



Shascade

COMMUNITY SERVICES INC.

Serving People with Disabilities Since 1960

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Shascade Community Services, Inc., has proudly served Shasta County residents since 1960. In 1960, a small group of local residents formed the Shasta Cascade Aid for Retarded Children. The group of local residents, with the encouragement and leadership of a man named Gene Schumann, was concerned about the lack of local services for their family members who were disabled.

Those were exciting times. President John Kennedy began a “push” to keep people out of hospitals if they did not need to be there. In 1968, Governor Reagan signed the landmark Lanterman Act that provided local services for persons with developmental disabilities. Shascade actively encouraged the public schools to develop classes for children with developmental disabilities. Consequently, Monte Vista School, providing services to children with disabilities, opened in 1962 with encouragement and support of the burgeoning Shasta Cascade Aid for Retarded Children, Inc. Numerous community-based activities including camping, swimming and bowling were sponsored by this new agency. The first executive director of the agency was Bessie Kay.

Shascade opened the Opportunity Center in 1964 which provided a place for persons with disabilities to be during the day and, also, provided some work. Shasta County took over this program in 1970 and it continues to this day, providing both on-site and off-site employment opportunities. The Redding Jaycees, with Shascade as the cosponsor, held the first Special Olympics in 1970 for residents of the nine northeastern California counties.

An Activity Center was started in 1975 to teach self help, communication skills, arts and crafts, recreational and social activities. In 1977 Shascade started in-home respite care for persons with developmental disabilities, independent living skills training, translator services and transportation services. It is of note that Shascade has gone forward with these projects with many local partners. United Way and Far Northern Regional Center are two long time friends of the agency and the persons we serve.

In 1990 Shascade adopted its current name, Shascade Community Services, Inc. With the name change, Shascade broadened the scope of the persons whom we serve. Since the spring of 2000, Shascade has been providing services to all regions of Northern California. Services are delivered as far south as Santa Rosa and all the way north to Crescent City. Shascade is recognized by CARF as providing the highest quality service to the approximately 1,500 individuals that we serve each month.

We look forward, with excitement and energy, to the challenges the next millennium brings. We look forward to years of further service to Redding, Shasta County, and all residents of Northern California.

MISSION STATEMENT

Shascade Community Services is dedicated to providing services to persons with disabilities that allow them to live, work, learn and socialize in the community.