



Partners in Human Growth

Providing residential, therapeutic, and employment support to persons with disabilities in Grand Forks for over 40 years.

A Word from our CEO:

2018 promises to be a great year for DHI! We have some fun events coming up that we want you, our partners, to know about. They are great opportunities to get involved!

First, I want to thank the family members and guardians, community stakeholders, people we support, board members, and staff for your contributions to our very successful re-accreditation by the Council on Quality and Leadership. Many were involved in focus groups and a day-long planning session during the week of March 26-29th, and we are so appreciative of the input given into directions DHI will be taking into the future. Your thoughts were very helpful in challenging ourselves to expand our vision of helping people supported by DHI to have the most control over their own lives and to focus on those things that matter most to people.

On April 23rd at 2 pm, Mayor Brown will be at DHI to have a conversation with our staff and self-advocates about living in Grand Forks. This will give a chance for our Speaker's Bureau to tell their stories. They are becoming quite skilled at public speaking!

Then, on April 28th the annual Autism Awareness Walk will be held at the UND Wellness Center, starting at 9 am. It is a great opportunity to gather information about autism and services. It is free and open to the public, and guaranteed to be a great time!

On May 1st, DHI is sponsoring one of our two main fundraising events of the year. This will be a Brewer's Dinner at the Blue Moose, with great food and beer pairings from the Fargo Brewing Company. It starts at 6 pm. Log on to www.developmenthomes.org to register soon, as it fills up fast! The next big fund-raiser will be our annual golf tournament, scheduled for July 19th at the Grand Forks Country Club. It is not too early to register for that event now, as we anticipate a full complement of teams.

Much of our fund-raising this year will be to help furnish our new children's group home, which we hope to open this summer/fall. This will enable more kids to come home to the community from stays at the Life Skills and Transition Center in Grafton, or to prevent the need for more restrictive institutional care. We look forward to the involvement of our great community partners – you – as we make this dream a reality!



Sandi Marshall, CEO

Our Vision

We envision a community built on mutual reciprocity for everyone, driven by progressive leadership, an inspired workforce, strong community connections, and wise use of technology.

LIFE'S A GARDEN! DIG IT!

During this past summer our ACES team was able to get their “Green Thumb” on! We had the delight of adding a garden to our property with the help of your donations! We were looking for a new way to teach our team about the importance of food and where it comes from. Through this teaching experience they were able to start seedlings off from the beginning. The team watched seeds sprout, helped turn the soil, planted, tended, weeded and of course tested tasty new recipes with their harvest. They planted a variety of crops from herbs to pumpkins. The group was excited to enjoy the warm sunny days tending to their crop and watching all the stages that go along with the growing process. This next summer we are hoping to expand the garden to include a 3-season greenhouse that will include a walking path and sitting area to make it accessible to those supported. They will also be working on entrepreneur skills and selling their harvest. The ACES team along with the rest of us are looking forward to seeing the bright beautiful greens sprouting from the earth, along with taste-testing ACES home-grown bounty! With your continued donations and support, you help us facilitate new ways to support the people DHI serves through our different programs. So be on the lookout when you drive by or come for a visit this summer, you may even be lucky enough to try some scrumptious snacks!



Our Mission:

Development Homes, Inc. is committed to the provision of quality community based support services to persons with disabilities which will enable them to maximize their individual potential and fulfill their personal dreams.

SMALL ACTS, WHEN MULTIPLIED BY MILLIONS OF PEOPLE, CAN TRANSFORM THE WORLD!



Imagine living in a world where no one understands you. A world that makes sense to you, but not to those around you. People do not understand the thoughts and feelings racing through your head. You might say one thing but your face and actions tell a different story. You are unable to control your reactions and your emotions. You are trying to communicate to the best of your abilities but the meaning gets lost in translation. For many who are diagnosed with a disability, this is everyday life.

The world is scary place for those who may look, act, and sound differently from what others may deem “normal”. But what we need to remember is it is their world too and it is ever-changing and adapting to meet the needs of its people. One of the ways this is accomplished is from organizations like ours. Development Homes, Inc. has been in existence since 1974 when it was founded to become a permanent residence for children who were living in an institution and needed access to the necessary medications, therapies and specialists that Grand Forks provided. It was that need that sparked a turn in the way we provide supports for those diagnosed with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Fast forward 44 years and Development Homes, Inc. has grown exponentially since its inception. We offer many types of programs from Respite Care, Day Supports, Job Coaching, and 24-Hour Residential Services. The people supported through these programs have been able to grow and learn. Whether it be job skills, or living in their own apartment they have learned to thrive.

Because of you and your donations and support we were able to turn the dream of our founders into a reality. It is also because of you and others like you we were able to open the first crisis unit for persons with disabilities in Grand Forks. This unit is designed to provide respite needs of housing during various crisis situations so that an individual could continue living in a stable living environment with as little disruption to their daily life as possible. With your donations along with partial funding from the United Way, DHI was able to open, furnish and house many individuals within the last year. Starting in January of this year we turned the keys over to Northeast Human Service Center to become the gate-keeper and opened the unit to other human service agencies within Grand Forks. It is because of you that we have been able to grow, thrive and adapt to providing the necessary services to those seeking our support.



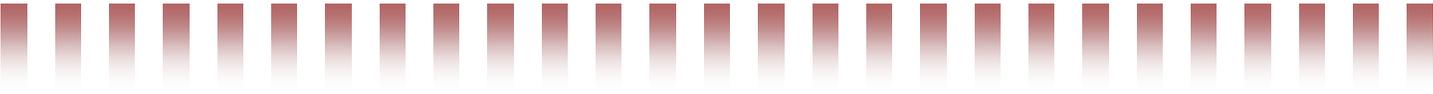
Yes! I want to make a difference in the lives of persons with disabilities.

I believe that inclusion of people with disabilities in all aspects of everyday life, enriches our quality of life, our community and our humanity. Therefore, I will:

- _____ Arrange a time for the members of the Speakers’ Bureau to speak at my club/church.
- _____ Volunteer and participate in one of DHI’s social capital events (Art, Speakers’ Bureau, Aktion Club)
- _____ Participate in an advisory group to help connect persons with disabilities to our community.
- _____ I cannot volunteer right now, but please accept my donation.

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