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## GOOD FOOD, GOOD PEOPLE, LET'S CELEBRATE



ABLE, Inc. hosted an open house in Dickinson on December 3rd to celebrate employees and provide an opportunity for some fun and fellowship.

"We have such an excellent team and getting together is an incredible opportunity for sharing and celebration," stated Mary Anderson, Executive Director.



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## HETTINGER CHRISTMAS



Hettinger celebrated the holidays with family and friends in the community. Forty-one people attended the event held at Hettinger Armory.

"We played Christmas Trivia, handed out door prizes and Santa made a special appearance and led us in some Christmas caroling," says Julie Jahner, ABLE Inc. Hettinger.

The party wasn't limited to just one community but others from surrounding communities joined to enjoy the fresh baked goodies and homemade eggrolls.

Update: ABLE, Inc. was honored to receive \$2,187 dollars from generous donors on Facebook for the Giving Tuesday event, December 3rd!

We will have to wait until January to find out if any of those dollars were made early enough to qualify to be matched by Facebook.

# #GIVING TUESDAY

## DECADES



## GRAND OLE OPRY, HERE WE COME!

Patrick Renner is a music enthusiast. He enjoys polka festivals, playing his guitar, and listening to local artists every chance he gets. He had big dreams to plan a vacation where he could experience music outside of Dickinson.

Pat decided Nashville was the perfect place to explore.

"I love music," says Renner. Pat explained he toured the city of Nashville and there was music at every corner. "I went on a boat ride and there was music. I went to a Christmas music concert too."



Pat set up his travel itinerary through Sundial Vacations. Sundial Special Vacations has been providing excursions for adults with disabilities since 1968.

Pat lived his dream during this five day adventure. He decided to plan his trip in December so he could experience Nashville during Christmas time. He took a tour of Nashville, saw a music Christmas concert, and visited the Grand Ole Opry.

"I want to go on another trip soon," states Pat.

Pat explains that this is not the last trip he plans to take. He enjoys seeing new places, meeting new people, and experiencing new things.



## KAREN'S RETIREMENT

A retirement party was held for Karen Brazelton. Karen dedicated 31 years to ABLÉ and we are so thankful for her.



"We are so unbelievably thankful that we had Karen apart of our family.

She not only set an example for staff but went above and beyond for the individuals she supported.

31 years of knowledge wrapped into one single person is absolutely amazing. We are so excited for this next chapter in Karen's life and will miss her so much!"

-Claudia Torres

## Ornament Making Party WITH DSU NURSING STUDENTS



Wayne and Makensie

**"We had a lot of fun designing different ornaments together."**

-ABI BROOKS, DSU NURSING

Dickinson State's Nursing Student Association held an ornament making party December 8th at ABLÉ.

"We wanted to have a fun event where both nursing students and people from ABLÉ could come and listen to holiday music and make Christmas ornaments together," says Abi Brooks, DSU nursing student.

Four nursing students lead the event this snowy evening. The weather didn't stop the turnout. Six people supported stopped by and even made ornaments for their friends and family who couldn't make it due to the weather.

## REPEAT OUTLET

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*-Halie & Nora*



## JOB SHADOWING A DSP



Above is DSP, Randa Peterson and Zachary Doll. Zachary is a freshman at Bowman County High School and job shadowed Randa on November 27th for two hours through his Computer Lit class.

She showed him a lot of the things that her job involves at the day program and he said "it would be fun to work here."

When Randa was asked how it went with him, she said "he's a good kid" and she found out his favorite subject is math!

## PURCHASE OF T-REX PLAZA

December 17, 2019, marks a historical event for ABLE, Inc. ABLE's subsidiary company, 1153 LLC., purchased T-Rex Plaza. ABLE, Inc. currently operates a vintage and furniture store called Decades at this location.



What does this purchase mean?

Mary Anderson, Executive Director, states, "The acquisition of this building provides stability, opportunity and future for people with intellectual disabilities and futuristically, people with other disabilities. ABLE's motto is "Weaving Lives Together" and we see the plaza as an excellent way to weave community together through the expansion of employment as well as hosting social events."

Our good fortune is thanks to the generosity of the previous owners and access to good financial packages through Stark Development, Bank of ND, and American Bank Center.

We look forward to having this building proudly serve our community.



## COMMUNITY GIVING



ABLE Inc has been blessed with having DSU, St. Patrick's Church, Dr. Patricia Anderson, and Anita Biel, Mary Kay consultant, share gifts with over 50 people this year.

The joy was seen in the eyes of the people as they opened gifts, the smiles when they are wearing the new Green Bay or Vikings hat, gloves, or new sweatshirt, or putting on the new lotion.

Please know that these gifts provided much joy.

We thank the donors for their kindness and generosity making Christmas special and memorable for the people we support. From our family to yours, we are wishing you a great 2020!

## CARDIAC READY COMMUNITY PROGRAM



ABLE, Inc. is part of the Cardiac Ready Community Program in Stark County. We participated with DSU at the blood drive held on December 12th.

We had several people stop by to learn the hands only CPR and the AED procedure. We are excited to have this program and having more AED's available to the community.

-Rosie Jahner, HRA

## ABLE WEBSITE LIVE!

ABLE's new website is live! We now offer an electronic copy of our Newsletter. To sign up go to our website. We will continue to update content as time continues.



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