

THE GUARDIANS' GAZETTE

Spring 2023 Edition

GREETINGS FROM DHI! WE ARE SO EXCITED TO TURN THE CORNER TO SPRING AND WARMER WEATHER. THAT WAS QUITE THE WINTER WE HAD, WITH MANY STORMS AND CHANGES WITH SCHEDULES AND PROGRAMMING, AS A RESULT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SCHEDULE CHANGES! I LOVE LOOKING OUT MY WINDOW AND SEEING OUR INDIVIDUALS SUPPORTED OUT FOR WALKS AND ENJOYING THE SUNSHINE. HERE'S TO SUNNY DAYS AHEAD FOR EVERYONE! TRICIA LEE, CEO

Legislative Update

After the Legislature was finished with their work, the additional support the DD agencies received ended up being a 2% increase for each year of the biennium for inflation, as well as an additional \$1 per hour towards direct and indirect care staff wages. We will be finding out more information in regard to how the additional funding for wages will be applied. While it fell significantly short of what our industry had requested, we are fortunate to have received an increase. We will continue to partner with our local legislators to help them to learn more about the work we do and the difference it makes.

Thank you to those of you who attended our 8th annual Autism Walk and Community Celebration! We changed it up this year and moved the venue to the Grand Cities Mall. It was great to see so many individuals supported, guardians, staff, and community partners take part. We even had Mayor Bochenski on hand to assist with the kick off. We are looking forward to doing this again next year!






ART NIGHTS ARE CONTINUING! OUR NEXT "ART EXTRAVAGANZA" IS SLATED FOR MAY 16TH FROM 6:30-7:30 PM AT DHI. PROJECT FOR THE NIGHT IS A SURPRISE!

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO FINDING AVENUES TO DISPLAY THE ART AND FUTURE COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITES TO LEARN AND PRACTICE NEW SKILLS. PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN IN THE FUN!

Update on Security Cameras

We have found the use of security cameras in our facilities to be very beneficial from a safety standpoint. We initially used them on an incident-only basis, but have also noted in our camera policy that cameras will be periodically monitored to check that they are working properly and also as a way to assure policies are being followed. We follow a strict policy regarding privacy of the individuals we serve and keep the camera access very limited. If you have questions or concerns regarding the use of cameras in our facilities, please feel free to email me at tlee@developmenthomes.org or reach me by phone at 701-335-4073, and I will be glad to visit with you on an individual basis. Note that the permissions on cameras are discussed when individual plans are drafted (or when reviewed) and also require approval by HRC.



Speech-Language Pathologist Jessica Sporbert assists Jessica Young with a handheld massager which relaxes Young at a therapy session. Sporbert has utilized the Mini-Grant for obtaining assistive technology to use during speech and language therapy.

DHI Envision Committee Mini-Grant Information

Our Vision

The purpose of the Envision Committee is to enhance the community, while being good stewards of trust dollars and staying consistent with DHI's mission. Benefits for the individuals served, or for stakeholders to better support individuals with developmental or intellectual disabilities, should be a primary focus. A positive community impact element is desired.

About Mini-Grants

DHI Envision Mini-Grants for stakeholders are awarded on a rolling basis. DHI stakeholders (e.g., guardians, community partners) are eligible to apply. The number and amount of the awards vary. Typical awards start at \$1500 and larger awards are also considered and awarded as appropriate.

Mini-Grants can be used for a variety of needs and must be consistent with the mission of the Envision Committee and DHI as an organization.

Specific Mini-Grant Funding Areas of Interest

Areas of interest that have been identified as priorities include independent living, technology, maximizing individual potential, and training and team building.

If you have any questions about the dollar amount available, or if you would like to discuss your project to see if it applies under any of these special interest areas, please contact Dr. Tricia Lee, CEO at 701-335-4073 or at tlee@developmenthomes.org.



Any DHI employee or DHI stakeholder is eligible to apply. **Scan the QR Code** to fill out our Mini-Grant Application.

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SPEAKER'S BUREAU

ABOUT US

Development Homes is excited to relaunch the Speaker's Bureau! This amazing group was founded in 2015 as a way for individuals supported to be able to share their stories and promote self-advocacy. The Bureau includes other agencies as well and has served as a collaborative forum for education and opportunity. The speakers who participate in this group will participate in engaging activities, as well as have the opportunity to speak to a variety of groups, including local businesses, schools, clubs and more. The possibilities are endless! If you are interested in joining the Speaker's Bureau as a participant or a volunteer, we'd love to have you! Please contact tle@developmenthomes.org for more information or call us at 701-335-4000.



 Join us for an
ice cream social
on Thursday,
June 8th from
4:30-6 pm
at the DHI Main
Office 

CONTACT US
701-335-4000

Teen Night Out

The next Teen Night Out activity will be May 25th at DHI. It's a Grad Party to celebrate those who are graduating. The fun goes from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to Joan Karpenko at 701-330-8641 or by sending an email to joan@fvnd.org



*Thank
you!*

IF YOU EVER HAVE SUGGESTIONS OR FEEDBACK TO SHARE, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT TO ME AT TLEE@DEVELOPMENTHOMES.ORG. I AM SO HAPPY TO BE AT DHI, AND I TRULY BELIEVE IN THE WORK THAT WE DO AND IN THE PEOPLE WE ARE HERE FOR. DR. TRICIA LEE, CEO



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We Value our stakeholders and invite you to contact us to find out how you can make an impact in the lives of others!



We invite you to visit our website at developmenthomes.org



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