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Argument Outline

1. Introduction
 - a. Hook:
 - b. Intro to the Topic: Rainbow Acres provides a community and a home for adults with special needs.
 - c. Thesis: Rainbow Acres provides the best solution for providing housing for adults with special needs.
2. Background
 - a. History of Organization
 - i. Founded in 1974 by Ralph Showers
 1. Showers struggled with learning disabilities, which played an important role in his desire to : “Founder Ralph Showers grew up to be an accomplished American Baptist pastor, but spent much of his childhood struggling through school with learning disabilities, including dyslexia. At an American Baptist Church youth conference, Showers was inspired by Clarence Jordan, a farmer and New Testament Greek scholar, who founded Koinonia Farm, a religious community in southwest Georgia” (Rainbow).
 - ii. Currently run by
 - b. Why it’s important:
 - i. My grandparents, my parents all worked there
 - ii. Got to know the Ranchers
 - iii. Grandma
3. Problem
 - a. Adults with special needs are more isolated than other adults.
 - i. Adults with special needs are less likely to have jobs
 - ii. Adults with special needs are less likely a relationship outside of family

- b. Adults with special needs are lonely. Because adults with special needs are less likely to have a job or relationships outside of their family, they are more likely to suffer from loneliness. In fact, one study found that “People with IDD typically...have high rates of loneliness” (Stancliffe, 327). Because adults with special needs have fewer opportunities to make friends, it makes sense that they are lonely.
 - i. It’s important to note that just seeing people outside of the home doesn’t fix the problem. In order to build a friendship with someone, people need to spend time with them on a regular bases. In other words, ““A relationship involves repeated interaction with a specific individual” (Stancliffe, 327). A person needs to be able to spend time with the same person over and over again in order to feel that they have formed a relationship with them.
 - c.
 - i. They want to attend community events
 - ii. They want to attend religious services
4. Organization: What they do
- a. Mission statement: “Rainbow Acres, a Christian Community with heart, empowers persons with developmental disabilities to live to their fullest potential with dignity and purpose” (Rainbow).
 - b. Rainbow Acres provides housing for adults with special needs in a group home type of environment. Ranchers can get jobs, participate in activities, like making crafts, and participate in Special Olympics. They can also attend community events and religious services.
5. Proof the solution is working:
- a. Testimonials from Ranchers
6. How to support
- a. Volunteer
 - b. Donate
7. Conclusion
- a. Thesis: Rainbow Acres provides the best solution for providing housing for adults with special needs.
 - b. Intro to the Topic: Rainbow Acres provides a community and a home for adults with special needs.
 - c. Hook

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