

# MISSION

We exist to create personal growth opportunities for young adults with intellectual disabilities and/or autism who need a place to belong. We empower members and their families to challenge "the way it's always been done."

## Contact Information

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## Hours

Monday-Friday from 8 am - 5 pm

We follow the Spring Branch ISD calendar for holiday closures. Employment services provided as needed.



# SUMMERHOUSE

# VALUES

## Inclusion

Our community is stronger when everyone participates. We believe everyone with a disability has the right to work, live, and fully participate in the same places as anyone else. We aim to create opportunities for our members to belong and feel missed when they're not there.

## Valued Community Roles

People with intellectual disabilities and/or autism have many strengths and skills to contribute. We work to support these individuals in meaningful roles in our community, such as volunteer, employee, customer, neighbor, and friend.

## Self-Determination

We believe everyone has the right and ability to make decisions about their own lives. We provide the necessary supports for individuals with intellectual disabilities and/or autism to make informed decisions about how they spend their time.



# SERVICES

## Community Inclusion

In our community-focused day program, members engage in opportunities around the city to serve and connect with the world around them. Through participating in community events, classes, and outings, members enhance their socialization and communication skills, meet their health and fitness goals, and develop friendships that last a lifetime.

## Vocational Training

Through volunteer positions around the city, members spend time gaining vocational experience, exploring their career interests, and giving back to our community. Members receive a wide variety of valuable training for future job placement. In addition, Shred for Independence is Summerhouse's shredding business in which members hone skills such as sorting, shredding, consistency, and endurance.

## Employment Services

Summerhouse offers highly individualized job placement, job coaching, and supported employment services to our members as well as referrals from Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) and Workforce Solutions (WFS). After in-depth assessments and discovery, we match an individual's strengths with the needs of a business in our community. Following job placement, we offer job coaching and follow-along services to maintain employment. We can also provide job coaching services for paid internships set up by TWC or WFS.



# THE SUMMERHOUSE DIFFERENCE

- Focus on community inclusion and vocational training
- Member-directed schedule and activities
- Person-centered planning and individualized goals for each member
- Extensive health, safety, self-advocacy, and job readiness curricula
- Intentional 4:1 member to staff ratio, with 1:1 provided for supported employment services



# ELIGIBILITY

- Young adult with an intellectual disability and/or autism
- Desire to work in the community
- Independent in most self-care tasks
- Able to stay with a supervised group in the community
- No aggressive behaviors towards others

## Interested?

- Visit [www.summerhousehouston.org](http://www.summerhousehouston.org) to schedule a tour and submit an application.
- We accept referrals for individuals seeking employment only services through TWC or WFS.
- Contact [info@summerhousehouston.org](mailto:info@summerhousehouston.org) for more information on tuition and fees.