

Helping Achieve Life Outcomes
by Having Agape Love for Others

HALO is a non-profit organization serving adults with developmental disabilities and autism



Mission HALO Group is a Christ-centered organization elevating adults with disabilities through community relationships to maximize independence and lifelong growth.

Vision Inspiring the re-imagination of community!

Our Core Beliefs

All people are created in the image of God and are worthy of love, dignity and respect.

All people deserve to live a life of purpose and contribute to their community in a meaningful way.

All people should have choices based on personal interests and abilities.



HALO's Vocational and Life Skills Program

HALO's greatest strengths are our teammates and our community partners! Through these partnerships, we provide meaningful job exploration and hands-on training opportunities in authentic, real-world settings.

Our comprehensive program offers experiences across the following component areas:

- Entrepreneurship and Product Development
- Agricultural and Horticultural
- Culinary and Hospitality
- Community Engagement and Life Skills
- Recreation and FUN!





Each day, teammates have the opportunity to choose tasks that interest them or areas they would like to explore. Many skill sets are intentionally integrated across component areas, allowing for a well-rounded and practical learning experience.





Entrepreneurship and Product Development

The entrepreneurial component of our program empowers teammates to bring their creativity to life through hands-on product design and development in our on-site woodshop. Products that meet quality standards are sold in our Perry storefront and at community market events throughout the year.

This program is truly teammate-driven—ideas originate from our participants, who engage in every stage of the process, from concept development and market research to prototype design and product testing. Regardless of ability level, every teammate has the opportunity to contribute meaningfully to product creation and share in the profits. Watching their imagination and skills come together is one of the greatest joys of our program!











Agricultural and Horticultural Opportunities

Agribusiness is Georgia's leading industry, so it only makes sense to integrate horticultural and agricultural experiences into our program—especially for teammates who love being outdoors and working with their hands. Through our farm partnerships, teammates gain hands-on experience across two locations. At the Starbucks Learning Garden, located at Southgate at the Georgia National Fairgrounds, HALO teammates grow food year-round while learning to plant, weed, manage irrigation, and harvest produce. Much of what they grow is donated to local food pantries or used in the culinary portion of our program, creating a meaningful farm-to-table connection.



Each day brings new adventures at HALO Hearts and Hands Hobby Farm, where teammates care for and engage with a variety of livestock—including goats, chickens, sheep, rabbits, and even Bernie the donkey. Whether feeding animals, collecting eggs, or refreshing bedding, life on the farm provides endless opportunities for learning, teamwork, and joy. Like all things HALO, no two days are ever the same!

Culinary/Hospitality

Food is the universal language — and the HALO Group speaks it well. Each day, teammates learn to prepare lunch from start to finish, from shopping for ingredients to serving up plates of delicious, home-cooked food. They also gain valuable experience on the retail side of the culinary world by making and marketing the popular chicken pot pies and other casseroles. Catering opportunities provide yet another avenue for growth, allowing teammates to train in additional areas of food service. Along the way, they learn to handle and prepare food safely, serve customers with care, and manage cleanup efficiently. Most importantly, every teammate experiences the pleasure of seeing others enjoy the results of their hard work.







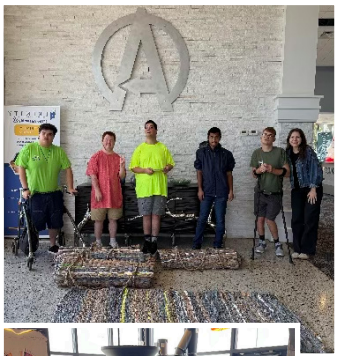


Community Engagement and Life Skills

Our mission is grounded in creating meaningful engagement within our local community. We are always eager to build new partnerships that provide our teammates with opportunities for job exploration and hands-on training through volunteerism. These experiences allow us to "work" in authentic settings—whether in local restaurants, hotels, retail stores, or other community spaces—showing others just how much our teammates are able to learn and achieve.

Character development and soft-skill building are also central to our continued growth. We recycle plastic bags to create sleeping mats for people experiencing homelessness. We sponsor local families during Christmas, help organize large community events, serve at vacation Bible school, assist in church nurseries, pick up trash, and donate the bounty from our garden to those in need. We love empowering our participants to become active contributors in their community, and each experience not only strengthens their skills but also demonstrates to the community all that we are capable of accomplishing together.



















Recreation and...FUN!

It's not all about work at HALO Group. We make plenty of time to laugh, play, dance, and celebrate! Our program is a vibrant hub for recreation and fun, offering a wide range of activities—from participating in Special Olympics, Night to Shine prom, and bocce, to visiting local museums, parks, and special exhibits. We even host our own annual 5K and Fall Festival.

We love building lasting friendships and creating a strong sense of belonging through shared experiences. Whether we're out in the community or celebrating together at HALO, we're dedicated to making meaningful memories as we journey through life side by side.



Teammate and Family Testimonials

When we first moved here it was a struggle to find things to get our son involved in. We felt defeated in finding somewhere he felt like he belonged, but God provided and we were introduced to HALO through a friend. Since being part of this amazing group of adults he has thrived and has enjoyed being part of something bigger and greater than he ever imagined. HALO has been such a great blessing! **-Michael & Kimberly Merten**

Halo has allowed my daughter to grow, learn, and work alongside friends every day! She has done and tried so many amazing new things with her Halo Group that she wouldn't have had the courage before coming here. **-Troy & Melissa Abraham**

HALO has been such a blessing for my son, Noah. At 26 and nonverbal with autism, he finally has a place where he feels included, active, and happy. It truly gives him purpose and joy. **-Karen Faircloth**

Since joining HALO, my son has made wonderful friends, experienced different vocational opportunities and expanded his social skills. He is living his best life the way he wants to live it in a supportive environment.
-Angie Gardner

Halo has taught our son so much! He has learned new skills and how to serve others. I am amazed at what he can do! **-Mark & Charlotte Shue**

The big concern of every special needs parent is, "What in the world do I do with my child after high school?". Halo answers that question! It is an organization that provides purpose, relationships and community to my daughter. She loves to get up in the morning and go to work, as she calls it! The people she has met at Halo are "her people" and the ones that she does life with. **-Tesa Shelton, parent of Halo teammate**

HALO was a God send. They had made a big difference in Kyle's growth. From getting him out of his shell, giving him experience in so many different activities, allowing him to give back by volunteering, getting him his first job and most importantly having a place to belong who understood, welcomed and loved him just the way he was. **-Bernee McFadden**

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