

Season's Greetings

Friends and Families!

DECEMBER 2022

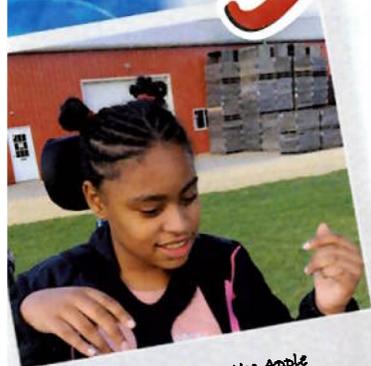
It is a fun holiday tradition to joyfully share updates and well wishes with dearest friends and family in an end-of-year letter. Even after 103 years we're still making a lot of progress at Goldie Floberg—both as individuals and as an organization—and we want to share all our great news!

Recovering from Covid

First, we think that finally Covid-19, and all its challenges, is behind us (or is at least manageable). We have hired more than 40 staff this year and are getting back to pre-pandemic staffing levels. Some staff are re-hires, but we have also welcomed new people to Goldie Floberg, which is exciting. Already we have re-opened one of our homes, which was closed during the height of the pandemic. Our goal is to have enough staff coverage that we can re-open two more of our houses in 2023 and then we can start increasing our capacity of people served. Thankfully, opening these homes allows for the people we serve to spread out a bit and enjoy private bedrooms (more on this below).

We are extremely grateful that our communities have opened up too and we are able to once again go out to eat (we love to go out to eat!), attend the movies, make visits to shops, events and even compete in the Special Olympics! As you can see by our photos, we made the best of 2022 and learned, played, competed and thrived!

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Gabrielle enjoying the Apple Orchard



Swinging into Fall with Brittany



Watch out Sara! You have a curious new friend.



Action Club cookout with David and Ann



The skies is no limit for Caleb at the jump park!



Kerry making a new friend



Andres doing some shopping



Kerry, Dawn, & Sara aglow with Christmas cheer



GOLDIE B. FLOBERG CENTER

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We have some very important updates to complete in the New Year. Following are some ways you can help. All donations, no matter the size, will help us meet our 2023 goals.

1. Staff training – We need four (4) new, advanced CPR mannequins: Total cost is \$2,000
2. Replacement Air Conditioners – We need four (4): \$3,500 each
3. Replacement Furnaces – We need two (2): \$3,500 each
4. Bathroom Waterproofing and Rehab- There are six (6) which need upgraded: \$5,000 each
5. Replacement Flooring: We have three (3) homes that need replacement: \$12,000 each

We're Moving

Looking ahead to 2023 is exciting, for sure! If you haven't already heard, we are moving our administrative offices from the Center in Rockton to East State Street in Rockford. We will soon have a clean and safe work environment for staff training and a technologically advanced setting for our Case Management, Nursing, Finance, Development, Training and Administrative teams. We can't wait to show you!

Goal for 2023—Private Bedrooms!

We've set an important and aggressive goal for 2023—that all people we serve enjoy their own, private bedroom. Helping the people we serve build lives of dignity is at the core of what we do. An essential aspect of dignity is having your own, personal space and privacy. Having a private bedroom allows a person served to create a space that is uniquely their own, where they can enjoy their hobbies, relax, or just get away from the world when it becomes too much. Currently, 54 percent of the people we serve have their own bedroom. We need the philanthropic support of all our donors to help us reach our goal of 100 percent private bedrooms.

Please join us again with your donation. Every dollar raised provides us with another opportunity to empower and enrich the lives of all people we serve. All donations, no matter the size, help us reach our goals as windividuals and as an organization.

Holiday letters only come once a year, so visit our website and follow us on Facebook and LinkedIn for real-time updates. We have email distributions, too, so please make sure we have your address so we can continue to share our progress!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the staff at Goldie Floberg! Thank you for help and support!



Steven, Kathy, James, Kristen, & David at the Jeff Dunham concert



Game time with Sammy and Andres

John Pingo,
President and CEO