

Avenues to Independence Foundation

Park Ridge, IL

www.avenuestoindependence.org

Avenues to Independence, located in Park Ridge, IL, serves the developmentally disabled in the communities of Park Ridge, Niles, and Des Plaines, IL. Avenues to Independence is accredited by the Commission on the Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities. Its programs support 175 adults and 21 seniors, all of whom are disabled and low-income. Avenues employs 88 full-time and six part-time employees.

With reductions and delays in state funding, Avenues and other providers of social services have faced major financial challenges. In 2011, PCG helped refinance the headquarters of Avenues to Independence which houses Avenues' administrative and maintenance staff, case management personnel, and job placement programs. Avenues also provides job placement, case management, referrals, and direct employment through its Work Center. Its residential and supportive housing programs support 75 individuals.



"I have fun working; I have learned to be on time, and I like working with the other people," says Nora who gained employment at a store close to home. A member of Avenues' residential program, she likes to sing and dance and enjoys painting in Avenues' art classes.

PCG Loan Amount: \$488,312

Partner: IFF

Total Loan Amount: \$976,625

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