

818 Forward with Faith celebrates grand opening

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A new residential home for adults with disabilities celebrated its grand opening on Nov. 23.

818 Forward with Faith, a non-profit organization, held an open house to celebrate the completion of its first home. 818 Forward with Faith is dedicated to helping facilitate different housing options for adults with disabilities by finding them a place to reside.

The idea for 818 Forward with Faith came to Executive Directors Jerry and Judy Fynaardt after their son, who has cerebral palsy, was injured in an accident. Jerry says their son had been living in a care facility but was unable to be taken care of following his accident. He considers the accident, which took place on Aug. 18, 2016, as the beginning of the journey.

"It was just a God thing I guess," Jerry said. "Having a son with a disability, you see the things that don't really work for families and then you start to think what you can do differently."

The result was starting 818 Forward with Faith and building the non-profit's first home. The organization's first home is located at 812 Lincoln St. and is able to accommo-



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Friends shared a hug during an open house at 818 Forward with Faith's grand opening on Nov. 23.



The first home opened by 818 Forward with Faith is able to accommodate four individuals. It is located at 812 Lincoln Street.

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