

Season's Greetings

Friends and Families!

DECEMBER 2023

It has been another big year at Goldie Floberg and we're joyful to reach out to you, our dearest friends and families, with an end-of-year update and share our vision for 2024.

First, we told you we would, and we did! We re-opened two of our homes, which had been closed to safely manage care during the height of the Covid-19 pandemic. With that (hopefully) behind us, we were able to update and improve these houses and move four individuals to their new, private bedrooms and neighborhood. We're settling in nicely and look toward opening and expanding into more space in 2024.

Also, we had a big move for our administrative staff from The Center in Rockton to our new office on East State Street in Rockford. It was hard to leave what had been our home for so many years, but we've set up operations in our new office and are enjoying all the benefits of the fresh and less expensive space. Even though our office moved we want to assure you that Goldie Floberg programs are unchanged. This move has allowed us to focus on plans to grow to serve more individuals and expand our mission in new and exciting ways.

We worked hard with our colleagues across the state and were elated when the legislature approved an increase for Direct Support Professionals (DSP). We've said it before, and we'll say it again: DSPs are the heart of our organization, and we could not deliver the care and compassion to all the people we serve without our team of caregivers. We will keep you posted as our field continues to be prioritized downstate. Your support in weighing in on these issues is incredibly important.

Our annual Mother Christmas project is a resounding success! Thank you to everyone who reached out, shopped, and donated to make Christmas wishes come true for the children, teenagers, and adults we serve. We are excited to share we have surpassed our goal of five gifts per person! Christmas 2023 will surely be a morning to remember!

We hope you take a moment to peruse through the pictures which show just a small sampling of all the wonderful memories we've made this year. And none of this could happen without the support of donors both small and large. We come together in community to help those we serve and on their behalf, we thank you all. Lives are enriched and empowered through your philanthropic support, and we are more grateful than words can express. Without your contributions, we simply wouldn't be able to report these fantastic programs, projects, and outcomes.

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Crystal and Amy are afloat in holiday spirit.



Our client and colleague Dee celebrated 25 years working at Goldie Floberg.



David and James excelled at the Special Olympics!



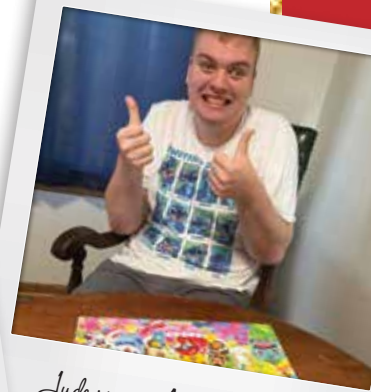
Kerry shows his moves at our annual dance.



The annual dance was disco-themed for Dawn and all.



The NW Illinois Airshow was a blast for a big group of us!



Jude is an ACE at puzzles.



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As always, we have projects to complete in the New Year. We pay for these upgrades and improvements mostly from the philanthropic support of our donors. The following are a few ways you can help. All donations, no matter the size, will help us meet our 2024 goals.

1. Wheelchair accessible dining room table and four chairs: \$3,000

Accessible and adjustable tables give everyone, no matter their disability, a seat at the table. We are excited to provide more of these options, especially for the people we serve in wheelchairs.

2. Special Olympics uniforms: \$150 per athlete or \$7,500 for the team

We again had dozens of athletes take part in the Special Olympics and celebrated many medals! Help us replace old and worn uniforms so our athletes look sharp and feel empowered to have fun and do their best this spring season.

3. New beds and furniture: \$1,600 per bed and \$5,500 per living room

Kids and adults with intellectual developmental disabilities can be especially hard on furniture, but they deserve comfortable, good-looking, and safe/healthy furniture too. We want to replace old beds/mattresses and living room furniture with that especially designed for group homes with improved cleanability and durability. Everyone deserves a cozy place to rest!

4. Technology updates (phones/iPads/computers): \$400-\$700 each

Technology makes a significant difference in our clients' lives and helps us improve care. Tech aids in communication, supports health goals, improves daily activities, enhances learning, entertains, and even helps our staff meet behavioral supports.

5. Home security (cameras and service): \$2,500-4,100 installed/\$100 per month service

The safety and security of our clients is paramount to our mission. We must upgrade our equipment and technology for quality assurance, behavioral supports, client safety, and community integration security.

6. Two wheelchair accessible vans: \$61,400 each

Each of our homes has their own assigned vehicle to ensure dependable transportation for community outings and client appointments. This year we are replacing two vehicles, both wheelchair accessible. These are mission critical improvements to our infrastructure of care.

We are so grateful for all the support you and our community provide. Your philanthropic contributions are critical to our success, so thank you in advance for your gift this year. We are proud to stand with you in our mission to empower and enrich the lives of the children, teenagers, and adults we serve with intellectual developmental disabilities.



Tony -and everyone- loves celebrating birthdays together



Kurt loved the NW Illinois Airshow.

John Pingo,
President and CEO