



19 CLIENTS
3 STAFF



1967

The Porter County Association for Retarded Children (PCARC) is founded in Valparaiso to create a "sheltered workshop" so older students of Vale Day School can continue to develop

1969

First Companies to contract with OE—Urschel Laboratories, Bethlehem Steel, Nu-Art

1971

First van is purchased

1972

First recorded job placement occurs when a client is hired as assistant custodian at Valparaiso High School

Home Start for young children is started

1973

Transportation system is initiated



1985

Four-unit apartment building is purchased in Kouts as Moderate Training Residence

1986

Fourth group home for women opens at a Chesterton location

1987

Land is purchased at the corner of Silhavy and Evans for new facility for \$126,000

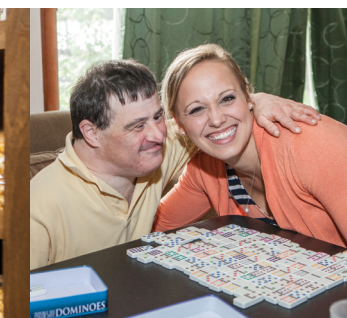
Both Sheffield and Fiesta group homes open

1988

"Project Child" is created for children birth to five

1989

Ground is broken for new building—Dec. 15, 1989



2000

JobSource opens Merrillville location

2004

Opportunity Enterprises opens renovated North Star Gymnastics allowing for the relocation of three of OE's established programs, Renewed Horizons, All About Kids and JobSource

2006

Simply Amazing Fudge debuts

2007

Lakeside Property is purchased—157 total acres of wooded land surrounding Lake Eliza

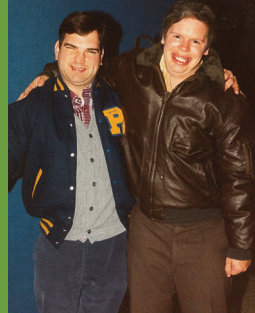
OE's new Simply Amazing Market opens and begins offering gourmet popcorn

2009

OE purchases home for sole purpose of providing residential Respite services



144 CLIENTS
46 STAFF



1977

PCARC moves to SELF (Special Education Learning Facility) building on Ransom Road

1979

Adult Development Activities program begins in SELF with six clients

1980

Agency's first group home for men opens

1981

IRS grant allows OE to purchase and move into Silhavy serving 150 clients

1984

1055 Avondale is purchased as second group agency group home for women

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128 STAFF



1990

Doors open at new building under the new name of Opportunity Enterprises

1992

Appletree group home is built

1994

New facility gets 20,000 sq. ft. addition

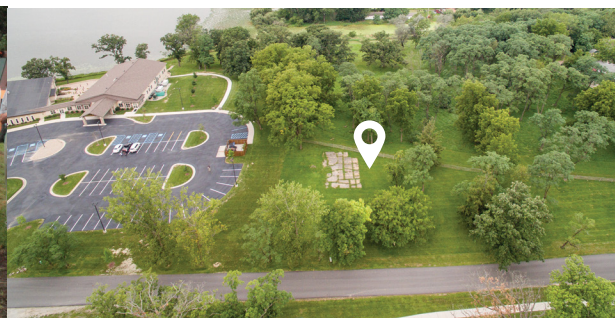
1995

Snoozlen room is added for controlled multisensory environment

1997

Lute group home is built in Portage

1000 CLIENTS
470 STAFF



2010

"Building OE Lakeside" campaign is launched with a dollar for dollar matching grant from the Dean and Barbara White Foundation

2012

Groundbreaking ceremony for Lakeside is held and construction begins

2013

Enriching Possibilities and Renewed Horizons move into new building

Daily Living Skills moves to Lakeside

2014

Second Respite House purchased. Now providing in-facility Respite in Lake County

2017

Opportunity Enterprises celebrates 50 years of serving individuals with disabilities