

1970's

Founded in 1971, the Sangree-Stokes family implements their vision to develop a school to provide "education for life" for children with autism. The first student, William Muller, starts in September 1972 in Quincy, Massachusetts, and Amego, Inc. is formed.

In 1972, Massachusetts passed its special education law called Chapter 766 which, in turn, served as a model for the first federal special education law. Chapter 766 was the first law guaranteeing all children the right to a free and appropriate education.

Amego opens its first children's residential home and respite facility. It eventually becomes a year-round home for six students attending the Amego School in Quincy.

1980's

Mansfield becomes the first location for an adult residential home for Amego. James Belcher turns 22-years-old and becomes Amego's first adult resident. William Muller, Amego's first student, also turns 22 and moves in with James. Both James and William still reside under the care of Amego today.

The three "Mansfield Mothers" (Marion Muller, Ervena Belcher and Thelma Wright) join Katharine Sangree's efforts to help secure services and financial support to build a better life for their sons.

In 1989, two adult residential homes open in Plainville, giving Amego a total of four adult homes. Amego opens its fifth residential home, this one for children.

1990's

In 1994, Dr. Barbara Brown becomes the first Amego, Inc. President & CEO to build strategic growth and develop a continuum of services for individuals with autism.

Seven additional residential homes for adults are opened in Mansfield, Taunton, and Canton.

Amego replaces "sheltered workshop" tasks with vocational opportunities in lawn care, cleaning crews and community-based job sites at Star Market and the EndZone.

2000's

Progress continues and by July 2003, Amego has 15 residential homes, one Administrative/Day/School building and supports 73 children and adults.

Dr. Barbara Brown passes away in August 2007, and John Randall, MPA, M.Ed., LABA, BCBA becomes the new President & CEO in January 2008.

Our founder, Katharine Sangree, passes away in February 2008. With John as President & CEO, her vision and legacy continue to evolve.

Amego purchases the main corporate location at 33 Perry Avenue in Attleboro, Massachusetts in August 2009. This location is the home of the School, Adult Day Program, and Administrative Offices.

2010's through Today

Amego opens 22 additional adult and one children's residential homes from 2010 through 2016. Towns include: Foxboro, Norwood, Holliston, Shrewsbury, Canton, Hopkinton, Marlborough and Northborough.

In 2012, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts requests that Amego assumes responsibility of 7 adult residential homes and a Day Program in the Middlesex West area of the state. 32 individuals participating in the program join Amego.

Amego's School (ages 8-22) expands its student body in 2013 following some modifications and updates to the program.

In 2014, Amego's BEST Clinical Network expands to support people and organizations in local communities affected by autism and secures Early Intervention licensing and approval. Amego's School becomes approved for day-only students in Attleboro.

In 2016, the BEST Clinical Network division opens a center-based facility providing clinical support to children and adolescents in Norton. Amego moves into a new building in the Middlesex West area that expands the Adult Day Program for Metro West programs.

BEST Clinical expands services to the location of the Space Coast (Brevard County) of Florida in 2018.

In September 2019, the Amego School moves to Franklin and BEST Clinical Network expands to the Franklin location as well.

Amego's Pandemic Response Team is developed in February 2020. Creating policies and implementing pandemic operations in March, all management positions are allocated to programs and major system shifts are put into play in response to changing regulations. From leadership to direct-care professionals, all staff are key in keeping clients safe, families connected, and supporting each other.

In September of 2020, Amego begins construction of a campus of six new homes, a community building and a park/recreational area in Franklin to be the future home of Children's Residential Programs.

Amego is asked by The Commonwealth of Massachusetts to assume operations of adult residential programs from two other providers in January and November 2021, growing Amego's census by 30 additional adult residential programs and 5 apartments.

Through December 2021, Amego proudly supports 627 individuals and 91 residential homes for children and adults in 28 communities in Southeastern/Central Massachusetts.