

MAY 2022 | Pictured with Chamber Board Member Pete Morowski, left to right, Colin Schmidt, Mary Anderson and Abra Safratowich.

ABLE, INC. -- NONPROFIT OF THE YEAR

ABLE, Inc. is proud to be recently nominated for the Dickinson Chamber of Commerce Nonprofit of the Year award alongside two other wonderful organizations: Power of 100 Women & Nexus-Path.

The 115th Annual Banquet & Chamber Choice Awards were held on Tuesday, April 26 at the Astoria. A group from ABLE attended and after much suspense, we were delighted to hear our name called as the winner of Nonprofit of the Year award! It is nice to be recognized by our community for the contributions that we are making to provide quality services to people with disabilities as well as offering retail locations through our ABLE stores and the newly renovated T-Rex Plaza. Thank you Dickinson Chamber of Commerce for the wonderful evening of networking and the award recognition.

Pictured above: Mitch Hintz. Below: Mike Klein, Austyn Reed, Mitch Hintz. Lower: Sarah Carlson and Mary Anderson



Back left to right: Sydney Faller, Sue Walz, Colin Schmidt, Kirsten Friedt, Susan Schaefer, Abra Safratowich, Nita Weikum, Connie Kralicek, Teri Dupont. Front: Austyn Reed, Sarah Carlson, Mitch Hintz, Dorothy Schlabsz, Mary Anderson, Mike Klein.

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New Hours: Tues-Fri 10am-5pm Saturday 10am-3pm

We will continue to accept donations on Mondays at the North door. We appreciate your support!

Celebrating Softball Season



After a long 2 years off due to COVID, Dickinson Park & Recreation will be holding Unified softball this year. Players were excited to sign up and dig out their bats and gloves in preparation for Wednesday nights! Games will run from June 1-July 20 from 6:30-7-30pm at the South Gress Baseball Complex. With over 30 people signed up, it should be a great season. Everyone is welcome to come and cheer on your favorite players!



Pictured above left to right: Braden Tooz, Matt Steinbach, Chris Douthit, Amy Belile & Pat Renner. Left: Wendy Obritsch at bat. Right: Catcher Gail Dobitz, John Vaughn batting with Olivia Ogren. Abra Safratowich, John Vaughn and Carissa Hibl.







Saying Goodbye to a Beautiful Soul

SUSAN KREHLIK APRIL 4, 1966–APRIL 23, 2022

Our dear friend Susan Krehlik passed away April 23, 2022. With almost 30 years at ABLE, Susan touched many lives with her beautiful smile, witty humor and kind, gentle heart. We will forever cherish the memories made and gifts she brought into this world.

Pictured above: Sarah Carlson. Below: Mary Anderson & Susie's best friend Wade Hassebrock.





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Fun Moments at Day Supports





Randy Wyman helping out his community by doing painting & repairs during "Helping Hettinger Day" on May 15, 2022. What a great event!







Top left to right: Crystalyn Zastoupil & Josette Copenhaver enjoying the nice weather, Julia Anderson working on a project. Lower left to right: Alexis Rustan, Crystalyn Zastoupil and Lori Friesz





Far left to right: Ray Rykowski and Sarah Steiner taking in the TR National Park, Carrie Beck enjoying spa day, Jodi Pelton & Abra Safratowich playing bingo. Eileen Schroeder celebrating at her 80th birthday party!







Preserving Memories

When Wade Branson retired last year, he couldn't just toss his old UPS uniforms. He decided to recycle them! Thanks to the Repeat Outlet in Bowman ND, the uniforms were repurposed into a new quilt. Wade is the husband of Annette Branson, a past DDPM with Badlands Human Service Center and long time advocate and friend of many people we support. Wade and Annette, we wish you the best in your retirement and please know that you made a tremendous impact here and are truly missed!

Repeat Outlet makes beautiful memory quilts out of a variety of clothing such as old sports, event t-shirts or even the clothing of a loved one who has passed on. What a wonderful way to preserve treasured memories!

Repeat Outlet UNIQUE GIFTS DESIGNED & CRAFTED ON LOCATION 101 NORTH MAIN STREET - BOWMAN ND

A little extra winter to go with our spring...



Easter photos on right: Ron Bosch dying eggs. Lynn Evans and Michelle Baker giving it a try. Lower left to right: Elaine Wyman and Pauline Lefevre, Wade Hassebrock, JoAnn Reiderer, Susan Krehlik, & Victoria Haney dying eggs. Eileen Schroeder showing off her Easter basket. Lynn Evans happy with his egg results!

Pictured left: A view of the Dickinson Main office after the first few hours of our winter storm. Upper left: Richard Susa showing off his snowy patio. Below: Curtis Reiter waiting by his window for spring to arrive.









Easter Bingo Party

Lower left to right: Amy Belile won a beautiful blanket! Josette Copenhaver is all smiles, enjoying time with her friends. Shirley Lund so happy to take home the picture frame set she won.







Even though we were delayed for a week due to snow, the HOPE selfadvocacy group was able to host our Easter Bingo Party at the ABLE Main Office. We had 6 new people join for this event, something we are very proud of since our goal for our ND DD Council grant for 2022 was to gain new members. We look forward to planning future events and reaching even more people with disabilities in our community in the future. Our next meeting is June 14th at 6:30pm at Rocky Butte picnic table shelter. We are going to plan future meetings and discuss electing officers for the group.



Above: Ryan Koltes showing off his prizes. Below: Ray Rykowski and Abra Safratowich waiting for the next game to start.



THANK YOU GINA FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

The Repeat Outlet in Bowman would like to highlight one of our super customers. Gina Harder is employed as a cook at the Bowman County School. Over the past few years, she has bought forty-five aprons from the Repeat Outlet store. Gina enjoys a variety of aprons for the seasons and holidays and to show off her fun personality. She is a proficient sewer but chooses to support ABLE by buying aprons from them. When people ask where she got her aprons, she loves to tell them she got them from ABLE!



Pictured above: Kie Lie Mosbrucker DSP at ABLE, Inc. since October 2018.

Pictured right: Gina Harder with her collection of aprons





THE DAY I BECAME AN AMERICAN CITIZEN

After being permanent resident for few years I applied to be US citizen. To be a part of the country of freedom and liberty, on November 3rd 2021, after months of studying, I passed the civics test in Fargo, ND. In January I received notice that I would need to report to the Fargo USCIS office to take my Oath of Allegiance. On February 8, 2022, I became a proud citizen of the United States of America.

Congratulations Kie Lie! We are so grateful to have you on our team!

We can always count on you!

ABLE, Inc. is proud to feature RLK Enterprises as our featured Community Partner! Ryan Kilwein and his team have been assisting us for around 5 years with a large variety of projects. Whether we are needing help with snow removal, painting, wall repair, wood working, electrical or even appliance purchases, Ryan has been there. He always responds timely and is someone that we know we can count on. Many of the people with disabilities we support also know and appreciate Ryan because he has been a



volunteer for Special Olympics for many years. Congratulations Ryan on your growing business! We appreciate all that you do in taking care of ABLE, Inc. and our properties.





Pictured right: Mary Anderson presenting Ryan Kilwein with a gift basket to show our appreciation for his guick response & support.

