



Charlottesville Region Autism Action Group

## Update on December 2, 2020 Inclusive Housing Forum

At the end of 2020 CRAAG and DBHDS District 1 Housing hosted a virtual Inclusive Housing Forum featuring Paula Manion and Donna Budway, two dynamic parents representing City Center NOVA (CCN), now rebranded as [Our Stomping Ground](#). It drew 70 registrants and an audience of 44+ self-advocates, family members, DD providers, developers, affordable housing advocates and other community members.

CRAAG's primary goal is to make tangible progress on expanding housing options and associated services for adults with DD. This goal and various objectives will be discussed at the **Jan. 27th CRAAG meeting**. **All are welcome, including those who attended the Dec. 2 Forum! If you are willing, be prepared to share your vision for housing for your family member with DD.** Plan to attend this meeting. [Email](#) CRAAG for the Zoom meeting link.

The speakers' passion, can-do attitudes, and tangible successes over a 2-year period was inspiring. Their success is sparking discussions within CRAAG about the need to become even more engaged in regional affordable housing advocacy. We know from the history of the disability rights movement that self-advocates and their families have always been a driving force for change. Dedicated parents working in partnership with local agencies, providers and developers have formed the framework for CCN success. It can be the basis of our success too.

Links to inclusive housing for adults with DD:

- [Our Stomping Ground PowerPoint Presentation](#) - December 2, 2020
- [Bob Kreps, CRAAG Chair PowerPoint Presentation](#) - December 2, 2020

- [Disability Housing: What's Happening? What's Challenging? What's Needed?](#) - Joint Center For Housing Studies of Harvard University
- [Supportive Housing Helps Vulnerable People Live and Thrive in the Community](#) - Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
- [A Place in the World](#) - to download the report

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