



The Impact OASIS TRAIL Center celebrates its grand opening during Autism Awareness Month

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It began with a group of parents sharing ideas over coffee about how they could help their autistic children attain the skills they would need to be independent adults, and from there Impact OASIS was born.

Short for Ongoing Autistic Success in Society, on April 28th the group held the grand opening and open house for its TRAIL Center on Sleepy Hollow Road in Middletown. The event included a talented young band, a steady supply of pizza from a brick oven newly built into the side of the detached garage, and two large dogs mingling with the guests. It had the feel of family.

The TRAIL Center, which stands for Transitional Residential Adult Independent Learning, includes the home and surrounding seven acres that are part of the 25-acre property previously owned by the Coe family. The Township owns the balance of the property. The 9-bedroom residence has an ample front porch and a long driveway that cuts through what at first appears to be only an undeveloped woods. The surprising grandeur of the sanctuary within is not captured in the photos.

The Center will offer an independent living program that includes farm-based vocational training as well as instruction in social and language skills to autistic young adults between the ages of 18 and 26.

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