



EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS WITH VARYING LIFE CHALLENGES- \$2,155,000

- » **Create two residential group homes** staffed with 24/7 LSC professionals to care for at least eight individuals with brain injuries in eastern North Carolina. Residents will reach their highest personal level of independence in a safe, supportive environment with peers as a result of the engaging day enrichment activities and support services provided.

There are nearly 200,000 people in North Carolina living with a long-term disability related to a traumatic brain injury.* At the request of local partners, LSC will establish these supported living residences to address the shortage of services for adults with traumatic brain injuries in this area. Each home is expected to be self-sustaining within three years of opening.

- » **Create a new integrated model of care** to improve outcomes for the ever expanding number of clients with brain injuries in LSC's care, most of whom have complex health needs. This new model will improve both the physical and behavioral health needs of clients by promoting coordinated communication across multiple health providers and LSC staff.

Once developed, the model will be self-sustaining.

- » **Purchase assistive technology and equipment** to enhance the daily living skills and overall independence of individuals with brain injuries or intellectual disabilities in LSC's care in the Piedmont and eastern regions of the state.
- » **Create a statewide network of dedicated Family Recruiters** to recruit high quality host families to care for adults with brain injuries and intellectual disabilities served through LSC's host home programs across the state.

- » **Expand the Host Home program** to provide more supported living opportunities to enable individuals with brain injuries or intellectual disabilities to live as independently as they are able in a family environment.

Currently, there are over 158,000 individuals with intellectual disabilities living in North Carolina.** Host homes can offer an ideal environment for those who require less ongoing assistance with daily living than those individuals living in a group home.

- » **Establish a legal fund for refugees and immigrants** to complete the required applications and paperwork necessary to achieve permanent residency or citizenship. Legal fees typically average \$2,000 per individual for this process.

- » **Create an innovative new social enterprise** that will teach vocational skills and provide access to meaningful employment to many of the clients LSC serves, including adults with brain injuries or intellectual disabilities, refugees and young people transitioning out of foster care.

This employment program is expected to be self-sustaining within three years.

*According to the Brain Injury Association of North Carolina. **According to the State of the States in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Report by the University of Colorado.