



# 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:

Innovation Drives DHI Services to Youth

Excellence is one of the core values of Development Homes that guides our planning efforts. A big part of that is a desire to be nimble and to continue to grow our services to meet changing community needs. Fortunately, we have a culture of innovation fully-supported by our Board of Directors and leaders, and by you, as our partners.

DHI has a strong commitment to continue to offer the highest quality of services that enable people with disabilities to live, work, and socialize in our community, while maximizing independence and quality of life. To that end, we are always assessing unmet needs and for new ways to step up to the challenges of creating new services.

Recently, DHI expanded our day support program from adults aged 21 and over to provide transition services to older adolescents and young adults who are still eligible for educational programs through the public school system. This is a new area for us, and is a great way for these young adults to learn work and pre-employment skills as they transition to adult life.

You also may know that Development Homes has purchased a brand-new, beautiful 4-bedroom home that is being retrofitted to comply with state standards to be used as a group home for children. This project will enable more kids to come home to the community from stays at the Life Skills and Transition Center in Grafton, or to avoid the need for more restrictive institutional care. Plans are to be up and fully operational by the end of the year.

DHI has purchased or built affordable, subsidized housing for people with disabilities over the years, with notably the addition of a 6-plex townhome complex for young adults with autism and a duplex housing 4 young adults, both since 2010.

As our partners, you can help to open opportunities for the youth and young adults to help them be productive, contributing members of our great community of Grand Forks. Much of our fund-raising this year will be to help furnish and equip our new children's group home. Your contributions help to make this happen, whether it involves a donation, participating in a fund-raising event like our recent annual golf tournament, providing a job for a person new to the workforce, or simply being a friend. Please contact us at 701-335-4000 with your ideas!



Sandi Marshall, CEO

**“What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but is woven into the lives of others.” - Pericles**

This past July, Development Homes, Inc. along with Innes Construction hosted the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament at the Grand Forks Country Club. The tournament continues to be a successful event with a full complement of players. This tournament is the biggest fundraising event of the year! Funds raised are utilized for the various programs and supports that DHI has to offer. All funds raised from this year will be going towards our new ICF/IDD Children’s Group Home. This house will become home to four adolescents that currently reside in Grafton, ND at the Life Skills and Transition Center. Because of where these four live, they are considered homeless. Funds will be used towards all furnishings for the home, which also includes all bedroom furnishings. The funds will also enable each of these individuals to purchase various necessities, such as clothing, bedding, and school supplies. This will be DHI’s eighth group home, and our second home specifically licensed for children/adolescents. Because of your continued support for Development Homes’ programs and your active participation in our special fundraising events, you have enabled us to offer new programs and living options for individuals that are seeking permanent support services within the state of North Dakota. Keep a look out for the upcoming open house. Come and take a peek and see your donations and support in action!



**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.**

## **“We have the power to change the world over.” - Thomas Paine**

In September, DHI and our community of artists hosted the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Show. This year's featured artist was Donnie Fraiser with his piece called "Moonlight". Donnie has been and continues to be an active participant with the many programs offered at Development Homes, some of which includes Art Night and Speakers Bureau. Donnie is also an active volunteer throughout the Grand Forks community, he enjoys volunteering at Hope Church and numerous other programs throughout the city. Donnie currently works at Dairy Queen off of South Columbia Road and has been employed with them for 3 years. Donnie has told us he truly enjoys working on his artwork and is extremely proud to have been chosen as this year's featured artist. Each artist works very hard throughout the year on their artwork and are excited to showoff their creativity to the community. Your donations and support have enabled DHI to offer this program free of charge to each artist. You have also enabled us to host the annual art show free of charge to the public. The positive impact programs like this have on those we serve throughout the Grand Forks community is unending. We could not do this without you! We look forward to next year's Art Show and all the beautiful pieces that will be done!



### **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.**

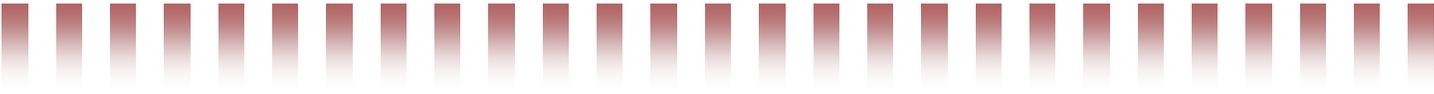
**Yes! I want to make a difference in the lives of persons with disabilities.**

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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