



TESTIMONIALS



My daughter had given up on everything, thinking no one cared. She has now turned a 180! She absolutely loves the program and it has really helped her. It reminded her that it is permissible to express one's self, within a safe setting."



GET INVOLVED | DONATE:

We are committed to the community to offer our programming at affordable prices. And you can help! Will you consider making a special gift to help us enhance the lives of those with special needs? Your donation makes it possible for exceptional individuals to participate in our programs, benefitting our participants, their families, and caregivers. To make a donation, visit www.efatl.org/donate



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VOLUNTEER

Volunteer with us and explore all EFATL has to offer. We have opportunities for program volunteers and event volunteers. **To learn more visit efatl.org/get-involved**

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A PLACE FOR EXCEPTIONAL FUTURES



"Aging out is scary. Not knowing how my son was going to fill his days, how I could continue working, and how we would pay for whatever programs we could find, it was a revelation to learn about The Exceptional Foundation of Atlanta. Programming is created and implemented by special needs teachers, the atmosphere is fun and friendly, my son can continue to develop skills, and he has a reason to get up in the morning."



EXCEPTIONAL FOUNDATION OF ATLANTA



ABOUT US OUR STORY

The Exceptional Foundation of Atlanta was opened by three special education teachers who for years watched helplessly as their students turned 22 and aged out of public schools with no idea of what to do next and little support to help them navigate. The Exceptional Foundation of Atlanta offers purpose and community through a day program that provides age-appropriate programming based on participants' interests with health-enhancing activities, positive interaction with peers and the community, a sense of purpose gained through volunteerism and service to others, and practice becoming self-advocates for dignity and respect. Members are part of a community that accepts their exceptionalities and helps them thrive in all areas of their lives because they have opportunities to keep evolving like every other person their age. The Exceptional Foundation of Atlanta provides over 800 hours of Exceptional programming per year for members. Those are life-changing hours that provide purpose, engagement, growth, and fulfillment. Best of all, The Exceptional Foundation of Atlanta is a place they want to be!

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Exceptional Foundation of Atlanta, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, is to provide adults with disabilities an affordable, quality day to include health-enhancing activities, intentional social interactions, and purposeful access to the community, regardless of ability to pay.

EXCEPTIONAL NEED

It's not easy being "exceptional"... and it only gets harder as we get older. To put it mildly, the opportunities for individuals with special needs who have graduated out of their local school system are embarrassingly inadequate. After high school, most people will live a life full of stimulating activities and social interactions which most would argue are essential in order to live a meaningful and satisfying life. For adults with special needs, however, the situation is often times the exact opposite. For these individuals, the social and recreational activities that were once provided during school hours are now often non-existent, leaving no way to occupy their time in a meaningful way. The Exceptional Foundation of Atlanta seeks to provide a solution to this serious and continually growing problem.



OUR APPROACH



Supports optimal health with nutrition and fitness activities



Provides community and positive interaction with peers to help prevent depression and isolation



Gives a sense of purpose through volunteer activities and providing service to others



Prevents marginalization and spreads community awareness about the age out crisis



Promotes skills to self-advocate for dignity and respect

OUR PROGRAMS ARE DESIGNED TO:

EMPOWER EACH OTHER

We develop programming based around our members' interests and empower and encourage them to explore their passions and learn through experiences.

FOSTER COLLABORATION

At EFAtI we all have differing abilities and our members learn about being part of a team: communication, working things out, and problem-solving.

INSPIRE GROWTH

By always keeping in mind that the process is more important than the result, our members learn to capitalize on their strengths, adapt as needed, and focus on growth.

BUILD COMMUNITY

By modeling and practicing acceptance and collaboration, we foster an atmosphere where everyone is a valued member of the team. We look after each other because that's what families do.