

Community Celebration

The entire AACORN community celebrated establishment at the new Pavilion Township farm with an open house in June 2019. The 40-acre farm was purchased in 2018, and activities began in earnest in 2019. The open house drew well over 100 people, including participants and their families, supporters, neighbors and others.



Soap 'n' Salad Shed

The new AACORN farm stand was set up in the summer and gave passersby the chance to purchase fresh fruits, vegetables and flowers.



Food, Fun and Fundraising

The annual AACORN Gala was truly a time for celebration. The Oct. 3 event drew more than 150 people to the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts for an evening filled with food, music, information and purpose. While the evening is always a time for fellowship and fun, the 2019 event focused on the future and encouraging everyone to join in the work to strengthen AACORN's facilities and programs. As a result, generous contributors gave more than \$22,000 to help realize the vision that was shared.



AACORN participant Tom Pinto dressed to impress—and had his picture taken with emcee Keith Thompson, meteorologist at local television station WWMT.

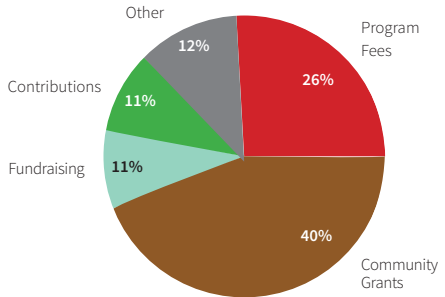


By far, the most exciting development was construction of the new program building. Site preparation work began late in the summer and work continued through the fall. The new building will go into use in 2020 and will feature activity space, a commercial grade kitchen, an office, storage and plenty of room for all things AACORN.

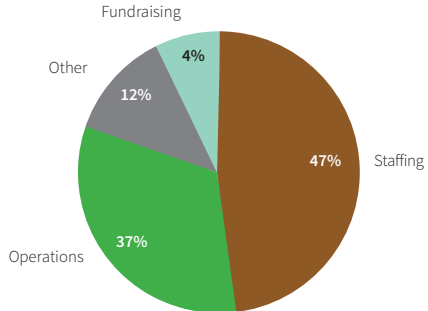


Participants posed with a new AACORN sign that was donated in late fall.

Revenue \$265,752



Expenses \$238,268



VISION

AACORN envisions adults with developmental disabilities embraced as valued members of a diversely-abled community while experiencing success through innovative approaches to learning and living.

MISSION

The mission of AACORN is to provide life enrichment opportunities and residential options for adults with developmental disabilities in a supportive inclusive community.

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Chapin and Emily work on an art project.

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A photograph of a person wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt, tan pants, and black rubber boots, lying on their back on a bed of straw or hay. They are smiling at the camera. Two goats are standing next to them; one is black and white, and the other is mostly black. The background shows a white brick wall and a wooden fence under a clear blue sky.

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