

THE GUARDIANS' GAZETTE

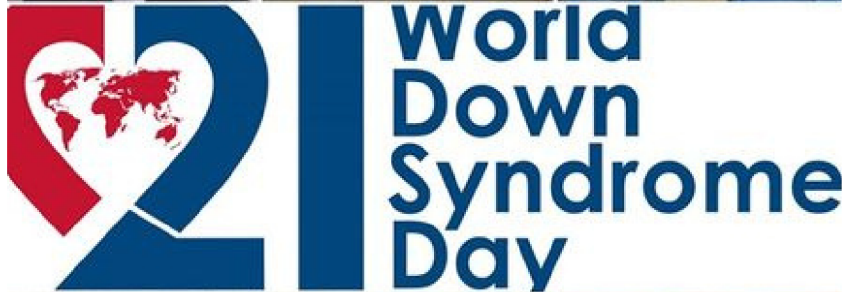
March 2024 Edition

GREETINGS FROM DHI! WE CAN ALMOST FEEL THE SPRING VIBES UPON US! ALTHOUGH WE'VE HAD A MILD WINTER, IT STILL FEELS LIKE WE ARE READY FOR SOME SUNSHINE! WE HAVE BEEN MAKING THE BEST OF THE OPPORTUNITIES WE HAVE TO GET OUT AND ABOUT IN THE COMMUNITY. WE ARE KEEPING OUR FACEBOOK PAGE UPDATED AND ACTIVE WITH OUR MANY ACTIVITIES, SO CHECK US OUT IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN FOLLOWING US SO FAR. IT'S BEEN A GREAT WAY TO SHARE WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO!

We rose to the challenge presented by our friends at Grand Forks Growth and Support through recently participating in a pie in the face challenge. We had many leaders were willing to take one for the team and many individuals supported willing to help with the pelting of the pies! We had a blast, even though we were a little messy!



March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month and March 21ST is World Down Syndrome Day! We'll be taking part by participating in activities and events to help celebrate and to raise awareness.





DHI THROUGH THE DECADES

As we prepare for an exciting year of celebrations, we would love for you to share your DHI Stories, Memories, or Fun Facts! Scan the QR code to share!



SAVE THE DATE!!!!

9TH ANNUAL

**AUTISM AWARENESS WALK &
COMMUNITY CELEBRATION**



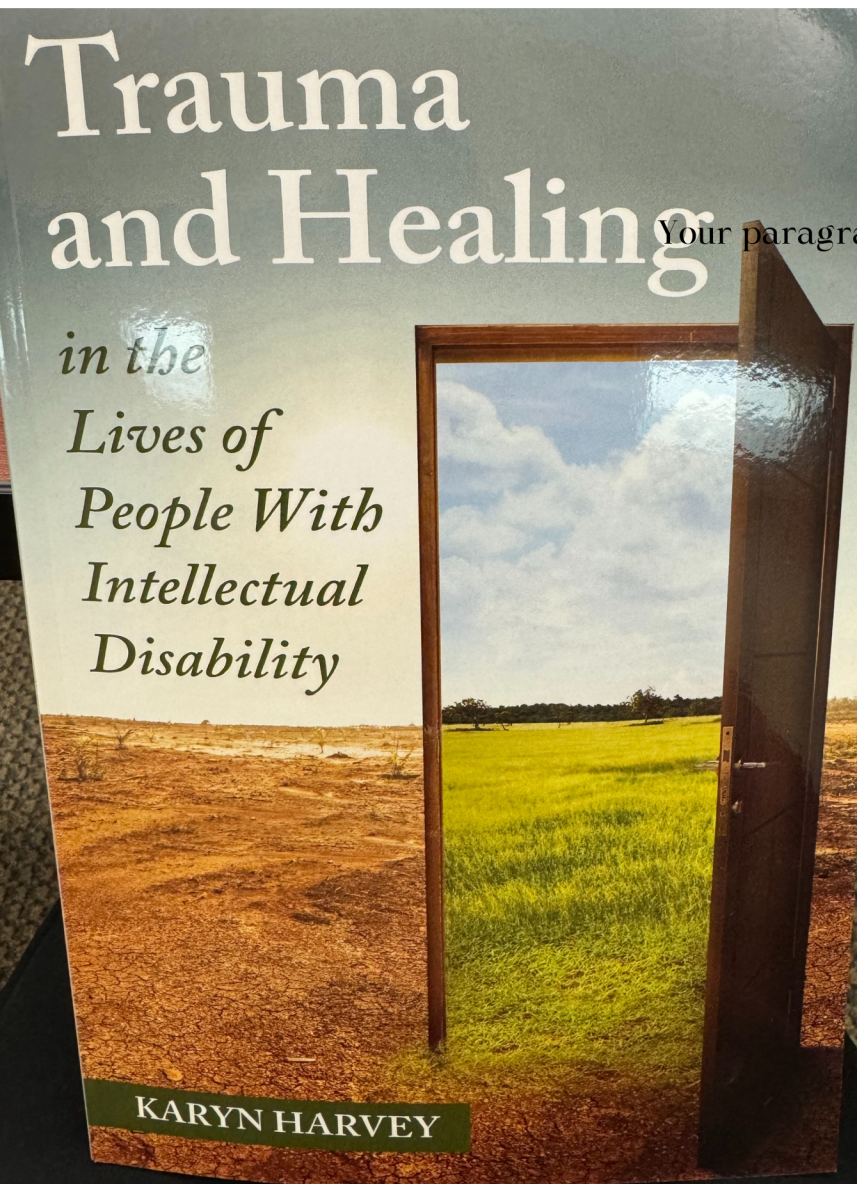
**When: April 20th, 2024
Where: Grand Cities Mall
@ 9am-11am**


Game Changer! We were able to purchase this nifty new car/van, which has the option to have a wheelchair secured in the front on the passenger side! People have enjoyed this new view, with more opportunities for conversations, to ride “shotgun,” and to have a great view of the road. There is also a multi-length ramp, which gives great options. Thanks, Gordon, for finding this for us and to the Board of Directors for approving it!



TRAUMA INFORMED CARE

In January, we participated in what is the start of our Trauma Informed Care initiative. We had a national expert, Karyn Harvey, here to provide professional development. We were fortunate to learn with her and will continue to develop next steps around providing training both as staff are hired and on an ongoing basis. It's important to keep learning and growing, and we look forward to our developing our knowledge in this area!





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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*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