



## The Starting Point

OASIS began the horticultural part of our plan in 2007. We hold a renewable lease on a seven acre tract of farmland at Stevenson Park, Middletown. Our plan is to convert this tract into a CSA (community supported agriculture). It is here that the young adults with autism will be employed and be able to provide organic products to the local community.

Planting and harvesting opportunities are periodically posted on our website. Visit [www.oasistlc.org](http://www.oasistlc.org) for details.



## How You Can Help

You can help us through direct donations, volunteering your time, providing professional services or attendance at fundraising events. Contact us at [oasistlcnj@gmail.com](mailto:oasistlcnj@gmail.com) for inquiries.

**Donations can be sent directly to:**  
**OASIS tlc**  
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*Meaningful work and  
 peaceful residences for  
 adults with autism*



# Seeds sown today

**Our Mission** is to promote inclusion and acceptance of autistic individuals into their local communities by establishing environmentally exemplary farm centers that provide meaningful work, peaceful and healthy residences and community interaction.

OASIS tlc originally incorporated as Impact OASIS in September of 2007 for the purpose of purchasing and preserving properties locally that can be used as sustainable farm centers. The TRAIL Center was conceived as a template that can and should be reproduced throughout New Jersey and the United States.

The Board of Directors of OASIS tlc is composed primarily of parents of autistic children who view the farmstead model as a much needed occupational and residential choice, supplementing group homes and “shared living” models.

**Our Philosophy** is one that embraces human beings for their interconnectedness to each other and all living things. Although our centers will be set up to foster independence for people on the autism spectrum, interdependence and social connectedness are integral goals. We believe that it is through work, personal exploration and our relationships with others and nature, that we realize our full human potential. Given the challenges of autism, we see the local farm setting as an ideal place to achieve this goal

**Our Present~** OASIS tlc has created its first Transitional Residential Adult Independent Learning (TRAIL) Center designed to provide residential, vocational, social and educational experiences for young adults with autism in a highly supportive, home community farm setting. Over the course of this four year program, students will focus on the development of life skills that will help prepare them for independent living.



...A stable place of order among chaos.....

This site is set up as a transitional residence for four to six young adults that live locally and are between the ages of 18 and 27. There will also be capacity to take on six to eight additional day students who will participate in all the activities of the TRAIL Center but return to their homes at the end of the day. Other consumers to be served

become beautiful gardens tomorrow

will be students from local public school autistic programs participating at the center for class trips.



General instruction includes:

## **Life Skills/ Independent Living**

### **Personal Development**

Social & Emotional Health

Physical Health

Social Skills

### **Vocational Training**

Food Service & Preparation

Horticulture

Woodshop/Weaving

Animal Care

Sales & Marketing

### **Community Integration**



Our centers will benefit the community by preserving open space, offering employment opportunities, and producing goods for sale. It will also serve as a model for “green” living practices.



**Our Future~** We continue to develop a farmstead at the transitional site. Summer programming will be developed into training and work programs. It is time to plan and develop phase two of the project~ to secure a more permanent residence. We will continue to work closely with local, county and state agencies to purchase and preserve properties that will be used as sustainable farm centers. Each property will have a unique focus depending on societal needs, location, building structures, and the lay of the land.

Most importantly, OASIS tlc hopes its centers will be renowned for providing the setting and opportunity for non-autistic people to connect with autistic individuals in a very positive way. The centers look, philosophically, to provide encounters between people that will foster positive human growth through nature and the acceptance of human differences.