



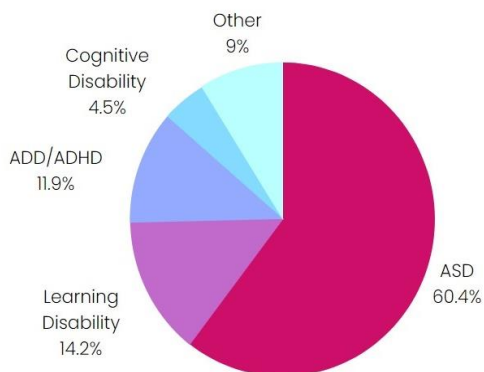
Learn Skills. Experience Life.

Since 1996, MICC has provided transformative education and training for **autistic and neurodivergent adults** to live independently, work purposefully and **thrive in community**. MICC has cultivated a broad network of public and private **partnerships** to ensure accessibility to our programs and **opportunities** for students/participants across Minnesota.

Within our innovative frame work of **hands-on, skills-based learning** and caring **guidance**, MICC students/participants accomplish things they never imagined, from performing daily living tasks and **building self-sufficiency** to developing and **sustaining a career**, support system and lifelong **relationships**. MICC students/participants begin to see themselves in a new light, gaining the **confidence** they need to build the **lives they want to live**.

Autism Spectrum Disorder

- 1 in 36 children in Minnesota are diagnosed.
- 1 in 44 children in the U.S. are diagnosed.
- Males are currently 4.2x more likely to be diagnosed than females.



State Bonding Request A FUTURE to belong to



Minnesota's Growing Need

The number of children in Minnesota diagnosed with autism who are receiving special education services in the public school system increased by 138% since 2009 (MN Dept of Edu). This alarming increase is compounded by a lack of resources for autistic high school graduates.

- **Only 1/3 have any postsecondary education**, and less than half hold any paid employment within four years of graduating from high school.
- **87% continue living with parents after high school**, and 24% are considered socially isolated.
- According to Drexel University, young adults with autism spectrum disorders have the **lowest employment rate across disabilities**, with some studies showing **unemployment rates as high as 66%-85%**.

At MICC

A lack of access to education, unemployment, and social isolation is not the reality of participants at MICC. **Today, 95% of eligible participants are competitively employed. 100% of MICC community participants are living on their own, and 87% report having a strong social network.**

Our Vision

A world where autistic and neurodivergent adults thrive, are accepted and valued.

MICC is paving a new path of possibilities for students/participants, the State of Minnesota and the disability community at large.

Bonding Request 2025 of \$11 million

We are asking for \$11 million to build a 27,000+ square foot innovative building. Our vibrant plans for new programmatic space include the following:

- Appropriate teaching and socializing areas to allow students to engage authentically with peers.
- Flexible classrooms designed for small and large group engagement, integrated technology and multi-purpose furniture, as well as space for physical fitness, yoga and meditation areas.
- Student support spaces for advisory services on continued education and employment,
- Staff offices promoting cross-department collaboration and flexibility for our expanding team.

Bonding Preparation

- Purchase of 1.38 acres in Richfield, MN.
- Collaborating with the City of Richfield to ensure project aligns with their 2040 plan.
- Launched a \$7M capital campaign in March 2023 to engage public & private support. with \$3.5M raised to date for the \$18M project.
- Selected development partners RSP, NTH, and Ancoats Construction.



The Need for Bonding Support

MICC has rapidly outgrown every space currently utilized by capacity and design.

- **Facilities have now become the most significant barrier** to serving current and future participants.
- **Zero programmatic space** is available for developing new programs to serve more.
- Current spaces are **inaccessible, inefficient, and disjointed** for program collaboration and resource sharing.
- **Participants and staff deserve** accessible classrooms and gathering spaces, positive sensory experiences and well-equipped facilities to deliver high-quality programming.

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