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- **Totally Forgotten - Our special needs teens DESERVE better.**
 - Until The Clubhouse began, there was nothing for special needs teens [13-22] for after school in all of Northeast Tarrant County. There are programs for 12 and under called day-care and there are programs for adults called day-hab. But nothing for those still in the school system for after-school – ages: 13-22.
 - According to TXA21 television, the host said, The Clubhouse “bridges the gap.”
 - Able-bodied teens have places to go after-school but not our special teens. Our kids need a supervised atmosphere.
 - We have outgrown our current facility and need a larger facility but being a non-profit organization moving to something larger would triple our current budget. We just don't have the funds to do that. Therefore we cannot grow any further. A fish can only grow in relation to the volume of water in the fish bowl. So our client base can only grow in relation to the size of our facility. We have outgrown our current space.
 - Regular education students have so much available to them but our special kids have second or third best. Why is it that our special kids don't have the best of everything like our able-bodied teens? **Our kids have it hard enough. Our parents have it hard enough.**

- It's time that our special kids get the BEST!
- **THE DREAM – A facility with a full gymnasium for special needs teens and young adults. 6,000–10,000 sq. ft.**
 - This new facility will contain ALL that we currently provide as well as a full gymnasium. Basically one huge room divided by Plexiglas walls for the various centers, i.e. computers, music, lounge, art and crafts.
- **Recognition**
 - The Clubhouse for Special Needs has been recognized in various ways. Last May, the founder, Darlene Hollingsworth, was recognized on *Good Morning America* as “one of the ten best caregivers in America” through a contest created by *CVS/pharmacy*. Other recognitions have been:
 - in newspapers (*Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, *Dallas Morning News*), community newspapers
 - **TXA21** television
 - Interviewed for a radio spot on **KRLD** as a community hero.
 - Northeast Tarrant Chamber of Commerce – Darlene Hollingsworth was one 20 individuals recognized as a “Hometown Hero.”

The community recognizes the importance and worth of The Clubhouse for Special Needs.

- **Our website**
 - Please visit our website for more information about us. There are various VIDEOS and Slide Shows.
 - Also read “In The News” and our “Newsletters.”
 - Non-Profit 501c3 organization.
 - Contracted through MHMRTC.