



**PARK
LAWN**

**Serving individuals with intellectual and
developmental disabilities since 1955.**



Park Lawn is committed to providing quality services to its area businesses. Park Lawn will customize its services to meet a company's individual needs. With our extensive history and proven record of customer satisfaction, we can help bring a company's product to market quickly. With ample, heated warehouse space, Park Lawn can accommodate major production projects.

The companies who have established a business relationship with Park Lawn have greatly benefited from a labor force truly capable and motivated to work. Our work force is actively engaged in all aspects of the services we provide to each contractor we serve.

Our services include:

- Hand Assembly
- Point of Sale Display
- Promotional Display
- Shredding
- Poly-Bagging
- Heat Sealing
- Boxing
- Sorting
- Specialized Assembly
- Collating
- Labeling
- Quality Inspection
- Full Order Fulfillment
- Daily UPS & FedEx Shipping Available
- Inventory Control
- Warehousing & Storage

Our efficient assembly operations ensure the work is completed promptly, with the utmost care and precision. We are committed to quality and work is completed to the company's specifications.

To discuss project needs please call (708) 425-7377 or visit: www.parklawnpackagingservices.org.



Providing a Lifetime of Service

Park Lawn's **Supported Employment Program** (SEP) provides our participants with employment opportunities within the community. Our individuals hold a variety of positions including clerical, food service, janitorial and cleaning, assembly and mail processing.

SEP provides mutual benefits to employers and employees alike. The employer gains a hardworking employee who will perform a needed task. The employee receives the opportunity to increase their skills, make an impact in their community and gain a sense of pride in a job well done.

Both the job seeker and the employer receive the assistance of a Park Lawn job coach who provides support during the initial training period. The job coach remains available to the employer and employee for assistance if issues or concerns arise.

Why should companies consider partnering with Park Lawn for their employment needs?

- **No Cost:** Park Lawn provides the job coach at no cost to the employer.
- **Pre-Screening:** Our job coaches take the time to understand the unique needs of the company, and match the skills of Park Lawn participants with staffing requirements to guarantee the best fit for the organization.
- **Quality:** Park Lawn participants are dedicated, motivated, enjoy going to work and take pride in their work.
- **Positive Example:** Park Lawn participants set a good example for other employees; highlighting impeccable attendance, positive attitude, workplace dedication and longevity of employment.
- **Support:** Park Lawn job coaches also act as a liaison between the employer and the program participant.

For more information about this program please call Park Lawn Vocational Services at: (708) 425-7377.



Shredding Services

Shredding is a part of Park Lawn's array of vocational programs that provide employment opportunities for our individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The programs are mutually beneficial, companies receive valued services and our participants gain meaningful employment.

All vocational employees undergo intensive training to assure accuracy and the utmost attention to detail in processing of materials.

The Shredding Process

- Documents are carefully sorted to remove paper clips, staples, binders and rubber bands
- A per-pound fee is calculated on the weight of the material to be shredded
- Documents are carefully shredded using industrial strip and cross shred equipment
- Shredding is packaged and taken to a large Chicago-based recycling plant where it is turned into pulp and used to make new products

Benefits of Using Park Lawn Shredding Services

- Lessens Equipment Expense and Maintenance Fees
- Decreases Waste Disposal Fees
- Minimizes Document Storage Costs
- Protects the Environment
- Reduces Risk from Improper Disposal
- Pick-up Available

To discuss your shredding needs call Park Lawn Services at: (708) 425-7377.





Developmental Training increases the quality of life for our participants with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Park Lawn provides various levels of programming which include:

- Adult Developmental Training (ADT) focuses on basic academic and motor skills.
- Vocational training concentrates on job readiness skills.
- Functional programming develops and enhances life skills.

Through vocational training, participants learn job skills such as following directions, setting up work flow and remaining on task. Individuals work on paid jobs that require counting, assembly, collation and packaging. Participants are encouraged to re-stock supplies, maintain a clean work environment and produce quality work. Park Lawn respects each participant's desire to gain employment and earn a paycheck.

Functional programming focuses on academics, social skills, health promotion, independent living skills and community awareness. Park Lawn supports each participant in achieving their personal goals and becoming as self sufficient as possible.

Additional activities including a bowling league, Park Lawn Players (a musical performance group), pet therapy, community outings and "The Update" (participants' monthly newsletter) provide other opportunities for growth, choice and independence for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Adult Development Training



The **Adult Development Training** (ADT) program addresses the needs of individuals with severe intellectual and developmental disabilities. The goal of ADT is for our participants to achieve self-sufficiency by mastering practical life skills and furthering proficiency.

Program participants engage in an array of functional living skills including personal hygiene, meal preparation, housekeeping and experience in community interaction. Art and music therapy and other recreational activities are incorporated into the program.

Curricular areas include:

- Temporal Orientation
- Movement and Walking
- Hand Use
- Listening Skills
- Visual Stimulation
- Positioning
- Art, Music and Pet Therapy
- Community Outings

ADT program participants also take part in vocational task training, which is designed to increase the attention span and improve gross and fine motor coordination. Sorting, matching, packaging and other work related skills are practiced on a consistent basis.

The **Building Bridges to the Future Program** assists individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families navigate the challenges of transitioning from school to adult services. The goal of the program is to enable an individual to become as eligible as possible for funding.

A transition outreach specialist (TOS) partners with schools on outreach to students and parents. The TOS collaborates with the student, family, school personnel and community agencies during the transition process and serves as the primary liaison.

The TOS attends individual education plan (IEP) meetings and works as a partner in the process to provide information to financial, medical and legal resources. The TOS also advocates for and assists in establishing eligibility for community services.

Families become more empowered and are able to better advocate for their family member with disabilities.

For more information please call Park Lawn Vocational Services at: (708) 425-7377.

To view our Building Bridges to the Future informational video visit: www.parklawn.com and click the Resources tab.



Home Based Services

Park Lawn provides **Home Based Services** for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The program's goal is to enable an individual to create a life plan and achieve the outcomes that are needed and desired.

A service facilitator helps the individual and their family obtain the support and community services needed to meet their individualized goals.

Guidance and support are provided by:

- Designing an individual service plan that addresses how the individual wants his/her life to look.
- Identifying and gaining access to needed services such as medical, social, recreational, educational, vocational and domestic.
- Continually re-evaluating services, goals and life plans.
- Visiting on a regular basis in the home, school and adult program site.
- Coordinating services with a fiscal employer allowing for a personal support worker to be provided.





At Park Lawn, our residential services vary to provide the needs of our participants as well as encourage independence. Our residential services include:

Park Lawn Center provides 24 hour nursing care and is home to 41 residents with profound cognitive and complex physical and medical disabilities. Participants work on adult living skills and basic everyday skills, which encourage participants to become more independent.

Park Lawn Home provides 15 residents an environment of independence and self sufficiency. Residents have their own room, share household responsibilities and participate in the planning of recreational and social activities under the guidance of staff.

Our **Community Integrated Living Arrangements (CILA)** are located in Worth, Oak Lawn, Orland Park, Chicago Ridge and Tinley Park. The CILA program offers residents the greatest opportunity for independent living and continues to grow and expand. Each home has a house manager who oversees finances, plans activities and assigns household duties. With staff guidance, residents make decisions regarding the running of their home. The residents plan and prepare meals, clean and upkeep the property and help prepare the budget for the household.

Park Lawn's **GRACE** (Generating Resources for Aging through Collaborative Energies) Program provides day programming for our participants with advanced age, development of dementia or a change in health status making full-time participation in other day services less appropriate.

The program is at a slower pace and is filled with activities to enhance wellness and bolster activities of daily living skills.

Individuals eligible for the GRACE program may demonstrate a significant decline in ability to transition from one program area to another. Other factors might include a need for consistency in their scheduled day, a need for a calmer environment, activities with fewer demands or a decline in personal care skills requiring more staff assistance.

Activities are offered in the areas of:

- Communication
- Memory and Reminiscence
- Orientation
- Recreation and Leisure
- Wellness and Health Promotion
- Activities of Daily Living
- Spirituality

Participants take part in music therapy, sign language, nature walks, appropriate social skills, sensory stimulation, arts and crafts, daily orientation and exercise.

The program emphasizes socialization at an appropriate intensity level. Our elder participants provide unique gifts and talents to our organization.





Park Lawn's **Enrichment Program** provides participants with a vast array of social experiences which creates the potential for growth and learning.

Areas for Interest for Enrichment:

- Music
- Art
- Cooking
- Exercise
- Health and Wellness
- Gardening
- Sports
- Dramatic Literature
- Technology
- Reading (Book Club)
- Creative Writing

Benefits of Enrichment Activities:

- Helps manifest a fulfilling and meaningful quality of life
- Increases individual happiness
- Builds self-confidence
- Supports independence
- Strengthens problem solving skills
- Lends opportunities for developing friendships
- Helps foster self-discovery
- Increases communication skills
- Provides an outlet for stress management
- Offers opportunities for skill building

Our goal is to foster self discovery, strengthen problem solving skills and offer opportunities for skill building. By creating and supporting community interaction, our participants have the opportunity to increase social experiences which leads to a happy and fulfilled life.

Park Lawn offers a wide range of volunteer opportunities for people of all ages. Volunteers are the heart and soul of the organization and support our mission to provide quality programs and services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Why volunteer?

- ***It's rewarding.*** Park Lawn volunteers provide a service and an extra set of hands to program staff by assisting with food preparation, activities and functional programming.
- ***Meet new people.*** Volunteers work with a committed team of staff and other volunteers.
- ***Learn new skills*** and share your expertise.

Our program allows us to place volunteers in multiple areas of the organization and provide individuals with a more well-rounded understanding of the varying levels of developmental disabilities.

Volunteer opportunities include:

- Special events and projects
- Program based events (*Program Assistants, Fun Days*)
- Internships and work studies
- Skilled volunteers
- Group and individual volunteers

Visit our website:

http://www.parklawn.com/get_involved/volunteer.html and fill out the online volunteer application. Once your application is received, our Volunteer Coordinator will contact you to set up a meeting to discuss volunteer opportunities.

An act of kindness, no matter how small, is never forgotten. Thank you for making the decision to make a difference!



Park Lawn's **Angel Fund** provides a warm, caring and loving residential environment for individuals with multiple medical, physical and intellectual disabilities. Our residential staff developed the Angel Fund because they want all residents to feel unique, loved and valued especially when family members are not close or are deceased. This program makes every effort to bridge the gap between essential needs and daily living necessities.

As our residents age, their needs become greater and more specific. Contributions from individuals, businesses and service clubs are necessary to provide the funds we need for special purchases such as customized wheelchairs, medical and adaptive equipment and maintenance upkeep. Slings and wheelchairs have become a life necessity for some. Further, the maintenance and upkeep of this equipment is vital to the health, safety and independence of those we serve.

Originally planned to only be a holiday fund, now has become a year-round program. This ensures that our resident's basic needs are met throughout the year.

This fund supports Park Lawn's mission to provide services that promote independence, choice and access to community living.

If you or your organization would like to make a gift or monetary donation to Park Lawn on behalf of the Angel Fund please call (708)425-6867 or drop off the donation to Park Lawn Development Office: 10833 S. LaPorte Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453. Please contact us for a wish list of items and necessities.

Park Lawn offers **Bingo** players a premium bingo experience. Bingo takes place at Park Lawn School & Activity Center located at 10833 S. LaPorte Avenue, Oak Lawn. Proceeds from bingo benefit individuals with intellectual developmental disabilities at Park Lawn. Must be 18 to play.

Schedule:

Friday and Saturday Doors Open: 4:00 p.m.
Bingo Starts: 6:30 p.m.

Sunday Doors Open: 10:00 a.m.
Bingo Starts: 12:15 p.m.

Special Raffles and Pull Tabs weekly



Our History

Since 1955, Park Lawn has provided services that promote independence, choice and access to community living for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Park Lawn serves the far South side of Chicago and the Southwest suburbs.

Formerly known as the Suburban Southwest Association for Mentally Retarded Children, Park Lawn was founded by a small group of parents who challenged national and state legislatures that only provided funding for children with mental retardation deemed “educable.” Moderately and severely retarded children did not fall in this category and therefore, no traditional classroom instruction was available.

These visionaries were determined to provide education for their children and began by holding classes at the First Congregational Church of Oak Lawn. As more families joined more space was needed and classes were moved to the First United Methodist Church of Evergreen Park.

In 1960, the organization changed its name to Park Lawn derived from our originating communities Evergreen Park and Oak Lawn.

By 1968 the group raised enough private and state funds to hire staff and construct a permanent school in Oak Lawn. As their children grew and their abilities increased, Park Lawn expanded its programs to meet their needs. Today, hundreds of individuals pursue a life of productivity, independence and choice through their participation in a variety of programs at Park Lawn.

Since our humble beginning, Park Lawn and its programs have grown to include adult developmental training, vocational services, supported employment and job placement, high school transition, residential facilities, home based services and a variety of social opportunities.

How to Donate

Please visit our website: **www.parklawn.com** and click the DONATE button to make your monetary donation online. You can also download a donation form to mail in.

How You Can Help

General Support & Pledges to mail appeals for Park Lawn's general operating fund

Vehicle Donation Program

Make a tax-deductible, gift in kind donation of your automobile, boat, motorcycle or RV.

Memorials & Honorariums

Donate on behalf of a loved one or acknowledge a birthday, anniversary or special occasion.

Matching Gifts

If your employer offers a matching gift program your donation could double or even triple.

Gift In Kind

Donations are used for fund raising activities and in program services. Examples of gift in kind donations include gift baskets, gift certificates and general merchandise.

Event Sponsorship

An opportunity for businesses and individuals to sponsor a part of or an entire fundraising event. Sponsorship opportunities are listed on our website: www.parklawn.com under the EVENTS tab.

Planned Giving and Bequests

Consider leaving a legacy of support by making a planned gift to Park Lawn.

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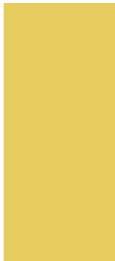
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