

# Inspirations

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Cover: Jason Swisher reeled in his catch of the day with the help of Daily Discovery Mentor Erin Gathercole.



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**Good Things Take Time**

So many exciting projects are going on this summer at HDC that it is hard to keep up with all of them. And as luck would have it, many of these projects are coming together at the same time. Some we have shared with you previously; some are new projects that we are just getting off the ground. And some we are very enthusiastic about but aren't quite ready to make public just yet!

Curious? Good.

First, thank you for supporting those projects that have been in development for a while. For example, we are so close to beginning the refresh of our Daily Discovery facilities at the Hickory Grove Road location, we can almost feel it. We have been working with designers, painters, flooring experts, and others to completely change the environment in which these services are provided. I anticipate that by the middle of September the first areas of the building will begin to be transformed, and all I can share right now is "WOW!" We have never done anything like this before!

In addition, we are taking care of some much-needed housekeeping items this summer. Our Hickory Grove Road location is getting a fresh and more contemporary paint job, and the Enterprise production area and warehouse will receive a much-needed new roof. Plus, several of our facilities were damaged in the April hailstorm, so those repairs will be happening over the next several months as well.



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Doug Case and Annette Grimm are looking forward to all the good things happening at HDC.

Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will see information about the "Support the Court" campaign, which is an effort to build a new multi-purpose sports court. Our participants want to be active, and we want to help them enjoy a variety of healthy activities and sports in a safe and flexible setting. The response to this campaign has been very enthusiastic, and if it continues to be so strongly supported, we may look at putting in similar courts at our Brady Street facility and possibly even at the Residential Center. We are even going to sneak in a three-hole putting green too!

So, what is it I'm not sharing with you? Let me just say that we have some things coming down the pipeline, in the not-too-distant future, that will be mind-blowing and will set HDC up for the next chapter in our story. Trust me, you'll know it when you hear about it.

Still curious? Great!

Stay tuned, there is so much more to come.





Sakeena Cunningham, Laura Jardine, and Nate Sanders greeted the golfers and handed out goodie bags to all the outing participants.



Eric Langan's "golf pro" sign is pointed at someone else in his foursome; either Frank Zucker, Divot Ekizian, or HDC board member Joe Judge.

## HANDS Down, Another Great Outing

The HANDS Auxiliary hosted another fantastic golf outing with Crow Valley Golf Club providing a beautiful and challenging course for a day of fun, fundraising and camaraderie. The perfect weather resulted in quick play, so golfers were able to enjoy the after-golf food, beverages, and prizes a little earlier this year.

The HANDS committee is grateful for the support of the many generous sponsors and all those who played. Prize winners were:

**1st Flight:** Steve Shafer, Noah Shafer, Brad Nordin

**2nd Flight:** Matt Flowers, Ben Bartel, Todd Seiffert, Dennis Curtis

**3rd Flight:** Bob Noth, Sherm Hamel, Pat Friemel, Rich McMurray

**Hole 3 closest to the pin:** Paul Rouse

**Hole 5 closest to the pin:** Eric Langan

**Hole 7 longest drive (men):** Don Meyer

**Hole 7 longest drive (women):**

Kimberly Datisman

**Hole 9 closest to the pin:** Fred Mulch

**Hole 11 closest to the pin:** Frank Zucker

**Hole 17 closest to the pin:** Brad Skrzyniarz

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# Host Homes: Opening Your Home and Heart

"Home sweet home. This is the place to find happiness." M.K. Soni

A new residential option is coming to HDC, one in which people open their homes and hearts to offer participants an opportunity to live in a supportive, family setting where they can gain independence and form strong, lasting friendships.

Host Homes have been around for a long time but are relatively new in this area. People who decide to be a Host Home provider have many different reasons for making that decision. They may be "empty nesters", families with children, single people, or anyone who enjoys helping others.

Providers and individuals who experience intellectual and/or developmental disabilities are carefully matched. Host Home arrangements provide a private home experience for individuals while also offering support and companionship. In return, the home providers enjoy making a difference in another person's life, while receiving a generous tax-free monthly stipend.

HDC is currently looking for people who are interested in learning more about Host Homes. Information is available at [www.handicappeddevelopment.org](http://www.handicappeddevelopment.org) or contact Linda Gill at [lindagill@hdcmail.org](mailto:lindagill@hdcmail.org) or 563-344-8688.





# Support the Court

It's summer and everyone at HDC is lathering on sunscreen, grabbing a hat, and getting out as much as possible. Every week, there are all kinds of summertime activities, like water balloon fights, cookouts, gardening, outdoor games, and trips to parks and small-town festivals.

People cannot get enough of these fun-in-the-sun activities, except there is just one problem. Not everyone at HDC can participate in all of them.

On a recent afternoon, a group planned to throw a Frisbee around in the back of the Hickory Grove Road building, but some people were not able to participate. Some folks could not navigate the uneven ground or get their wheelchairs through the grass, so everyone decided to do a different activity. Leaving friends on the sidelines was not an option.

Behind the Hickory Grove Road building is a wonderful open space that would be ideal for all kinds of outdoor activities, but it does not get used much. Unfortunately, anyone who uses a walker or wheelchair or has any unsteadiness cannot safely make their way.

To address this problem, a new multi-purpose court is going to be installed in that unused

To spread happiness by helping with this project and to ensure everyone at HDC lives their best life, send a check to HDC, 3402 Hickory Grove Road, Davenport, IA 52806 or visit [handicappeddevelopment.org](http://handicappeddevelopment.org) to make an online donation. Thank you.

space, and it will be accessible to EVERYONE. The outdoor court is made to withstand the elements and can be used for all kinds of fun games and activities. A sidewalk will lead up to the space, so everyone can get to it safely. Installation is a pretty quick process, so even this summer, participants will be able to use the court and all it has to offer.

Some generous gifts have been made to get this project started. However, \$45,000 is still needed to complete it, and to ensure everyone, regardless of their abilities, has the opportunity to have fun together in this new space.

*With balloons and squirt guns in hand, Nikosi Anderson (left) and Ricky Andrews discuss their water fight game plan. With Quinn Adams close by, he may be their next target.*



*Steven Cargill and Amanda Lightner take a break from doing some gardening.*



The Residential Center entrance is a new welcoming addition to the residents' home that provides ease of entrance and a new space to congregate. Many people made this project possible, including the **Regional Development Authority**, an **estate distribution** from a former participant's family, a donation **in memory of Donna Farus** and **many generous individual donors**.

*LEFT: Bill Ezelle shows his excitement with the automatic doors leading to the new entrance, as Kadie Beuchel helps him into the building.*

# Our Thanks Goes To...



**Easter Egg Scramble Race Director Brian Doerrfeld** donated proceeds from this year's 5K, Bunny Hop and Easter Egg Hunt events, which will be used to assist with the costs of the new outdoor multi-purpose court.

*ABOVE: Participants and staff helped pass out medals to those doing the Bunny Hop Kids' Race.*

Some folks from **Christ Church** in Davenport volunteered their time at the Residential Center doing landscaping around the new entrance and throughout the property.

*RIGHT: Volunteers from Christ Church spread mulch and spruced up the grounds during their day of work at the Residential Center.*



Thanks to **Modern Woodmen of America** for donating tickets, many participants have been able to take in a River Bandits' game this summer.

*BELOW: Casey McAleer enjoys cheering on the home team at Modern Woodmen Park.*



The **HDC Booster Organization** showed their appreciation for all the employees who support their friends and family. A lunch was served to those who could attend, and all other staff received a pizza gift certificate. The Boosters also made their annual year-end donation to HDC. Even though they sponsor all kinds of activities for the participants throughout the year, they also donate funds to HDC for special projects. This year's funds will be used to support the new outdoor multi-purpose court.

*RIGHT: (From left) Booster members Sue Macumber, Jody Mapes, Deb Testroet, and Lois and Rick Czupka helped serve the staff appreciation lunch in May.*





During “Game Day”, Daily Discovery Mentor Kylie Waldbasser takes a break from the competition with Jamie Gerten and Barb Schulz.

Left: Vice President of Daily Discovery and Employment Services Katy Decker and Katie Beard

Below: Stephanie Anderson suggests the next strategic move during a checkers game with Mary Schloemer.



## A Quarterly Snapshot: Daily Discovery

Just one year ago, everything changed for HDC’s day programs, yet most things stayed the same. For many years, dayhabilitation (dayhab) services were provided in two separate buildings. The Brady Street location was Personal Independence Services, while the other dayhab program operated out of the Hickory Grove Road building. Last July, a big change happened to these two day services. They were combined under one umbrella and renamed “Daily Discovery” to more accurately reflect what is happening in the programs every day. While the program’s name change was big, things largely remained the same for those who attend, enjoy, and appreciate these services.

In the past year, great efforts have been made to unify the two Daily Discovery program locations to ensure the best possible services are being provided. “When we started this process, the goals were to improve cooperation between the two campuses, share creativity, and provide more consistent programming—all done in an effort to make a great program even better,” explained Katy Decker, Vice President of Daily Discover and Employment Services who oversees the program that serves nearly 250 participants.

Though the east and west campuses continue to have their own unique identities, group activities involving participants from both locations have taken place throughout the past year. Several holiday parties were made a little more special with folks from both buildings coming together to celebrate. Other events have included some spirited competition during a joint game day, a much wider group observing an autism awareness event, and a group trip to tour and lunch at the Special Kneads Bakery in Galva, IL.

Recently, participants also enjoyed each other’s company at a summer picnic at West Lake that included a cookout, lawn games, and some fishing.

The joint parties, trips, activities, and events have helped unify the two locations, and some subtle changes in staffing have also helped. Two Daily Discovery casemanagers have a caseload of participants for whom they are responsible, as well as supervisory duties at both east and west campuses. In addition, there is just one person who handles inquiries and intakes of new participants to the Daily Discovery program. These small changes, in addition to joint meetings with staff at various levels, have helped to establish more unified expectations for the services.

Most importantly, participants have benefited from the Daily Discovery changes. “There have been 5 individuals who transitioned from the west campus to east campus, because their needs changed and they required a higher level of care. That transition was made much smoother, because we’re all one program, just located in different buildings,” said Decker.

With one year in the books for the new Daily Discovery format, the consensus is that everything that changed was positive and everything that stayed the same was made even better.

### Performance objectives for Daily Discovery during the period April 1, 2023, to June 30, 2023:

Total number of persons served: **132** (East), **114** (West)  
 Number of intakes: **6**  
 Percentage of participants attending full-time (East only): **96%**

Ranked on a 4-point scale, performance objectives were achieved at the following levels:

- Were offered access to community activities – **3.6** (East) and **4.0** (West)
- Were made aware of options to access the community – **3.8** (East) and **3.9** (West)
  - Increased their independence – **3.6** (East) and **3.7** (West)
  - Achieved at least one goal – **3.5** (East) and **4.0** (West)
  - Were offered choice of activities – **3.7** (East) and **3.8** (West)
- Were satisfied with their community access – **3.3** (East) and **3.9** (West)
  - Were overall satisfied with services – **3.8** (East) and **3.8** (West)



# HDC Scavenger Hunt

**August 26, 2023**

- Doors open at 2 p.m. for check-in/questions
- Hunt: 3-6 p.m.
- After-hunt festivities 6-7 p.m.
- Cost: \$30 per person. No more than 6 people per team (everyone must fit safely into one vehicle).
- Some prizes available to win are Hawkeye football tickets, AirPods Pro, Fleet Feet gift cards, Notre Dame football tickets, Sony wireless speaker, and more!

**This event is a task-oriented Scavenger Hunt. On the day of the event, your team will be given a list of tasks to complete. Each task is worth a specific number of points, so some will be worth more than others. A few tasks are required to be completed to be eligible for prizes (these are some of our generous sponsors' stops).**

The event will start and end at Daily Discovery East, 4201 N Brady St., Davenport, IA 52806. Registration includes a T-shirt (*registration must be received by August 11th to guarantee a t-shirt*), food, beverages, a chance to win door prizes, a chance at the first or second-place prizes, and of course, lots of fun!



Register at: <https://p2p.onecause.com/hdchunt> or use the QR Code. For questions, contact Lexi Keppy at 563-391-4834 or [lexikeppy@hdcmail.org](mailto:lexikeppy@hdcmail.org).



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The award recognized HDC’s commitment to transparency, honesty, and ethical practices in its operations. The nomination read in part, “HDC’s dedication to ethical practices has helped them build trust with the people they serve, employees, and the community at large, making them a worthy recipient of the Torch Award for Ethics.”

When accepting the award, HDC President/CEO Jeff Ashcraft said, “This is not an award for me, the leadership team, or any one group of employees, it is for everyone who makes our mission possible every day. We have nearly 400 employees, and every one of them plays an important role in providing an environment of dignity and respect.”

*Jeff Ashcraft, President/CEO accepts the Better Business Bureau Torch Award on behalf of HDC.*

