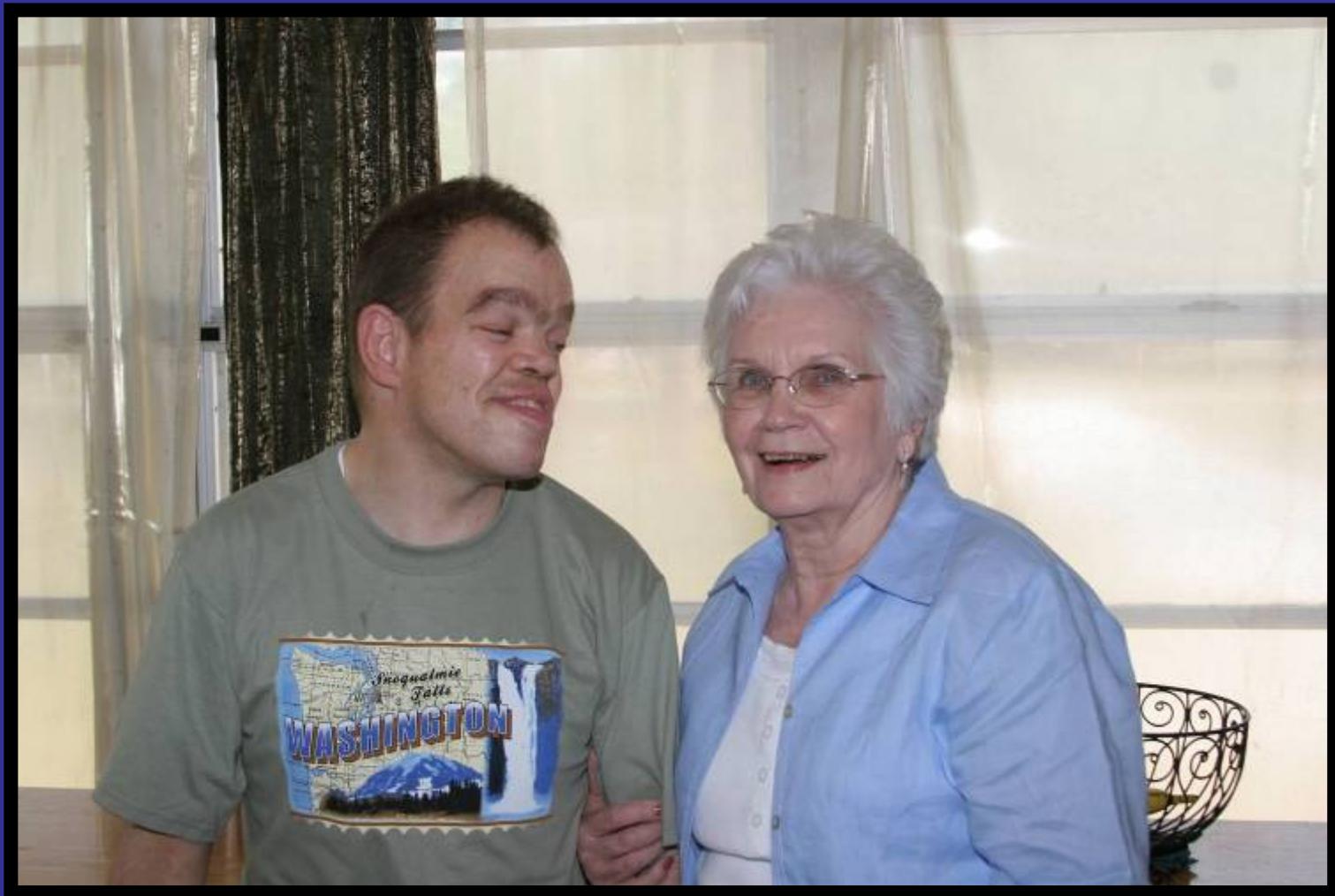


My name is Connie and this is my son Mark.



# And this is his life at Tacachale.



# Tacachale is not this....



This is where Mark starts each day.

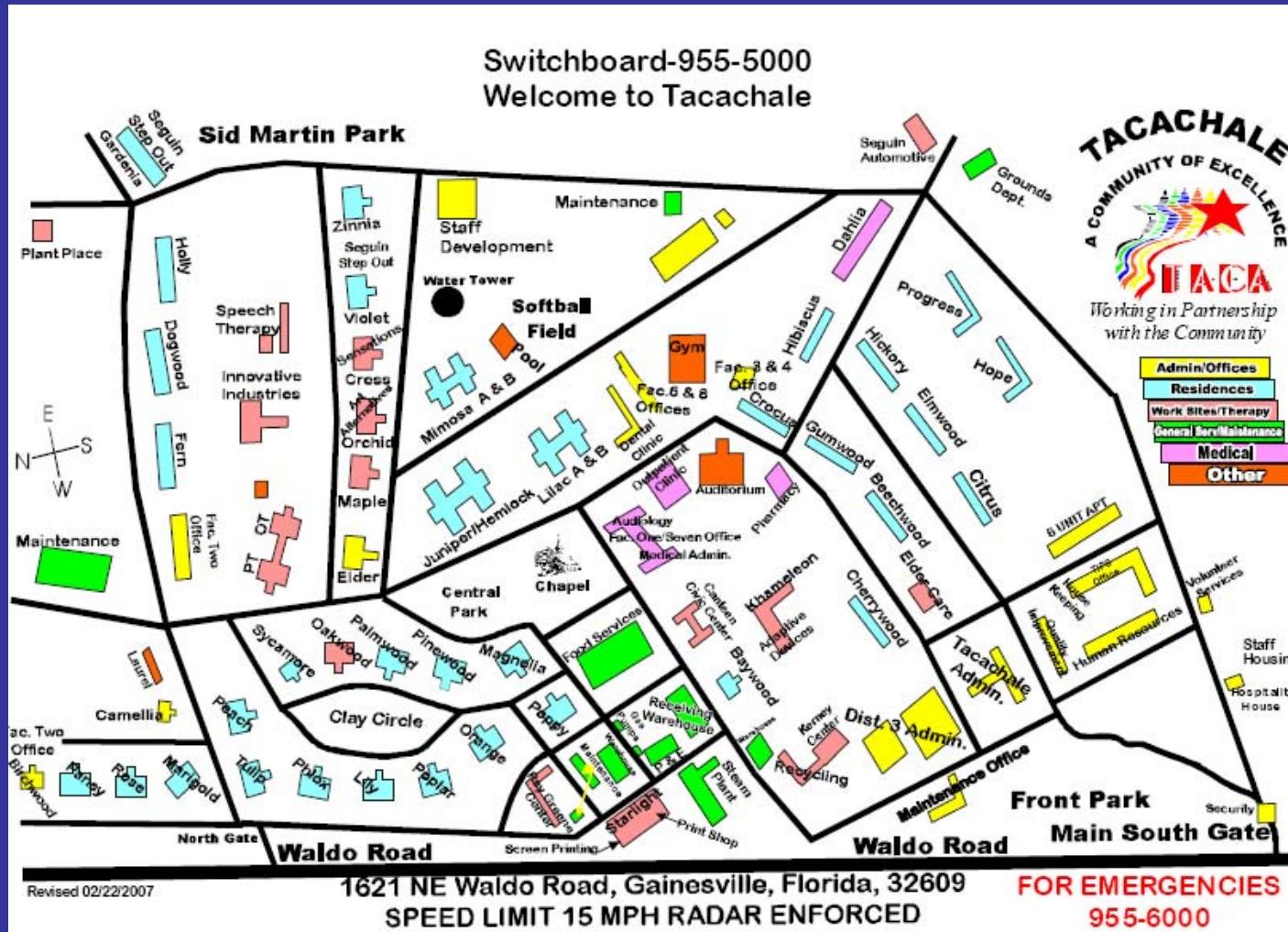


# Tacachale is a Residential Center of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities

- Florida's oldest and largest residential community facility of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities – built 1920's
- 468 adult men and women live here in large homes at Tacachale
- Over 1200 employees provide around the clock care
- It is a community

# Campus - 550 Acres

## 35 Residential Homes of 8-16 People each



The main gate is on  
Waldo Road  
and NE 16<sup>th</sup>  
Avenue



# Who lives at Tacachale with Mark?

- Only adult men and women live at Tacachale
- Some are “legacy residents” and Tacachale has been their long-term home.
- Some are people who have complex medical problems and/or behavioral issues, who cannot be well served in a community group home setting
- Tacachale can offer more extensive care

Mark's days are a lot like our days.  
Here he is at the bank, the canteen and at a  
neighborhood barbershop



# Staff members make sure Mark is out and about in Gainesville.



# You can see the impact of the Guiding Principles of Care



1. Inclusion
2. Self-Determination

3. Individual plans for each person

4. Support to help every person reach their goals

# Staff accompany Mark to offer support & help him communicate his choices



**These are the people who give support to all residents:**  
cooks, physical therapists, maintenance workers, nurses,  
home care staff, social workers, a chaplain, speech  
therapists, dentists, doctors, dieticians, pharmacists,  
volunteers, recreation and rehabilitation therapists -  
and they help make Tacachale a community.



Staff work to provide a safe and healthy life for those who live at Tacachale. The campus has a dental clinic and a health clinic.



Almost  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the residents enjoy work opportunities to earn money.



# There are many opportunities for recreation that are just as important



Families members from out of town, use the  
Hospitality House



# Mark participates in everything Tacachale has to offer.



# I wanted to tell Mark's story

- Because he is happy, healthy and secure at Tacachale
- I'm proud of the care that staff give him
- Tacachale is an important resource for families and it's residents



# Tacachale Information

## Want to Volunteer?

- Rosa Williams
- Volunteer Coordinator
- 955-5958

## Want to make a donation?

- Becky Dobbin
- Community Relations
- 955-5675

## Want a speaker?

- Trish King
- Speaker's Bureau
- 955-5754

## Toll-free?

- 1-800-813-2241

## Apply for a job?

- Human Resources
- 955-5074

## Become a Guardian Advocate?

- Zvia McCormick
- Admissions/Discharges
- 955-5739

## Superintendent?

- Don Thomas
- 955-5580

## Speak to our Chaplain?

- Linda Ballard
- 955-5752