



ODC OUTLOOK

OPEN DOOR CENTER

March - April 2025

This and That

Warmer temperatures, muddy parking lots, and the ND Winter Show are sure signs of spring in our area. As an agency the increased sunshine fuels thoughts of vacation planning and facility updates. Many persons supported and staff are working on planning some mini vacations; we also have an Adventure Activists Committee (big name for a trip planning committee) meeting to organize some bigger vacations to Medora and Minneapolis in the next six months. Regarding facility updates, I've requested that our supervisors make their 'wish lists' for facility updates to Open Door Center owned properties...it's amazing how a simple fresh coat of paint and different lighting can bring a room to life!

In April and May dietary consultants Sharon Buhr and Larissa Musgrave will be offering two different trainings for staff and persons supported. April's training will target My Plate/M meal Planning and May's training will address label reading. After 45 years of dietary consultant services to Open Door Center, Sharon Buhr will be retiring. We are so thankful for Sharon's dedicated service! Larissa Musgrave will start as dietary consultant for Open Door Center on June 1, 2025. Larissa will be providing a bio in our May/June newsletter.

Crossover in the ND legislature will be in full swing next week. I continue to keep a close eye on HB 1012 and SB 2271 as they move. I appreciate the great support from so many of our agency advocates (staff, board members, guardians, etc.) as I've sent out requests to contact our legislators-those phone calls and emails have had positive impact!

Tracey Zaun, Executive Director

**Open Door Center is a
non-profit corporation
serving
people with disabilities.**

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REDUCE ~ REUSE ~ RECYCLE



Excellence in serving people with disabilities by:

- *Respecting dignity and rights**
- *Providing opportunities for growth**
- *Fostering independence**

*Open Door Center is an equal opportunity
provider, and employer.*

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WE WANT YOUR CANS

Open Door Center is looking for donations of *pop cans* for our individuals to crush. Once crushed they are turned in to be recycled.

Our folks get paid to crush cans and look forward to the paychecks they receive.

Cans can be dropped off at the Day Activity Center (north of Pizza Corner).

OR

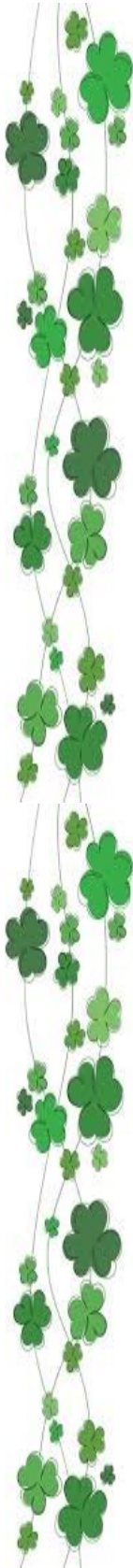
If you live in the Fargo area, you can take your cans to the MinnKota Recycling center and tell them you want to donate them to Open Door Center in Valley City. They send us a check quarterly.

Please help us,
won't you?



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Jason Belgard
Justin Horsager
Mackenna Sherman
Ruby Chitty
Susan Becker
Crystal Tompt
Aaliyah Poland
Shelly Anderson
Gabriella Pope
Gary Prochnow
Stephanie Schafer
Matt Jensen
Colleen Hehr
Mitch Bessette
Kaelan Dick
Teri Ronning
Caleb Torke



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

33 Years
Chris Dvorak - Ranch

28 Years
Carol Grotberg - GH 4

27 Years
Melanie Lindgren - Administrative Assistant
Bekah Cook - Res. Hab.

25 Years
Chris Merkes - GH 3

19 Years
Denise Stanley - Res. Hab.

17 Years
Kim Esch - GH 2

15 Years
Missy Leroux - Res. Hab. Supervisor
RoxAnne DeKrey - Res. Hab.

12 Years
Jackie Andren - Res. Hab.

10 Years
Karla Lyon - Lisbon

8 Years
Sheryl Solberg - Thunderbird

5 Years
Ronnie Mulder - GH 3 & WAC

4 Years
Josh Plecity - Finance Director

3 Years
Rebekah Hilgemann - Res. Hab.

2 Years
Jake Rindahl - GH 1

1 Year
Samantha Hatcher - GH 3 & WAC
Georgia Zaun - GH 3 & Bookstore
Samantha Moderow - GH 4 and DAC

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Scyra Agard
JoAnn Snyder
Rachel Kilmon
Tammy Devitt
Matt Harrington
Nancy Knutson
Lynn Priebe
Samantha Hatcher
Nicholas Levers
Dayna Schmidt
Mianna Fountain
Cory Duven
Tiffannie Justesen
Bradley Kumlin
Sarah Parkman
Kelsey Schulz
Jennifer Kriewald
Chloee Wieser
Traci Ose
Sherry Anderson
Chris Dvorak
Mike Venhuizen
Holly Sabinash
Elaine Walls
Brenda Dick
Phillip Hill
Travis Donnelly
Denise Stanley
Jodee Ukestad



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

40 Years

Lori Reimers - Res. Hab.

37 Years

Darnelle Bakke-Res. Hab.

33 Years

Wanda Schwab - Res. Hab.

29 Years

Jeremy Williams - GH 5

27 Years

Barb Anderson - Res. Hab.

24 Years

Josh Kracht - Res. Hab.

23 Years

Garrett Greenwood - GH 4

15 Years

Sam Ihry - Res. Hab.

13 Years

Kaitlin Anderson - GH 5

12 Years

Heather Cunningham - Lisbon

Michael Johnson - Res. Hab.

8 Years

Aidyn McCombs - GH 1

7 Years

Ruth Dorlus - GH 2

Anthony Anderson - GH 1

Marah Pickell - Res. Hab.

Shane Hoffman - GH 4

3 Years

Tarryn Justesen - Res. Hab.

Codee Berube - Lisbon





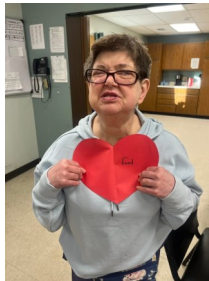
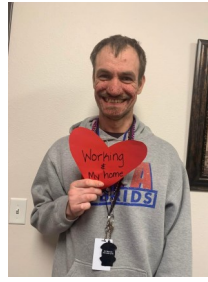
Giving Hearts Day was held this year on February 13th. The Open Door participated in this charity event again this year. We raised over \$6,000.00 in donations. We appreciate all the donations from everyone who was thinking of us. Thank you all very much!!

Donations from: Gordy's Grill, Fraternal Order of Eagles, George and Audrey Gaukler, Carol Grant, Curt and Sue Paulson, Darrell and Nancy Hermanson, Robert and Dee Nelson, Dennis and Janice Nelson, Bonnie Kramer, Jason and Kim Esch, Deb and Mike Kohler, Scott Winkler, Clair and Ron Zirnhelt, Keith Gilleshammer, Ryan and Tracie Zaun, Julie May, Jeremy and Heidi Gregoire, Brenda Olson, Ralph and Sue Dyrness, Janice Hanson, Faye Rockswold, Marvin and JoAnn Thorson, Nicole Klefstad Johnson, Gary and Diane Sommerfeld, Chad and Tracey Zaun, Elaine Walls, Dawn Ihry, Andre and Marla DeLorme, Kim O'Neil, Lynette Kriedeman, Bob and Laurie Banderet, David and Rachel Holzwarth, Melissa Erickson, Robert Olson and Kathy Moraghan, Bruce and Amy Anderson, Dan and Candace Johnson, Lance Gulleeson, Larry and Mary Lee Robinson, Carrie Maresh, Elm River Lutheran W.E.L.C.A., Michael and Bonnie Johnson, Bill and Barb Cook, Emily Kulland, and several anonymous donors.

A BIG
thank
you


2025 GIVING HEARTS DAY

Everyone had fun getting in the spirit of Giving Hearts Day. A lot of individuals and staff wrote down reasons why they love the Open Door Center. They all sure got into the Spirit of the Day!!





NEW SIGNS

Thunderbird Ranch and Dakota Seasonings got their new signs put up at their front door. Now when looking for their business, you will find them so much easier!! Another sign shows all the links and phone numbers to also find information for them.

LOOKING GOOD!!

The young gentlemen at Group Home 1 enjoying an intense game of Clank!



Leonard & Tarryn enjoyed a Hi-Liner Girls Basketball game. Leonard enjoyed buying concessions!



Eagles Nest Book Store is stocked up with current and popular books. There is A LOT of selection to choose from so head over to the Book Store to see what they have available for your reading pleasure!!



Aktion Club is a club for adults with disabilities who want to make a difference in their community. It is sponsored by Valley City's local Kiwanis Club. It is open to all members of our community. The motto is: Where development has no disability. The mission is to provide adults living with disabilities an opportunity to develop initiative, leadership skills, and to serve their community. There are currently 31 members. Elected officers are Nick LeMier (President), Marshall Pederson (Vice President), Holly Sabinash (Secretary), and Adam Compson (Treasurer). The elected Board of Directors includes the officers, Nicholas Levers, Lee Hoff, Matt Thoreson, and Cassie Cowell. Their first service project in January was collecting food for the Food Pantry. The Aktion Club will be working on various projects throughout the year and assisting the Kiwanis Club with the Annual Pancake Feed. If you have any ideas for projects, questions, or know people that want to join please contact the Club Advisor Tara Anderson 845.1124.ext 128. The Aktion Club meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 3:00 pm at the Senior Center.



MONSTER JAM

The first weekend in February brought Richard, Leonard and Marshall to the Fargodome to enjoy the sounds, sights and concessions of the Monster Jam. I know it gets pretty loud in there, but it looks they really enjoyed the whole experience!!



IT'S SPRING

Corner

Katie's



*As I see it from
where I sit!*

By Katie Sand

Goodbye Snow! Goodbye Ice!

***Though, of course, you're very nice I'm glad you're gone
away, leaving us this fine Spring Day!***

***Goodbye Winter! Though it's true I've had lots of fun with
you, now I just could shout and sing. I'm so glad because it's
Spring!***

***Wintershow is coming up. Bring on the fun at the rodeo and
Chili Cookoff. Lots of good food! Listen to some good
music at the concert!***

***Prom is sure to be a blast! Dress up in your finest attire,
snag a date or a friend and dance the night away.***

***On St. Patrick's Day make sure you wear your favorite
green attire. Hunt for 4 leaf clovers, but watch out for
Leprechauns!***

***April Fool's Day is sure to be a funny one. Start practicing your skills and pull off
some fun pranks.***

***Last but not least is Easter. Dye some eggs and let the hunt begin. Personally, I
prefer a good deviled egg instead of candy. Have a great time seeing family and
friends!***

Until next time.KATIE

Happy
Easter



FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

**The Open Door Center now
has a public Facebook page
so please come take a look
at all the activities we have
been doing.**



**Diana and Diane attended a
Valentines Day
Party at the Senior Center.
Looks like some good treats!**

**Linda J. brought some cupcakes
in February to share with everyone
for her Birthday. Thanks Linda!**



**Looks like Leprechaun Ron
is starting his St. Patricks
Day shenanigans a little early
this year!**

A BIG

Welcome

**Ruby Chitty, Shawen Nichole Dumlao, Uria Gabel
Terri Hoaglund, Josh Jones, Sam Meyer, Riley Olsen
Levi Olson, Kari Omdahl, Kyle Ronningen
Lisa Schultz, Miles Taylor, Caleb Torke
and Carolyn Zaun**

COMING EVENTS

MARCH:

9 - Daylight Savings Time Begins
20 - First Day of Spring
30 - ODC Spring Fling

APRIL:

1 - April Fools Day
13 - Palm Sunday
20 - Easter
22 - Earth Day

**Have news???
Let Nancy know.
Your news is our
news!**

Next month watch
for an article on
Cindy Schoppers
exciting trip to Italy
for Special Olympics
USA!

CONGRATULATIONS



**Direct Support Professionals
for completing their modules!**

Part Time:

Shaylee Warren, Kiara Nguyen

Full Time:

***Maggie Oakland, Micah Lindt
Kari Omdahl, Samantha Hatcher***



**In Memory of Laurie Elston:
Andre & Marla DeLorme**

**Donations from: Cynthia Bruce
Patti Mayerich
Sheyenne Valley Community Foundation**

**Thank you for your generous donations to
the Open Door Center!**



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Charitable Donation

Please consider us when making your charitable donation. Open Door Center is a non-profit organization which receives support from the North Dakota Department of Human Services. Although it is our main funding source, it is not enough to cover all the costs of our corporation. The money received will help provide continued support and assistance to those supported by Open Door Center. We are very appreciative for the support we do already receive. If you would please consider a financial contribution to help meet the extra needs of our children and adults with disabilities, please fill out this form and return it to Open Door Center, 129 3rd Ave. NE, Valley City, ND 58072.

ENCLOSED IS MY TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION:
I would like my contribution:

☐ \$ 50 ☐ \$250
☐ \$100 ☐ \$500
☐ \$150 ☐ \$Other

In memory of: _____
In honor of: _____
Other: _____

May we publish your name? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Your thoughtful gift will be acknowledged to the family indicated:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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You may also donate on our
webpage: www.odcvc.com
Hit the red **DONATE** button
on the home page and choose
the amount you wish to
donate, hit the **NEXT** button
and follow instructions. The
Open Door Center would
really appreciate this donation.