

For over 45 years, Mount Olivet Rolling Acres has served people of all ages and backgrounds with mental and physical disabilities and helped them live a quality of life that is valued by society. Our staff helps clients with the special challenges they face in their day-to-day living. Staff works with clients and their families to make sure their needs are met in the following areas: residential services, educational programs, work opportunities, transportation, and health care.

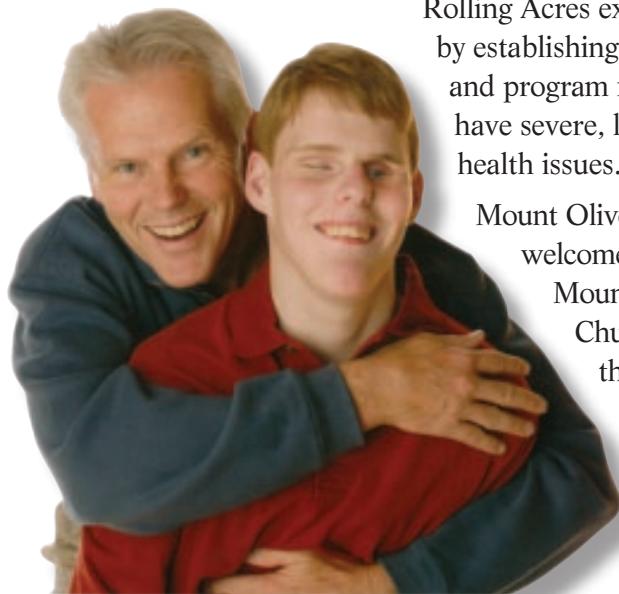
Through a variety of facilities, services, partnerships and affiliations, Mount Olivet Rolling Acres' dedicated staff facilitates social and spiritual opportunities for clients. Long-term care, short-term crisis care, in-home care, and other services are offered.

The main campus located on Schutz Lake near Victoria, Minnesota, has two residential houses for long-term care of 24 residents plus a six-bed unit for residents dealing with aging issues and a four-bed transitional unit for residents in crisis.

Each year, Mount Olivet Rolling Acres directly serves over 800 people through programming and residential facilities. Twenty-four community homes provide residential care in 4- and 6-person single-family homes. People served range in age from 8 to over 70 years old. Every resident has either an Individual Education Plan or a part-time job.

With the opening of Sherwood Home in 2001, Mount Olivet Rolling Acres expanded its mission by establishing a community home and program for four people who have severe, long-term mental health issues.

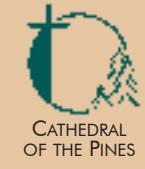
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If you have made a planned gift in your estate plan, or for more information, e-mail or call Mari Carlson, Director of Development, at 612-821-3150 or mcarlson@mtolivethomes.org.

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LEAVE YOUR LEGACY
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YOU CAN MOVE FROM SCARCITY TO GENEROSITY

“AM I GOING TO BE OK?”

Whether stated in those words or otherwise implied, this is the question heard often during the past couple of years. Recession fears are still reverberating throughout our lives.

Among the events that can be financially unsettling, planning for retirement can be especially stressful. A generation ago, “the company” took care of retirees in the form of pension programs and health care plans. Today, we now have a generation retiring with neither of these things, but instead with lump sums in 401(k), 403(b) and IRAs. Strategy decisions that used to be discussed in pension departments are now implemented at the kitchen table. A poor decision can diminish—if not devastate—one’s future financial security.

If worries about big issues like the economy, our job security and retirement finances aren’t sufficiently troubling, we are also daily bombarded by thousands of media messages telling us we need more, bigger, better and newer “stuff.” The entire experience leaves us feeling financially inadequate. How can we find security in this ever-changing mix of pressures?



**“For where
your treasure is,
there your heart
will be also.”**

Matthew 6:21

It is interesting that Jesus does not tell people their treasure will follow their heart. No, Jesus says that where their treasure is, that’s where their heart will be. Invest in what is truly important—to God and to you—and that’s where your heart will find its deepest longing.

Now is the perfect moment to step back and consider what’s really meaningful in our lives. Financial planning can provide a format for important conversations to help think through these things.

A thorough inventory of personal values and goals, laid beside current expenses, gives good perspective as to whether your money is serving the things you most value, like faith and family, or material, temporary things, like big screen TVs.

It’s essential to understand where you spend your money. In the era of online banking and electronic bill pay, the process of balancing one’s checkbook has become a lost art. Adding and subtracting to get to a current balance isn’t as important as actually understanding how money is spent. How much do you spend eating out every month? On dry cleaning? DVD rentals? Once you understand how you actually spend money, you have a place to start.

Looking forward into the future is the next step. From the perspective of your values and what you really hold important, what do you want to have happen? Are you on the path to making that happen?

Answering that question gets at the “Am I going to be OK?” concern. A few changes might be needed. Or maybe, rather than falling short of your goals, there’s more than enough. Either way, now you have a plan, and that by itself helps address the underlying unease.

The process above helps you move across a continuum from scarcity (“I’m afraid I’m not going to make it.”) to sufficiency (“There’s going to be enough!”) to, eventually, generosity (“There’s more than enough, and I’m called to share it!”).

Said differently, financial planning can help create a financial permission slip to give to the people and causes that are on your heart.

Leaving a bequest in your will, trust or by beneficiary designation can help assure that the churches and institutions are also “going to be OK” into the next generation. That benefits both the donor and the recipient.

We’ve been through a period in the last couple of years marked by a tone of scarcity. Through thoughtful planning, we can see through the scarcity. We can see a way in which we are going to be okay. And we can live and share generously.