

The Nicholas Center

Innovate, Inspire & Include

2024 Annual Appeal — Your Impact. Their Future.

Every donation is an investment in the potential of Autistic individuals.
Join us and unlock talent, build confidence and create
a more inclusive world!



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& Social Development



Vocational Training

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

At The Nicholas Center (TNC), we believe in the power of inclusion, opportunity and community. As we reflect on our journey, we are filled with gratitude – your unwavering support has enabled us to make a profound impact on the lives of individuals with Autism.

A Symbol of Hope and Inclusion

Our selection as Grand Marshal of the local parade was more than an honor – it was a testament to the progress we've made together. Our Co-Founder Stella Spanakos has expressed, "Sometimes marching in a parade means more than just marching in a parade. It represents hope, opportunity and community." This recognition symbolizes that TNC has truly become woven into the fabric of our community – a Core Value we hold dear.



Milestones That Matter

Your support has propelled us to new heights in 2024:

Expanding Horizons: The opening of our TNC Chocolate Lab in Port Washington, NY, has created a sweet opportunity for Culinary Arts training. In Pleasantville, NY we've doubled our footprint, allowing us to welcome more individuals and expand our life-changing programs.

Empowering Through Employment: Our Supported Employment Program (SEMP) supports 30 individuals across various business sectors in 2 NY counties. Our dedicated staff provides the guidance and encouragement needed for our participants to thrive in the workplace.

Fostering Growth and Engagement: Our year-round, full day programs continue to equip individuals with the skills necessary for meaningful employment. From our engaging Podcast to Culinary & Media Arts, environmental stewardship and food pantry programs, TNC is creating innovative pathways for personal growth and community service.

As we celebrate these achievements, we're reminded of the transformative power of your generosity. To sustain and expand our mission critical initiatives, we are seeking to secure \$250,000 in additional funding – the shortfall between operational needs and the resources from grants, special events and state allocations. Your donation will directly support our programs, expand our reach and change lives.



Join Us in Making a Difference

The Nicholas Center has established itself as a leader in providing exceptional experiences for the Autism community. Your support is not just appreciated – it is essential. Together, we can continue to break barriers, create opportunities and build a community where everyone belongs.

Thank you for being a crucial part of our journey. Your generosity doesn't just fund programs; it fuels dreams, nurtures talents and transforms lives. Please consider donating today and help us write the next chapter of hope and inclusion.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Nicole Ferrara, Executive Director & Co-Founder



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