





# **OUR BEGINNING**

In 2007, three mothers joined forces over the lack of options for their children with special needs who were about to age out of high school. These students had the desire and potential to continue learning and improving their skills. What they did not have was the opportunity.

College or vocational training programs available to typical high school graduates are simply not an option for adults with an intellectual or developmental disabilities (IDD). Determined to create a better future for their own children and for others facing the same predicament, they set out to design a program for adults with special needs that not only encourages them to learn, grow, volunteer, work, and explore their talents, but helps them become contributing members of their community.

From their vision, My Possibilities (MP) was born. With help from the community, MP opened its doors in 2008 to ten students and a handful of volunteer teachers. Well-crafted programs and the ability to work with many different diagnoses drove rapid growth. In 2013, MP moved to its current location, which is twice the size of its original home. As of 2017, My Possibilities now serves 200 Hugely Important People (HIPsters) each day and close to 450 per week.

# **IMPORTANT MILESTONES**

### 2007

Three mothers envision My Possibilities and desig business plan on back of Starbucks napkin.

### 2008

MP opens to serve ten HIPsters/day. Three mothers and volunteer instructors are first staff.

# 2009

Speech therapy begins.

## 2010

MP restructures to offer morning and afternoon programs as affordability becomes key focus of agency.

### 2011

nrollment is now 60 HIPsters and MP is bursting at the seams.

### 2013

MP moves to current home, by 2016 serves 185 HIPsters/day and average of 400 families/week.

### 2014

MP develops new HIPster-centric educational framework, 5 Pillars of Education, which is later trademarked.

### 2015

The addition of MP residential training program and HIPster catering services.

### 2016

Redesigned vocational program offers hands-on training to prepare HIPsters for jobs in retail, culinary, janitorial, administrative, creative, and entrepreneurial sectors.

### 2017

MP announces plan for college-style campus, launches \$25M capital campaign, acquire: LaunchAbility to create the LaunchAbility Career Services Center at My Possibilities.



# THE NEED



More than 800,000 individuals in Texas have cognitive disabilities. Approximately 250,000 of these individuals live in the six counties from which My Possibilities draws the majority of its students (US Census, 2014).

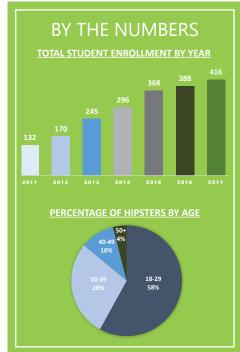
These numbers keep growing. North Texas is in the midst of a huge growth spurt, and the region will add at least 10,500 new jobs over the next few years due to corporate relocations. Toyota North America, Liberty Mutual, FedEx, and JPMorgan Chase & Co., plus a growing number of hotel, retail and mixed-use projects, all plan to make North Texas their home. A large percentage of jobs they bring will belong to employees moving into this area. Toyota alone expects approximately 3,000 out-of-state



employees and their families will move here as part of their corporate relocation. Given the Census Bureau statistics, we know a significant number of individuals who have IDD will accompany their families to this area. The need for continued education for adults with IDD just keeps growing.

Adding to the population boom in this area, we are also faced with ever-increasing numbers of high school students with IDD who graduate each year from nearby school districts and private programs.







# **SERVING NORTH TEXAS**

My Possibilities draws families from 38 cities across six counties and 80 different zip codes in North Texas. Families have even moved to the area so their HIPsters can attend MP. Many students spend part of the week with us while living with extended family members or in rental units in the area, returning to their homes in other parts of the state for the weekend. MP has a huge impact on HIPsters, and many families make great sacrifices to send their loved ones to My Possibilities.



# GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF ACTIVE HIPSTERS

# MY POSSIBILITIES CAMPUS FOR HIGHER LEARNING



My Possibilities recently purchased 20 acres of land in Plano, Texas to launch its Lifelong Learning Program. This educational center will be modeled as a college campus, but designed specifically for adults with IDD. Our current and expanded programs will target several key objectives:

# **OBJECTIVES**

- Expand programs to meet the growing need of adults with IDD
- Improve HIPsters' job skills through new training and coaching opportunities
- Provide residential training program, on-campus dorm experiences
- Broaden services that target behavior management skills
- Incorporate physical and occupational therapies as part of program
- Educate community on benefits of hiring adults with IDD first responders, HR professionals, educators, and therapists





# **IMPACT**

- Increase the number of HIPsters working in the community
- Raise awareness of HIPsters' capabilities
- Increase number of HIPsters living independently
- Remove barriers to conventional educational and employment opportunities
- Extend practicum experience opportunities for local college students
- Enhance social enterprise activities by increasing on-site jobs:
  - HIPster-run administrative services for local businesses
  - HIPsters working in businesses located on campus- print shop, coffee shop, catering and culinary arts, etc.
- Intensify community engagement volunteer opportunities, visits to MP Café and other businesses on campus







# CAMPUS NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

My Possibilities has some exciting sponsorship opportunities for Champions who want to get involved in this pioneering and one-of-a-kind project.

OPPORTUNITY	CONTRIBUTION		CHAMPION
Campus Naming	\$	10,000,000	
Fischer Family School of Life Skills	\$	2,500,000	Fischer Family
LaunchAbility Career Services Center	\$	2,500,000	
Courtyard	\$	2,000,000	
HIPster Cafeteria	\$	1,500,000	
Outdoor Sports Complex	\$	1,000,000	
Trees/Campus Landscaping	\$	1,000,000	
Culinary Arts Education	\$	1,000,000	Dr Pepper Snapple Group
Foundational Gifts	\$	1,000,000	The McDermott Foundation, Alliance Data
Community Garden	\$	750,000	Pending Commitment
Welcome Center Naming	\$	500,000	The Solomon Family
Technology Sponsor	\$	500,000	
2nd Floor Community Patio	\$	500,000	
Job Discovery Center (4)	\$	375,000	
MP Fitness Room	\$	300,000	
MP Café	\$	250,000	HEB/Central Market
STEM Lab	\$	175,000	
Home Economics Room	\$	150,000	
Vocabilities Lab	\$	150,000	
Life Skills Classroom (7)	\$	150,000	Buys Family, Baumgarten Family
MP Board Room	\$	120,000	Carter-Young Family
MP Campus HIPStore	\$	120,000	

"We courageously and relentlessly pursue the full, untapped possibilities of our Hugely Important People (HIPsters), making every day count!"



**MY POSSIBILITIES** 

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# CAMPUS NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

OPPORTUNITY	CO	NTRIBUTION	CHAMPION
MP Legacy Supporters	\$	100,000	
Campus Signage	\$	75,000	
Music Therapy Room	\$	60,000	The Gates of Chai Foundation
Counseling Room	\$	60,000	
MP Ambassador Society	\$	50,000	Tim & Liz McHugh, Berry Family Services
MP Ambassador Society	\$	50,000	M.B. and Edna Zale Foundation
Admission Room	\$	50,000	
Therapy Room (5)	\$	30,000	
HIPster Supporter	\$	25,000	Mewbourne Family
Founders Society	\$	25,000	Dils Family
Campus Bench Front Entry	\$	25,000	
Campus Bench Courtyard	\$	20,000	Sherwin-Williams
HIPster Vocational Supporter	\$	10,000	Atmos Energy, RNDC
HIPster Sponsors Society	\$	10,000	Gilbert, Trummer
Community Supporter	\$	5,000	Watson, Forehand, Gibbons, Roldan
Friend of the HIPsters	\$	1,000	Spiars Engineering







# MY POSSIBILITIES CAMPUS FOR HIGHER LEARNING - MORE THAN A DREAM

The My Possibilities Campus for Higher Learning is a bold vision that will come to life with the support and investment of local communities.

Adults with IDD are integral members of our community who are eager to live, work, play, and enjoy life just like everyone else.

Their lives may be different, but they continue to demonstrate a resiliency of spirit and remarkable desire to live a more fulfilling life

The My Possibilities Campus for Higher Learning educational opportunity will help our HIPsters realize their greatest potential.



Thank you for being part of our vision and investing in the future of adults with intellectual and

developmental disabilities in North Texas.



We invite you to join our three-year campaign to raise \$25 MILLION for the first phase of construction of our My Possibilities Campus for Higher Learning.

For more information, please email campaign@mptx.org

# WAYS TO GIVE

# HOW YOU CAN HELP

There are many ways you can help support the efforts of My Possibilities. From volunteering time, to leaving a legacy, no matter what you choose, My Possibilities thrives because of the involvement of community supporters like you. Check out some of these options, and consider making a difference for HIPsters today!

- Make a donation at mypossibilities.org/donate or mail a check to My Possibilities at 1631 Dorchester Drive. Plano TX 75075
- Join the challenge corporate donations will be matched dollar-for-dollar by Alliance Data, up to \$500,000, through April 30
- Planned giving leave a living legacy by bequeathing a gift to My Possibilities in your will
- Donate stock please visit our website for more details on how you can donate stock to My Possibilities.
- Volunteer Get involved by volunteering in the program during a Day of Inclusion (DOI) or at one of our events, email volunteer@mptx.org to learn more.
- Attend an event Visit our website for upcoming events or email events@mptx.org for more information.
- Like us / Follow us Find us on Facebook (/mypossibilities), Twitter or Instagram (/mptxorg), and keep up-to-date with what's happening at MP.











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