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2026 Annual Appeal — Your Impact. Their Future.

Unlock talent. Build confidence. Create a more inclusive world.
Every donation is an investment in the potential of Autistic individuals.



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Dear Friends of The Nicholas Center, **Fall 2026**

Every person deserves work they take pride in, friendships they can count on and a community where they are known and valued. For 16 years, The Nicholas Center has helped Autistic individuals build those lives. Because of friends like you, more families can look toward the future with hope.

> **"As parents, we all hope our children will find their place in the world. Thanks to The Nicholas Center, our son has found his." — *TNC Family***

Across our two locations, we support 173 Autistic individuals as they build skills, pursue their goals and experience belonging. Their contributions reach far beyond our doors:

- Our **Supported Employment Program** trains more than 53 individuals for the workforce, helping participants build skills and transition into paid roles with local businesses.
- In year three, **TNC Chocolate Lab** provides hands-on culinary training and paid job opportunities, earning LIBN's Corporate Citizenship Award for 2026 Nonprofit of the Year.
- Partnering with local food pantries, TNC Provides supports participants to purchase, pack and distribute personal care and house essentials to over 5,000 neighbors each month.

Every week, families reach out to ask what comes next after school-based services end. They want their adult children to keep learning, build relationships and have meaningful opportunities to contribute. **We want to be there when they call**.

Government funding and program fees cover only **60%** of our operating costs. Your support helps close that gap, sustain our programs and welcome more families.

Our goal is to raise $200,000 by December 31. Your year-end gift supports the training, guidance and community connections that help participants move toward their goals—in employment, independence and everyday life in the community.

As Co-Founder, Executive Director and a parent whose young adult's life was changed here, I see what your generosity makes possible: growing confidence, new friendships and families discovering possibilities they once struggled to imagine.

Thank you for your continued partnership in our mission.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Nicole Ferrara

Nicole Ferrara, *Executive Director & Co-Founder*

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