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### How did it start?

- Vicki's Story



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### How did it start?

- The Briarwood School for children with learning differences.



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### How did it start?

- The Tuttle School for children with intellectual disabilities.
- “We believe every child can learn and every child has the right to be taught in the way he or she learns best.”

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- Life Skills at Briarwood School.
- Supported employment in the Houston community.
- What's next for a life-care plan?

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### The Models for the Vision

- Geel, Belgium 
- Bethel, Germany 

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### Briarwood/Brookwood Milestones

- 1967 – Briarwood School Is Founded
- 1978 – The Brookwood Community 20-Year Master Plan Defined
- 1982 – Horticulture Enterprise Begins
- 1983 – Day Program Begins
- 1985 – Phase I Facilities Completed – The Inn and 3 Group Homes
- 1987-1996 – Infrastructure Develops to 9 Residential Homes, Crafts, Studios, Health Center, Horticulture Center Accommodating 125 Citizens and 200 Staff
- 1997-2007 – Town Center Completed; Gift & Garden Center and Café Completed; Visitors Center and Worship Center Completed; 15,000 Visitors in 2007; Support Housing; Retirement With A Purpose Begins
- 2008 – The Next 20-Year Master Plan Defined

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### Brookwood's Ongoing Commitment To:

- Keep God as our center.
- Respect every individual's abilities and worth.
- Provide opportunities for enhancing the lives of each citizen.



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### Pragmatic Therapy In Tandem With Life

- People occupied doing something constructive and meaningful
- People feeling good about themselves
- People contributing to the world



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## Educational Process

- Creating situations where the proper response is demanded.
- Teaching...vocational AND avocational.
- Teaching...COMPETENCIES, so that deviances will fade.



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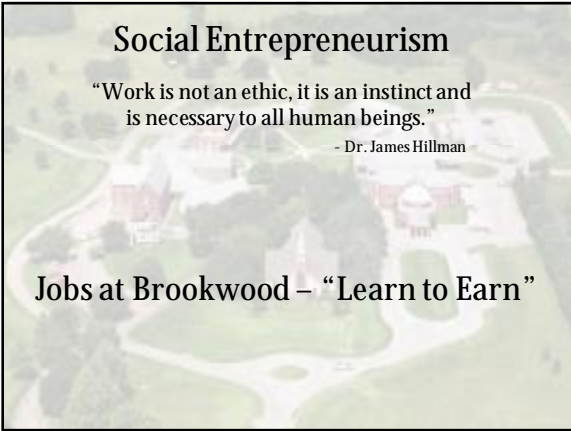
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## Social Entrepreneurism

“Work is not an ethic, it is an instinct and is necessary to all human beings.”

- Dr. James Hillman

Jobs at Brookwood – “Learn to Earn”



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## The Medical Model

- Wellness
- Psychiatric Liaison; Dual Diagnosis
- Tele-medicine
- Aging
- Hospice



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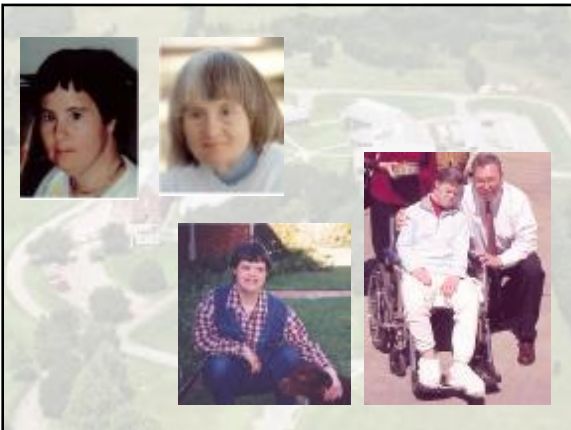
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## Community Life



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## Religious Life



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## Outreach



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## Resources

- The Brookwood Community  
[www.brookwoodcommunity.org](http://www.brookwoodcommunity.org)
- American Association for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities  
[www.aaid.com](http://www.aaid.com)
- Autism Society of America  
[www.asa.com](http://www.asa.com)
- National Association for Dual Diagnosis  
[www.nadd.com](http://www.nadd.com)
- Rick DeMunbrun, Director of Community & Citizen Programs  
[rickdem@brookwoodcommunity.org](mailto:rickdem@brookwoodcommunity.org)

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