

# Introducing HOPE



North Carolina lags significantly behind other states in providing affordable housing options for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and older adults that are inclusive and non-segregated. HOPE was founded in 2018 to address this.

HOPE's mission is to create inclusive communities where people of all abilities and ages experience a sense of belonging.

The vision for this community grew from the belief that everyone should have the choice to live in a community where differences are valued.

HOPE's concept is a community that fosters a culture of belonging and social engagement, designed to nurture independence and interdependence, centered around a safe, supportive environment where neighbors find friendship and purpose.

# HOPE Concept

- 40- to 80-unit mostly affordable development with 20% set aside of units deeply affordable for SSI-dependent adults with developmental disabilities, 40% older adults and 40% for individuals/families seeking affordable housing



- Ideal site is accessible to transit, vocational options and walkable amenities
- Small on-site staff will facilitate sharing of social capital among supportive neighbors to address isolation, build intergenerational relationships, and increase wellbeing
- Individual supports and services will be the responsibility of the resident/family
- HOPE will adapt an [intentional neighboring model](#) to support residents

# What is Intentional Neighboring?

## Intentional Neighboring

The power of neighbors to change lives



### Value of neighboring

As good neighbors, residents surround each other with a culture of friendship, kindness, helpfulness, and consideration.

### Value of older adults

A community where older adults are honored and contribute to a stable and committed culture of caring. In doing so, they find added purpose and meaning in their lives.

### Value of reframing vulnerability

People who are facing social challenges that make them vulnerable are viewed as assets to the community and viewed by other residents as friends, & caring, contributing community members.

\*Values from [buildingohana.org](http://buildingohana.org)

# Precedents

## Bridge Meadows, Portland & Beaverton, OR

- Housing: 42 units (townhouses, apartments)  
Affordability: 100% affordable  
Residents: Families adopting youth from foster care, socially engaged and supportive older adults  
Financing: \$15m, city, state, federal funds, philanthropy



## Trailhead Community, Littleton, CO

- Housing: 77 total condos including studios, 1-2 bedrooms  
3 Guest/Respite Rooms  
Residents: Adults with disabilities, professionals and aging adults  
Ownership and Rental



# Where are we now?



- HOPE has partnered with an experienced non-profit national developer, Preservation of Affordable Housing (POAH)
- We received a multi-year grant through UNC Cares and Money Follows the Person (MFP) to utilize a collective impact model to increase inclusive housing options for adults with I/DD
- Convening quarterly stakeholder meetings to bring together partners cross sectors to solve problems. Our key partners are Alliance Health, CASA, Orange County Dept. of Aging and UNC Partnership in Aging Program.
- Holding Annual Inclusive Housing Summit for education/advocacy
- We are evaluating several projects for integration and looking for land to build on
- Completed a year-long needs assessment to hear from voices of those with direct lived experience
- We are holding monthly community events for people of all ages and abilities (belonging for wider community)