Sometimes, people passing through our neighborhoods get the impression that all houses are very much alike, but we know better. Sure, they resemble each other from the outside. It's the people inside that make the difference; and that's exactly how it should be. Since 1977 the Sutton Foundation has strived to provide a home-like alternative to institutional placement for the developmentally disabled in Orange County.



Administration, staff, and residents share a belief in the importance of 'quality of life'. Each home engages in activities throughout the week as well as on the weekends. Trips to a Lakers game, amusement park, or therapeutic endeavors such as horseback riding and B-B-Q's at the park are frequent. Festive holiday gatherings and dance events engaging all of the homes are a favorite. Smiles and laughter fill each home as staff and residents alike enjoy the company of one another. Such an atmosphere allows everyone to feel comfortable, and among friends and family.



## WE'RE A LITTLE DIFFERENT, BUT ISN'T THAT OKAY

We're your neighbors. Sutton Foundation so we thought you'd like to know a little more about us. The Sutton Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing quality community based housing for the developmentally disabled. A volunteer board of directors made up of Orange County professionals, parents of developmentally disabled individuals and concerned citizens provide guidance.

There are generally six residents per house plus on duty staff members. Personnel are extensively trained in CPR, First Aid, and Positive Behavioral Supports. Extensive continued education keeps staff abreast of the field. A behavioral consultant is always a phone call away when needed.



That's not to say anyone is being held captive. All of the Sutton residents attend workshops, have part-time jobs, or attend an educational program during the day. When they get home in the afternoon, they still have some special needs that must be met. Although parents are encouraged to play an active role in the program, they don't always have the knowledge or training to deal with them without our kind of help. Some areas of focus include:

- self help and daily living skills
- · social development
- · behavioral deficits
- physical and medical needs

The fact remains that these individuals thrive on the kind of lifestyle Sutton provides in a neighborhood just like yours.



### THE REALITY OF WHAT WE DO

The bottom line is twofold. From the perspective of our residents, they have the opportunity to live their lives to the fullest. From the perspective of you, the taxpayer, we provide a quality alternative to state institutions at slightly less that 50% of the annual cost per person. It is okay to be apprehensive before you really understand what the Sutton Foundation is all about. If you have any questions, you can always call our office.

# **HOW YOU CAN HELP**

- ☐ By finding out more about the Sutton Foundation.
- ☐ By getting to know staff and residents of a Sutton home in your area.
- ☐ By telling others about the Sutton Foundation.
- ☐ By supporting the Sutton Foundation through your tax deductible contribution.
- ☐ By donating household items
- □ Volunteering you time



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One of the nicest things about our community is that every house isn't exactly like the one next door.

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