

A college student's observation of Clelian Heights

“This brings me to my thoughts on Clelian Heights. It is a privately operated school serving children from ages five thru twenty-one. In addition, it services adults in residence, providing support in a sheltered workshop and community work settings. It is licensed through the Pennsylvania Departments of Welfare and Education. It appears to have everything a school could possibly offer—pleasant classrooms and well equipped therapy rooms, certified instructors and paraprofessionals, two swimming pools, a cooking facility, a fitness facility, a sensory room, a gym, a social room and a clean cafeteria. In addition, it has a chapel for those seeking the peace and promise of spiritual support, forty serene acres of land, assisted living apartments, and a tremendous volunteer system.”

“Clelian Heights' greatest and most obvious difference is that it provides a working community in which children youth, and adults with significant special needs can thrive...”

“Mental health experts are again and again urging educators to create schools with community structure in mind—within the classroom, within the school itself and throughout the district. This gives individuals the sense of belonging, reducing isolation, which can lead to serious behavioral and emotional aberrations. Every student that I observed at Clelian Heights appeared engaged and connected. Secure, well cared for children can grow up to be secure and socially stable adults. There is no promise that Clelian Heights will so transform its population that they will enter society unnoticed. They will, however, be motivated to try new things, secure in the knowledge that they are successful individuals. This is something every parent would want for his/her child. This is what would motivate me to push with all my might to enroll my child in this facility. In short, Clelian Heights would be the answer to my prayers... This institution inspires me. It is an intact society and subculture I want my children to know and respect. It merits further investigation, praise, and ongoing funding.”

So many dreams have become reality at Clelian Heights. So many special needs children and adults have come, grown, and been enriched and challenged here so that they can take the step to venture on to greater independence. The important thing is that all who come and seek can find what they need to support them on their journey.





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Thank YOU for reaching out to Clelian Heights

Clelian Heights is special because it is a place where children with disabilities can share themselves and achieve success. It's a place where each child knows that he/she is supported and loved; where learning new things and being included in everything brings positive results and fulfillment. It's a place where all can receive what they need and enjoy life as gift and opportunity.

Clelian Heights relies on the generosity of individuals and organizations to help provide funding for its programs, projects, events, and future growth.

When you donate, you choose to play a direct role in helping us provide the best education for the children and adults in our programs. Every gift you give is important because it is helping each child and adult — we gratefully thank you for having a lasting and positive effect on the lives of these very special people.

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