MISSION
Empowering People Through Employment

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Tommy Nobis Center envisions supportive communities where people with disabilities are afforded the opportunity to work.

VALUES
Mission-Driven, Accountability, Fun, Innovation and Integrity

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A LETTER FROM ALAN AND DAVE

As we reflect on Tommy Nobis Center’s growth over the past year, it’s also necessary we reflect on the bigger picture: In 2017, Tommy Nobis Center celebrated 40 years of empowering people through employment. That’s 40 years of helping individuals with disabilities achieve workplace success. That’s 40 years of helping individuals gain independence and confidence. That’s over 25,000 lives changed. Tommy Nobis Center’s impact over the past 40 years is almost immeasurable, and that is incredibly humbling.

Fiscal year 2017 itself was a year of tremendous growth. We made strides to strengthen our platform so that we could make the greatest impact possible. This was achieved in part by streamlining from four entities to two: Tommy Nobis Center and Nobis Enterprises. Because of Nobis Enterprises, our affiliated entity that fulfills government contracts, we’re changing lives in 19 states. That’s incredible.

We also became stronger by launching our three-year strategic plan. This plan is comprehensive and has not only served as a roadmap for where we’re going, but has illuminated the progress that we couldn’t have made without your support. In the last year alone, we experienced a $1.2 million increase in financial health. We also increased our number of job placements by 110%, which means even more lives changed.

Given all that we’ve been able to accomplish together over the past year, we’re excited to see what we’ll be able to accomplish in the year ahead.

Sincerely.

Alan Moak
Board Chairman

Dave Ward
President & CEO
[Tommy Nobis Center] helped me meet my goals in life [and get] a stable job.”
TOMMY NOBIS CENTER PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING SERVICES TO PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS:

Vocational and Work Evaluations
Testing process that determines an individual’s capabilities, needs, strengths, and preferences to identify viable vocational options to help develop employment goals and objectives. An individual’s physical and psycho-social functioning in a job setting is evaluated. Group mobile testing also available.

Job Readiness Training
Preparation for job seeking including skills training, resume development, dressing for success, interview preparation, and community-based training at one of our community partner sites including WellStar, Owens & Minor, Kroger, and Asbury Automotive.

Job Development and Placement
Employment Specialists assist participants one-on-one in finding jobs that best match their unique interests and abilities.

Employment Support
Case Managers, Employment Specialists, and Job Coaches provide ongoing job support for 90 days once participants start their jobs.

Range of People Served
- Developmental/Intellectual
- Psychiatric/Psychological
- Neurological
- Medical/Physical
- Learning
- Sensory

TOMMY NOBIS CENTER OFFERS THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS SOLUTIONS:

Government Solutions: Nobis Enterprises
Nobis Enterprises provides employment through federal and state contracts with the Environmental Protection Agency, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Social Security Administration, Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Justice, and the state of Georgia.

These contracts allow us to change lives in 19 states. Nobis Enterprises expanded positions in the Department of Housing and Urban Development contract to include Chicago and Baltimore.

Commercial Capabilities
Tommy Nobis Center offers commercial contracting services, including administrative, mailroom, recycling and custodial services, to local businesses. The Center houses a 40,000-square-foot warehouse, which is completely outfitted with the machinery and tools needed to complete production and logistics projects.
A LIFETIME OF ACHIEVEMENT, A DEMONSTRATION OF IMPACT: Mike Frost’s Story

In 1982, Mike Frost suffered a spinal cord injury that left him a complete C5-6 quadriplegic. “I was out in the water body-surfing when they saw me floating face down,” says Mike. He quickly realized that he survived his injury for a reason; he had a purpose to fulfill.

After undergoing extensive rehab at The Shepherd Center, Mike turned to Tommy Nobis Center to become job ready. He was hired by MCI Phone Company, and after a successful 15-year career, Mike founded his own company, TelPlus Communications.

Mike’s accomplishments are admirable, but even more commendable are the ways in which he has continually given back and served others. Mike has hired other Tommy Nobis Center clients at his company. He also gives back as a Peer Supporter for The Shepherd Center, he was a past president of the Woodstock Jaycees, a volunteer leader at Camp Dream in Warm Springs, Georgia, and a former Chairman of the Board of Directors for Tommy Nobis Center.

Mike Frost is a shining example of the amazing changes that can take place when people are empowered through employment. Tommy Nobis Center is thankful for his support of achieving our vision of supportive communities where people with disabilities are afforded the opportunity to work and all he has done to help realize it.
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OUR STORY

Tommy Nobis Center was founded in 1977. At that time, Bobbie Knopf, a special education teacher, and Joyce Slaughter, a concerned parent, developed an innovative project to fill the vocational training and placement service needs for students with disabilities as they transitioned from high school. They approached Tommy Nobis with their ideas, and he not only lent his name but also his support and personal involvement for 40 years to further the mission of empowering people through employment.

Tommy was an extraordinarily talented football player, but he was also an extraordinarily good man whose service off the field has had an immeasurable impact on the lives of so many individuals with disabilities. Because of Tommy’s, Bobbie’s, and Joyce’s service, Tommy Nobis Center has been able to help over 25,000 individuals with disabilities gain confidence, independence, and career success.