



Nomination for Innovation in Business **TAG Community Living, Inc.**

Since 1970, The Alpha Group has provided programs and services to individuals with developmental disabilities. Alpha serves more than 700 members in 13 counties. In Delaware County, they are the largest provider of disability services. Services include Workforce Development, Integrated Adult Day, Supportive Living, Work Training and Transportation.

The Alpha Group continues to grow to meet the needs of its members. In 2019, Alpha President and CEO, Liz Owens, saw the need for affordable housing for those with disabilities. In a short time, approval from the board was granted, land was purchased, and a partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Delaware & Union Counties was made. A sister agency to The Alpha Group, under the name TAG Community Living, Inc. (TAG) and a TAG Board of Directors, was also created.

The official groundbreaking took place on April 21, 2021, and just eight months later, a two-unit three-bedroom duplex was complete. It is located at 22 and 24 David Street in Delaware.

Innovation is the ability to nurture out-of-the-box ideas, make them work, and bring them to market. TAG Community Living was an out-of-the-box idea that formed from the mind of a creative leader who took time to assess the needs of others and develop a plan to meet them. Support from board and community members, as well as the partnership with Habitat for Humanity was crucial in making TAG come to life and The Alpha Group is grateful for their continuous support.

TAG has quickly filled both new homes, which reiterates the importance of this new non-profit. Not only are TAG's homes safe and affordable, but they encourage independence and build financial responsibility, while providing home and community-based services.

TAG Community Living is excited for what the future holds and plans to house more people with ABILITIES in the coming years.

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Helping People with ABILITIES Succeed.

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