

The Larrabee Center/Trinkets & Togs: Our History

1989 Originally the County Poor Farm, The Larrabee Center began as the County Care Facility which privatized in 1989.

1992 The vocational program began at the care facility with just 6 clients and later moved to St. John's Church and Willow Lawn Mall before the opening of Trinkets & Togs Thrift Store

1994 The agency became known as The Larrabee Center as a result of a staff contest. The Larrabee Center was located at the time on Hwy 63/Larrabee Ave which was named after Iowa's Governor Larrabee.

1996 Trinkets & Togs Thrift Store opened in 1994 and moved to Collegetowne Plaza in 1996, merging with the vocational program.

1999 The Larrabee Center closed the county care facility and transitioned to supported community living services in Waverly and Shell Rock. The Vocational Program received it's first CARF accreditation.

2000 Services expanded to include CDAC for persons age 65+ on the Elderly Waiver. in 2001, services for persons with mental illness and in 2003 for Brain Injury and Intellectual Disabilities

2006 An accessible duplex was built and services expanded by providing free transportation to Waverly residents with disabilities and over 50. Trinkets & Togs had a store in Parkersburg June 2007 - May 2008.

2010 The Larrabee Center Administrative and Community Support Services Office was established adjacent to rental properties and thrift store in Waverly.

2012 Trinkets & Togs opened in Grundy Center and services were expanded to Grundy County. From 2014-2017 employment services expanded to include internships, work crews and supported employment services.

2019 Trinkets & Togs Thrift Store opened a 3rd store in Cedar Falls November 2018. The Larrabee Center celebrated 30 years of service in 2019.

2022 The Larrabee Center was named the Waverly Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Nonprofit of the Year

