



# ABLE inc

*Weaving lives together*

AUGUST 2019

## UNIFIED SOFTBALL WITH BIG STICKS!

Where is the best place to spend a Saturday in the heat of summer? At the ballpark! On July 20th, Dickinson's own Big Sticks baseball team shared their field with the Dickinson Park & Rec Unified Softball league for the second year in a row. The event did not disappoint as players both young and old took their swings and circled the bases with the support of Big Sticks players and our ABLE employees. Those in the audience braved the heat to enjoy two fun-filled innings full of celebration and pure joy. We'd like to thank all of the players and fans who purchased t-shirts for the event and these generous sponsors: Army's West, Champs Sports Bar, Support Systems, The Arc of Dickinson, Coca-Cola. Thank you as well to Claudia Torres and Jason Watson for coordinating the event. It was a hit!

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# A Story of Answered Prayers

Ronda Colbert had been praying to find her older sister, Cheryl, since 1982 and her younger sister, Teri, since 1985. The girls grew up in Harlan, Iowa and lost touch with each other after going their separate ways.

Ronda's father died in an automobile accident when she was 15 years old and then her mother to cancer when she was 16. She stayed at home with a neighbor's help for another year before leaving with her boyfriend to California. That was the last time Ronda had any contact with her family...that is until July 2, 2018. Buying a raffle ticket for the Southwest Healthcare Long-Term Care fundraiser back in 2016 proved to be the luckiest purchase Ronda ever made and little did she know it would prove to be the answer to her prayers. She won the raffle and her picture was in the Bowman County Pioneer which is what her sister Cheryl found when doing an online search. Ronda had done some online searches with Darlene Ovitt and Jodee Jacobs since moving to Bowman, however had no idea of Cheryl or Teri's married names and if they were married so could only search Colbert. Carolynne Jones received a call from Vicki Swanson, Southwest Healthcare Activity Department on 7-2-18 and was told Cheryl had called the nursing home 6-30-18 and talked to someone there who took down her contact information. Ronda and Carolynne called Cheryl 7-2-18 and if the ground wasn't moving in Bowman, it sure was at ABLE. Cheryl told Ronda she and her husband were living in Kinder, Louisiana and had two sons. Their sister Teri and her husband live in Sacramento, California and have four daughters and three sons.

Ronda and Cheryl now talk on the phone almost daily and hope in the future to get together. Until then pictures and phone calls are making up for lost time.



Ronda Colbert's prayers were answered the day she finally reconnected with her sister.



**REPEAT OUTLET**

**101 NORTH MAIN STREET - BOWMAN, ND**

**OPEN 8AM-5PM MON-FRI**



# GENEROUS DONORS IMPACT LIVES

Through the support of our friends, families & community partners, ABLE, Inc. continues to strengthen services and provide enriching experiences for people. We are honored that the following partners chose to give towards generators for our group homes, making them safer.

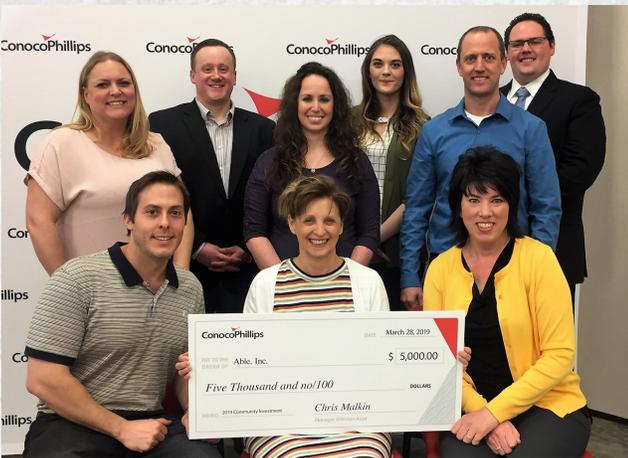
## Whiting donated \$10,000.

Pictured below: Mary Anderson, Executive Director and Mike Klein, Business Manager, with our friends at Whiting.



## MDU donated \$5000.

Pictured above: right, Mike Klein, Business Manager with Jeff Jirges, District Operations Manager, MDU.

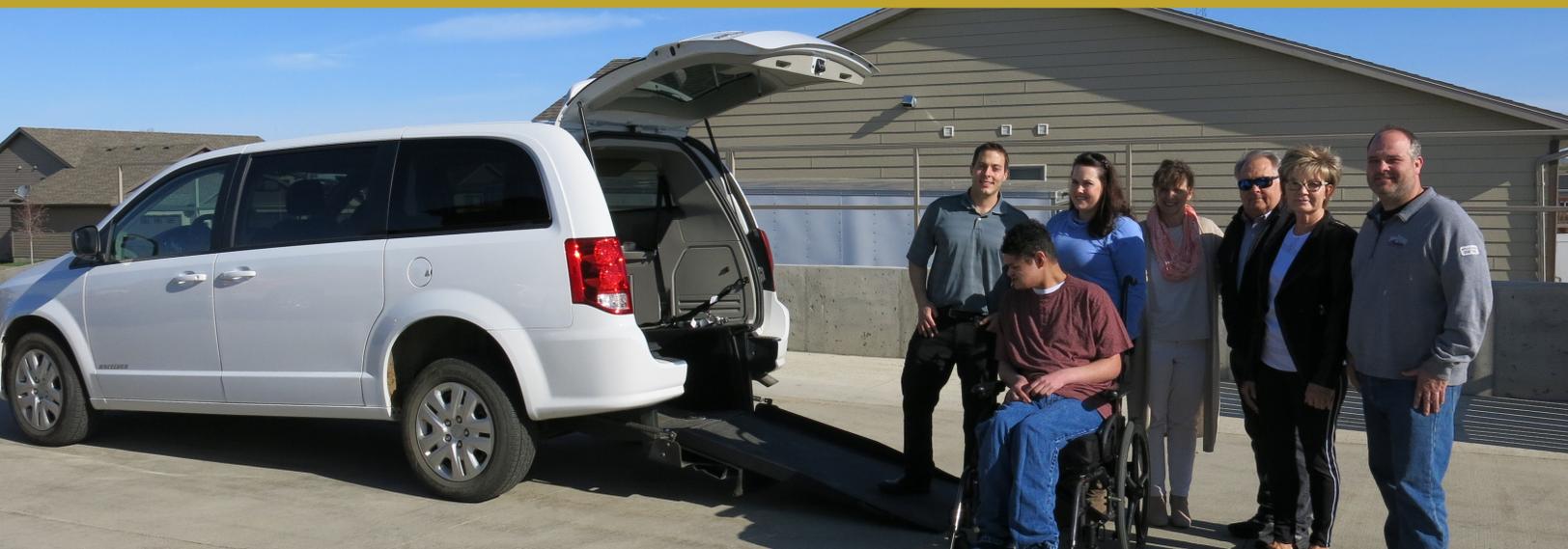


## Conoco Phillips donated \$5000.

Pictured right, bottom row: Mike Klein, Mary Anderson, Cheryl Fadness (President, Board of Directors) with our friends at Conoco Phillips.



**Tooz Construction donated \$15,000. This monetary gift, along with the Legacy Global donation, was combined to purchase a new wheelchair accessible minivan.**



# Hot off the Press:

- ABLE, Inc. has found a new partner, Prime Time Healthcare. This company is based out of Omaha, NE and provides CNA staffing to supplement our current workforce.
- We are currently working on upgrading our website with new design, updated content and new fabulous pictures.
- St. Johns Lutheran Trust Fund donated \$3000 towards the purchase of AED (Automated External Defibrillator) machines for our residential and store locations.
- We have increased our starting wage for Direct Support Professionals to \$16.00 per hour and continue to work on recruiting new employees.
- We are also looking to add members to our nursing team in Dickinson! RNs or LPNs should contact our main office for more information.



*Thank you for  
your support!*

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DROPPED OFF AT OUR  
DECADES LOCATION IN  
THE TREX MALL**

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ABLE THRIFT CENTER**

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PREFERRED AT OUR  
ABLE MAIN OFFICE SO  
ITEMS CAN BE  
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