

## Christopher Douglas Hidden Angel Foundation (CDHAF)

The foundation's mission is to enrich the lives, health, and social well-being of people who are neurologically challenged through the use of multi sensory stimulation. The foundation's focus is on the design, development, implementation, and education of Multi Sensory Environments (MSE) with the aim to enable productivity, inclusion, independence, and self-determination. Multi Sensory Environments are shown to dramatically improve the quality of life for these individuals and are used in education, therapy, and recreation.

**“There are no guarantees in life, except that everyone faces struggles. This is how we learn (and grow). Some face struggles from the moment they are born. They are the most special of all people, requiring the most care and compassion and reminding us that love is the sole purpose of life.”**  
- Elisabeth Kübler-Ross.

**These are our Hidden Angels - teaching all of us life's most valuable lessons, CDHAF**

## Testimonials

“I just wanted to thank you so much for your wonderful contribution ... The tactile wall was absolutely AMAZING ... It was fantastic. The family has 5 autistic children who all responded extremely well. I truly appreciate your support and selflessness in helping this wonderful family!”

**Extreme Makeover Home Edition, TX**

“We are seeing measurable decreases in both the duration and severity of episodes of agitation and aggressive behavior accompanied by longer periods of calm and relaxation.”

**Todd Reiter, Anne Grady Center, OH**

“Since the Hidden Angel Foundation installed our MSE, ... an increase in attention ... a decrease in scripting ... an increase in task persistence ..., falling asleep more easily. Immediate results are often reported in the client's ability to follow one-step familiar directions.”

**Society for the Treatment of Autism, AB, Canada**

“There are several of our residents that have responded with improvements in behavior, vocalization, and smiling, more than I ever thought possible.”

**Allyson Schultz, Recreation Director, St. John's Nursing Center, FL**

“With the generous donation from your foundation our school will now be able to serve students with learning disabilities in all areas, ranging from communicating with others, sensitivity to touch, limited movement, etc. I feel fortunate that our school will play an important part in improving the health and quality of life of our special needs students with the use of this room.”

**Ed Paulk, Principal, Lake Asbury Junior High School, FL**



*Dedicated to enriching the lives of individuals with cognitive, emotional and physical challenges through Multi Sensory Environments in learning, therapy, and recreation.*



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CDHAF is a registered charity in Canada and the USA

## Multi Sensory Environments

Multi Sensory Environments (MSEs) are designed to promote neurological activity and to encourage relaxation. A MSE is a dedicated space or room where sensory stimulation can be controlled (intensified or reduced), presented in isolation or combination, packaged for active or passive interactions, and matched to fit the perceived motivation, interests, and/or educational needs of the user. Well-chosen controlled multi sensory stimuli for children with neurological challenges and those withdrawn from their environment helps promote development, learning, improved communication and positively affect behavior, leading to improved quality of life.

**To date CDHAF has donated over 35 facilities across North America serving all age groups.**

**CDHAF has also appeared on PBS's The World Show and ABC's Extreme Makeover Home Edition, showing the world how MSEs can change lives.**

## MSEs Benefit People With

Autism

Cerebral Palsy

Profound Multiple Disabilities

Developmental Disabilities

Chronic Pain Syndrome

Hearing Impairment

ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder)

Pervasive Developmental Delays

Mental Dysfunction

Traumatic Brain Injury

Stroke

Coma

Alzheimer's and Dementia

## How You Can Help

We are dependent on the generosity of others to deploy our programs.

We have been successful in attracting a growing number of corporate and individual donors in both of our Canadian and US foundations.

However the request for facilities continues to exceed our financial resources.

Visit [www.cdhaf.org](http://www.cdhaf.org) to donate today.

***Thank you on behalf of all the Hidden Angels.***

"Each time a person stands up for an idea, or acts to improve the lot of others, they send forth a tiny ripple of hope ... These ripples build a current which can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance."  
- Robert F. Kennedy

