with special gifts and abilities. They only need someone to offer them an opportunity to prove themselves. Someone who understands that although they may be slower to respond, they are ready to share their talents and unconditional love to anyone they meet. They play an important role in our community and only wish to be treated with dignity and respect. They are the reason Rockdale Cares exists.
Rockdale Cares was established in 1978 and is a 501(c)3, nonprofit, volunteer organization. We are dedicated to filling the gap that most challenged individuals fall into—the gap between simply surviving, being an active part of the community, and enjoying the same positive experiences that others enjoy.

Our continuing advocacy gives us an opportunity to provide a facility for a day program and work activity center, “Our Place”, located in Conyers, Georgia. We extend our priorities to offer the facility for social and recreational opportunities for these special individuals.

Rockdale Cares currently partners with Georgia Community Support & Solutions (GCSS) to provide the “Adult Day Program”. This program allows clients opportunities to learn job skills, daily living skills, socialization, and much more.

OUR SERVICES:

ADVOCACY
Rockdale Cares works with local and state legislators to ensure the rights and needs of developmentally challenged individuals.

RESPITE at Haven House
Provides a much needed break for families and caregivers of developmentally challenged individuals. This service is currently provided weekends each month, all school holidays and the summer months of June and July. Call (404) 634-4222 extension 279 for more information.

ADULT DAY PROGRAM at Our Place, currently in partnership with Georgia Community Support & Solutions.

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES
Rockdale Cares sponsors bi-monthly themed dinner dances, picnics, and holiday events designed to allow special individuals the opportunity to meet others and have FUN!

COMMUNITY EVENTS
Meals on Wheels
Special Olympics
Artists with Disabilities
Therapeutic Recreation Events with County Parks & Recreation
Public Library
Disability Day at the State Capitol
Abilities Day with the ASPIRE Coalition

Housing - Rockdale Cares currently owns two group homes located in Rockdale County that each can house four special individuals. We also own a facility in The Light House Village that provides respite service. Respite is a temporary relief for caregivers as their special needs individuals can stay at the home for a day, weekend or for a week to give caregivers relief from the 24/7 care they provide. We currently provide respite to counties in the metro area. This being the only facility providing respite service in the metro area, there is usually a waiting list for service.

Felix Navidad Christmas Musical

OUR MISSION:
Our mission at Rockdale Cares is to provide our community’s developmentally challenged the opportunity to grow, at their own speed, into the things we all enjoy: fellowship with people who understand their character, a unique place in society and an appreciation of their own gifts and talents.

We do this by offering these citizens specialized care and instruction that honors the people they are and the gifts they have. We provide opportunities for them to share in the society of those who live in the surrounding areas. With group day programs, weekend retreats and frequent social events, the people we serve are adding their own personalities to the community we all share.

WE ARE COMMITTED:
To the idea that all people, disabled or not, have the right to human dignity and a life free from physical and emotional barriers.

To provide opportunities to enhance and strengthen independence and well-being for the developmentally challenged individuals.

To provide social, recreational, housing and employment opportunities.

To focus on the abilities of the individual.

To respect everyone and treat individuals with dignity.

And above all, to remind all our citizens that...