

LOWE'S INVESTS \$100,000 IN DREAM ACRES FASD COMMUNITY TO FULFILL BUCKET LIST RENOVATION

Grant will bring a 'big dream' greenhouse and aquaponics project to life, creating meaningful vocational opportunities and strengthening resources for adults with FASD and other brain-based disabilities

August 11, 2026 – TOPEKA, KANSAS – Dream Acres FASD Community has proudly been selected to receive a **\$100,000 grant** as part of Lowe's Community Impact program, helping to check off a bucket list renovation project that will strengthen the Dream Acres community and create new opportunities for adults living with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) and other brain-based disabilities.

Through the program, Lowe's will invest **\$10 million in Lowe's Community Impact Grants and an additional \$10 million to support more than 2,000 associate-led impact projects that will improve community spaces nationwide.**

As one of 100 community projects in 2026 that make up this year's grant recipients, the Lowe's Community Impact Grant will benefit the **Dream Acres Greenhouse and Aquaponics Project** by helping transform an existing greenhouse and aquaponics system into a meaningful vocational, employment, and food-production resource.

The project will serve adults living with FASD (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders) and other brain-based disabilities who call Dream Acres home. Through hands-on participation, residents will have opportunities to learn skills in horticulture, aquaponics, agriculture, food production, business operations, and other areas of employment. The project will provide meaningful work and opportunities to build confidence, independence, responsibility, and a sense of purpose.

Fresh produce grown through the greenhouse and aquaponics system will help provide food for Dream Acres residents and community programs, while creating the potential for future local sales and social enterprise opportunities.

"This project has been a dream for years, and having Lowe's believe in that dream is incredibly meaningful," said Kathryn Meinhardt, Executive Director of Dream Acres FASD Community. "Our residents are capable of incredible things when they are given the right supports and opportunities. This greenhouse is about so much more than growing food—it is about growing purpose, confidence, independence, employment skills, and opportunity."

For individuals with FASD, traditional employment and community environments can often create significant barriers to success. Dream Acres works to create supportive environments that

recognize individual strengths while providing the structure, accommodations, and opportunities people need to thrive.

The greenhouse and aquaponics project will allow residents to participate in meaningful work where they can see the tangible results of their efforts—from planting and caring for crops to harvesting, preparing, and potentially selling the food they help produce. The project will also create opportunities for volunteers, Lowe’s associates, families, schools, and community organizations to participate.

The investment fulfills Lowe’s Community Impact Program’s **five-year, \$100 million commitment to revitalizing and restoring hometowns**. Projects were selected from more than 5,000 nominations through Lowe’s Community Bucket List. Each project will address local needs, from expanding food pantries to restoring shelters and safe housing resources to reviving outdoor spaces and renovating facilities for first responders and veterans.

For Dream Acres, the project represents an investment not only in a physical space, but in the people who will use it.

“Too often, people with FASD are defined by what they struggle with instead of what they are capable of,” Meinhardt said. “At Dream Acres, we want to create opportunities for people to discover their strengths, contribute to their community, and experience the dignity that comes from meaningful work. Lowe’s is helping us turn that vision into something tangible.”

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About Dream Acres FASD Community

Dream Acres FASD Community is a Kansas-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to creating supportive housing, employment opportunities, and lifelong community for adults living with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders and other brain-based disabilities.

Located on a historic former church camp in Topeka, Dream Acres provides a supportive community where residents can develop independence, pursue meaningful work, participate in community life, and build lives centered on dignity, belonging, purpose, and possibility.

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