

# THE GUARDIANS' GAZETTE

Summer 2023 Edition

GREETINGS FROM DHI! IT'S BEEN A BUSY SUMMER SO FAR! WE'VE HAD A LOT OF ACTIVITIES GOING ON, WITH EVERYTHING FROM THE ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER TO THE FIRST EVER CONNECTING GENERATIONS EVENT, WHICH WE PARTNERED WITH OTHER AGENCIES ON. IT'S BEEN GREAT TO COLLABORATE ON THESE EVENTS. TOGETHER, WE CAN DO SO MUCH MORE THAN WE CAN EVER DO BY OURSELVES! TRICIA LEE, CEO

## Interagency Picnic

We will be holding the picnic in September this year, as we had great feedback last year that later in the season worked better. Stay tuned for the date to be confirmed for great food, games, prizes and awesome music.





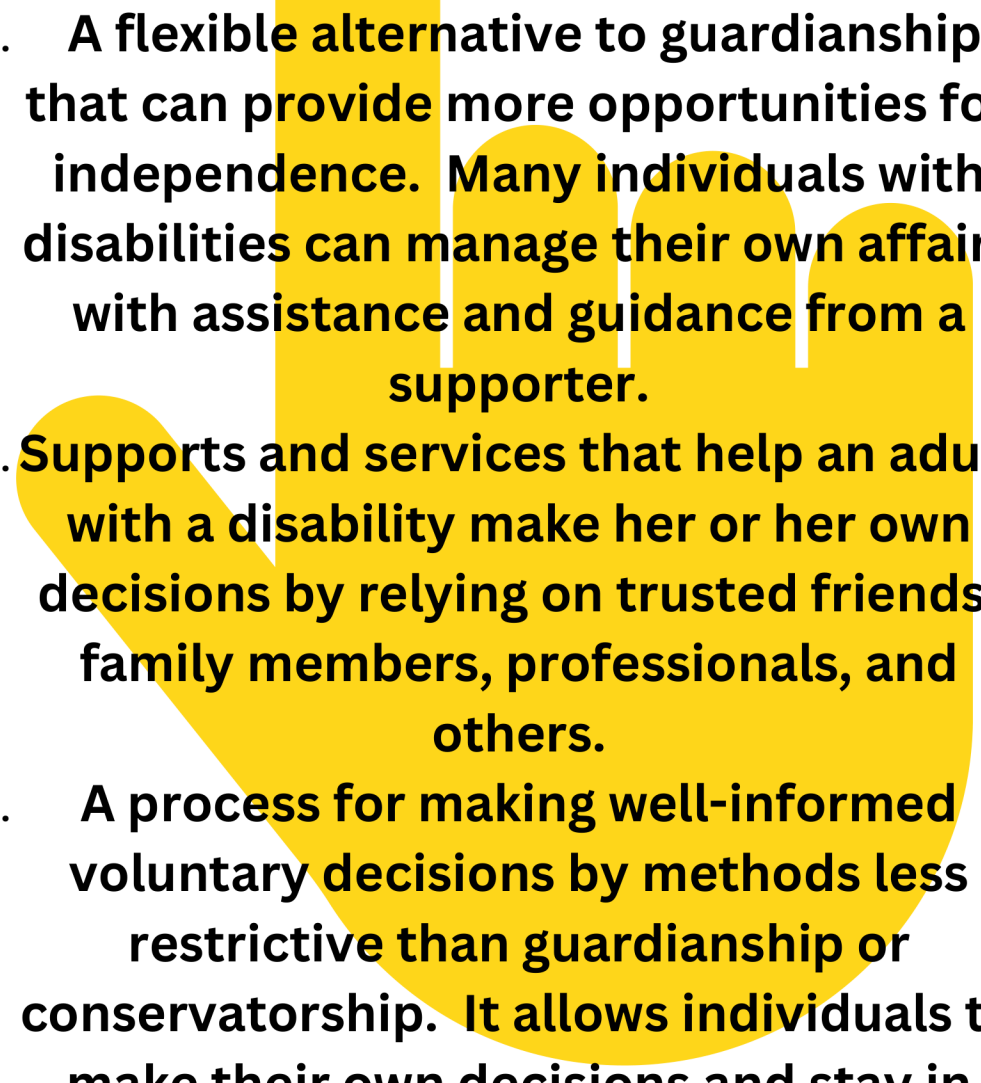


**ART NIGHTS ARE AWESOME! OUR NEXT "ART EXTRAVAGANZA" IS SLATED FOR AUGUST 15TH FROM 6:30-7:30 PM AT DHI.**

**A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE ARTISTS AND VOLUNTEERS WHO MAKE THIS NIGHT A SUCCESS EACH MONTH!**

# Supported Decision Making

*(Information as provided by Protection and  
Advocacy of North Dakota)*

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1. **A flexible alternative to guardianship that can provide more opportunities for independence. Many individuals with disabilities can manage their own affairs with assistance and guidance from a supporter.**
  2. **Supports and services that help an adult with a disability make her or her own decisions by relying on trusted friends, family members, professionals, and others.**
  3. **A process for making well-informed voluntary decisions by methods less restrictive than guardianship or conservatorship. It allows individuals to make their own decisions and stay in charge of their own lives, while receiving the help and assistance they need.**

***Want more Information? Please contact  
Protection & Advocacy Project***

***701-328-2950***

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**A big thank you goes out to Self Advocacy Solutions (SAS) for their assistance recently with a rights presentation! Our individuals supported had a great time completing activities and participating in a discussion about the rights that they are entitled to. It was a fun and informative session!**


**The SAS group is pretty amazing and has been a great leader in promoting self-advocacy, equity and non-discrimination. We have individuals supported who serve as leaders in this organization, as well, which is also pretty cool!**

**If you are interested in learning more about how to connect with this amazing organization, they can be reached at:**

**[www.facebook.com/pages/Self-Advocacy-Solutions-ND-SAS/](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Self-Advocacy-Solutions-ND-SAS/)**

**or by email at:  
ddgrantsas@hotmail.com**





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](mailto:tlee@developmenthomes.org).



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

[www.developmenthomes.org](http://www.developmenthomes.org)



COMMUNITY VOTES

**GRAND FORKS**

*2023* **PLATINUM  
WINNER**

*voted best in*

**Non-Profit**

*We couldn't do it  
without you!*

*Thank you  
for your  
support!*



# Teen Night Out

The next Teen Night Out activity will be **August 24th at DHI**. The activity of the night will announced soon! 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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