

## 1977

Pony Bird, Inc. established under direction of Dana and Sue Hockensmith. Nine young individuals and one Respite bed.

### Services provided:

- Residential
- Respite
- School Program - Individuals from the community transport to Pony Bird

1986

Hockensmith home expanded to accommodate a total of sixteen residents. Services provided:

- Residential
- Respite
- School Program

1991

McKim home constructed for twelve new residents. Services provided:

- Residential
- Respite
- School Program
- Adult Day Habilitation

1995

Hockensmith home expanded to change living from dorm style to semi-private rooms. Increased number of residents from sixteen to seventeen. Large storage building constructed.

Lane A home constructed to include six additional beds. Office space constructed in lower level of six-bed home with no connection between the two areas.

1998

Serving 35 residential clients at 100% capacity. One Respite bed is available. Twenty-eight Adult Day Habilitation students are currently enrolled. Six school age individuals enrolled in School Program. Seven Pony Bird residents attend school programs off campus. Active Community Integration Program.

1999

Carport between the McKim and Hockensmith homes closed in and office space created. The office space in Lane B converted into six private rooms. McKim home licensed for 13 residential and one Respite

McKim increased from twelve to eighteen residents and one Respite.

2001

2002

25th Anniversary celebrated

Ground breaking for two new homes in DeSoto, Missouri

2004

Drury (DeSoto) homes opened—Pony Bird is now home for a total of 59 residents: 47 living in Mapaville and 12 living in DeSoto

2005

Rejuvenation of the McKim home. School Program discontinued. Services provided:

- Residential
- Respite
- Day Services
- Personal Assistance

2006

Rejuvenation of the original Hockensmith home.

2007

Celebrated Pony Bird's 30 Year Anniversary with a Gala

2008

Rejuvenation of the original Lane homes.

35th Anniversary celebrated. Pony Bird began electronic documentation & electronic medical administration records.

2009

2012

Sara Surcharski promoted to President/CEO position and Linda Dallas becomes Director of Business Development.

2013

Pony Bird "Spreads Its Wings" Capital Campaign. Pony Bird receives \$1,000,000 from the Jefferson Foundation for the "Spreads Its Wings" project. Expanded services to include Physical Therapy.

2014

2016

Penrose home opens in DeSoto. Two respite beds developed in the McKim home and additional renovations created added program area. One respite bed was developed in the Hockensmith home and additional renovations added a new medication room. Lane home renovated for Administration Offices.

2017

Pony Bird's 40th year anniversary was celebrated with a Gala at River City Event Center. A dedication of the Memorial Garden at Mapaville was a part of the 40th anniversary celebration.

2018

Expanded services to include:

- ISL (*Individualized Supported Living*)\*
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech Therapy

\* ISL home opened in May 2018