



WE ARE NOT ALONE!

MS House, Inc. is a small, private, not-for-profit organization with a big dream – to see the establishment of long-term residential services for persons with multiple sclerosis (MS). Persons with multiple sclerosis need independent living, in-home care, assisted living, nursing homes, continuing care communities and other options, designed for the needs of persons who have multiple sclerosis. Existing long-term facilities are designed primarily for persons who are elderly. They do not take into account the needs of younger persons with MS who may need the same physical assistance, but who also need a more active social, intellectual, emotional and family life.

In the last issue of our newsletter, we highlighted Ariel House in Seattle. In this issue, we bring you MS Campus, based in Toledo, Ohio. Like us, MS Campus has a dream to create services for persons who have MS which are designed for the specific needs of persons with MS.

Like MS House, Inc., MS Campus knows that traditional assisted living and traditional nursing homes are not appropriate for most persons who have MS. Most persons who have MS retain their intellectual capabilities. Most have kept their zest for living. Most want to maintain a rich life, full of activity, full of stimulation, full of new experiences. Many require various levels of assistance in order to pursue these dreams and fulfill their ambitions.

That assistance may be in the home. It may be specialized vehicles that they can drive. It may mean a modification to the home, so it is easier to move around and be independent. Or it may be a specialized facility that provides assistance, nursing care, or other support so that a person with MS can continue to function and live as independently as possible.

That is our dream at MS House, Inc. and that is the dream of MS Campus. We are encouraged and inspired to know that others share our dream. To learn more about MS Campus, visit www.ms-campus.org.

We need your help in order to help us make this dream a reality. Please make copies of this newsletter and give it to your friends. And please send us the names of people whom you think will want to hear our message. We have more than 400 persons on our mailing list now. We want to double that and you can help.

Send us the name and address of people who should be getting this newsletter. Send it to:

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