

"We, the one's who are challenged, need to be heard. To be seen not as a disability, but as a person who has, and will continue to bloom. To be seen not only as a handicap, but as a well intact human being."

-- Robert M. Hensel

"Use the skills that I have got.

Do not focus on what I have not.

Of course, I am aware of my limitation.

Yet, I am part of God's wonderful creation."

-- William E. Lightbourne

DISABILITY POPULATION OF WELD COUNTY

According to the 2005-2007

ACS PUMS Data

there are approximately

23,670 persons

with disabilities ages 5 + in Weld County;

13,280 of these

from the ages of 21 - 64.

The waiting list for adult services can be as long as 15 years after graduation.



GREELEY, CO

Greeley is located in the region known as Northern Colorado. It is approximately 50 miles north of Denver and has a population of approximately 93,000 according to the 2010 state census. It is the 12th most populous city in the state of Colorado.

COMING SOON TO GREELEY, CO

MICAH HOUSE

A day program where adults with disabilities can find dignity and love and their families can find caring respite.

MICAH 6:8 (NIV)

"HE HAS SHOWED YOU, O MAN, WHAT IS GOOD. AND WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF YOU? TO ACT JUSTLY AND TO LOVE MERCY AND TO WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD."





The Story Behind Micah House

***PLEASE JOIN US IN OUR
MISSION FOR
MICAH HOUSE***

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Coming in Fall of 2012:

**Short term Respite Care for
Adults with Disabilities**

**ACT JUSTLY, LOVE MERCY,
WALK HUMBL Y**

In August of 2011, Darian and Edith Burns came to visit friends in Greeley, CO who were planting a church called *projectSALT*. What started out as a vacation with friends ended up as a very real sense of calling to Greeley, CO for the purpose of teaming up with *projectSALT*, starting a day home for adults with disabilities and developing *Juniper Tree*, a pastoral retreat center.

Darian, an Evangelical Presbyterian minister and writer, and Edith, a homemaker and special education teacher, moved here in December of 2011 with 2 of their 3 adult sons, Matthew, age 23 and Micah, age 21. Micah, diagnosed with severe autism and mental retardation at an early age was in his last year of high school when they moved. What the Burns family had learned when investigating services for adults with disabilities in Greeley, CO was that the waiting list was long -- as much as 15 years -- *much* longer than the average waiting lists throughout the United States. So, 'why?', you may ask would they come here knowing that their youngest son would not

receive services here -- not for many, many years?

Understanding the pressures, the heartbreaks and the joys of families with disabilities is *personal* for the Burns family. They understand it from living it for the last 20 years with Micah. And, their hearts ache for the families of these young adults, many who would have to quit their jobs to care for these individuals or move to other places in Colorado or in the United States where there is no waiting list or only a few months to receive services after graduation.

The Burns have a vision of building a place in Greeley, CO to help these families; providing respite services; a place where adults with disabilities can grow and learn in a caring environment; a place where adults could continue learning skills for both social and community access.

Micah House will be that place.

The Burns Family is excited to share their vision with Greeley, Colorado and help to bridge that gap between graduation from high school and the entry into other adult service providers. We hope that you will join us in this vision.