Hello Autumn

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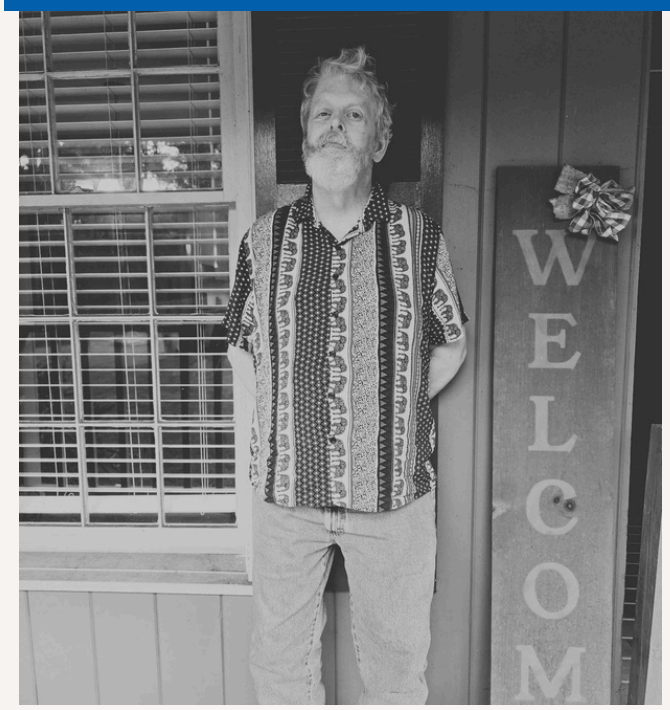
A MONTH OF CELEBRATING THE SEASON'S CHANGE, GRATITUDE, AND COMMUNITY!

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."
1 Thessalonians 5:18

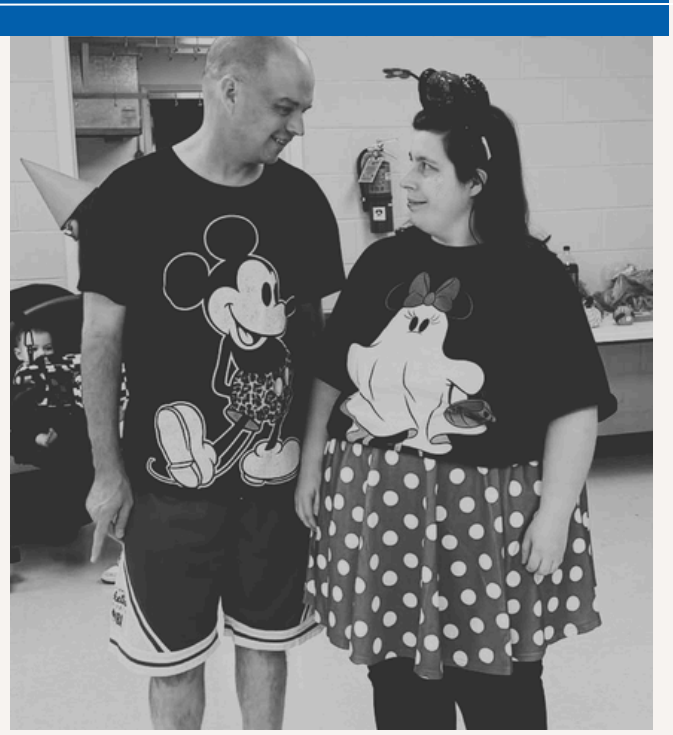
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From the Desk of Our President & CEO

s we step into a season of gratitude, I'm reminded of just how much we have to be thankful for at Developmental Disabilities Ministries. We are grateful for this ministry, for our residents who bring so much joy and purpose to our work, for our dedicated staff, and for all of you, our friends, families, donors, churches, volunteers, and partners who continue to walk alongside DDM.

There is also plenty to look forward to! Our annual DDM Christmas Banquet is right around the corner, and you are invited! It's one of our favorite celebrations of the year, bringing residents, staff, families, and friends together for fellowship and Christmas cheer. Be sure to RSVP soon so we can save you a seat!

We're also gearing up for our Par for a Purpose Golf Tournament, the first tournament of the season, raising important funds for DDM's mission. We are currently seeking a Title Sponsor, along with additional sponsors, golfers, and supporters to help make the event a success.

Finally, we continue to make strides through our Make It Home Initiative, creating comfortable, dignified, and personal spaces for our residents. Be sure to check out photos from the recent Paul Home shopping day! We can't wait to show you which furniture they selected once everything comes together.

There is still more to accomplish, and we are continually raising funds for Make It Home. Every contribution helps us bring another project to life!

As we enter this season of thanksgiving, know that you are among the many blessings we are counting at DDM. Thank you for believing in our ministry and helping our residents continue to thrive.

With gratitude and blessings,

Ryan Whitmire, President/CEO

IN THIS EDITION:

RESIDENT RETREAT

ADDITIONAL RETREAT

EVEN MORE RESIDENT RETREAT

MORE RETREAT!

JOIN US FOR PAR FOR A PURPOSE

OCTOBER RECIPE

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CELEBRATING NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT MONTH



MAURICE - 10 years at Legacy Commissary



JOHN - 35 years at Legacy Kroger



SCOTT- 25 years at Jackson Hewitt



TOM- 10 years at Legacy Commissary

3 WAYS WE FEEL BLESSED THIS MONTH AT DDM





1. **Our Residents** — For continuing to thrive, grow, and enjoy the holiday season together.

2. **Our Blessings Today** — For our dedicated staff, donors, and the many people who make DDM's ministry possible.

3. **What's to Come** — For exciting updates ahead, including new furnishings through our Make It Home LEAP Initiative.







LEAP

LIFE ENRICHMENT & ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

"Because a full life deserves more than basic care."

MAKE IT Home

PAUL HOME SHOPPING DAY!

Through the generosity of donations made through our Make it Home LEAP Initiative, we have been able to make an impact on several resident homes this year. This past week, our Paul Home men in Rome got their chance to go to the store, pick out furniture based on their shared vision, and most of all, have fun!

These are not frivolous purchases; they are critical to the ecosystems of our homes and the dignity of our residents. We could not put the smiles on their faces without the generosity of your donations and the efforts made by our staff to take our resident shopping for their items! Thank you to our Paul Home RSC, Sherricka, for making this possible for Cory, Andy, and Maurice!

WHEN YOU DONATE TO DDM'S **LEAP FUND**,
YOU'RE NOT JUST MAKING A CHARITABLE GIFT...

You're ensuring
that our residents
enjoy ***LIFE***



have
ENRICHING
experiences



and engage in
meaningful
ACTIVITIES



through this DDM
PROGRAM.

LEAP
LIFE ENRICHMENT & ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

"Because a full life deserves more than basic care."

LEAP includes our annual Resident Retreat,
Christmas Party, Make it Home Initiative, and much,
much more!

Trick or Treat!



After shopping for furniture, our Paul Home men paid it forward by being amazing members of their community & passing out candy to trick or treaters!















MAJOR WINS WITH OUR MONDAY HOME LADIES!

Our Monday Home ladies enjoyed several activities and achievements, such as their final game of the season. Go Jeannie and Tracey!

They also partied with DIGS (one of our great partners) for Halloween!





Gratitude Served Up!

Stacie and Anna (our Day Home residents) and our RSC, Natasha, wanted to show some appreciation to the DSP staff and did it in the most fun way!

Food, fellowship, games, and all smiles!

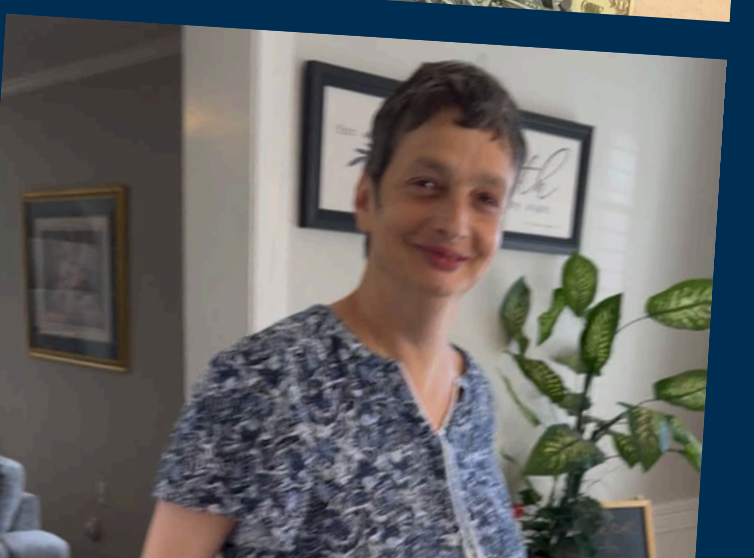
This is just ONE example of how our residents and staff are top notch. This is the DDM standard for Excellence, Gratitude, and Service!











YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

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Celebrate *Home for the Holidays* with
Developmental Disabilities Ministries, Inc.
at our Annual Christmas Banquet!

DECEMBER

FRIDAY | 4 | AT 5:30PM

Smoke Rise Baptist Church
5901 Hugh Howell Rd, Stone Mountain 30087

RSVP TO JVITALE@DDMGA.ORG OR
CLICK BELOW!

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NEW DATE!

MONDAY
MARCH 15TH
JENNING MILLS COUNTRY CLUB

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PAR FOR A PURPOSE

CLICK TO SPONSOR

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

TITLE SPONSOR
$10,000

Exclusive presenting sponsorship
Premier logo placement on all materials & communications
Dedicated hole sponsor
High-visibility signage & event-day recognition
Featured recognition on all signage & promotions
Two complimentary foursomes (8 golfers)

PREMIER PARTNER
$5,000

Prominent co-branded event
Dedicated hole sponsorship
High-visibility signage & event-day recognition
all signage & promotions
Two complimentary foursomes
(8 golfers)

HOLE PARTNER
$2,500

Exclusive sponsorship of one tournament hole
Custom signage featuring your logo
Recognition throughout the event
One complimentary foursome
(4 golfers)

COMMUNITY PARTNER
$1,000

Name and/or logo featured on tournament sponsor banner
Recognition in event communications & marketing materials
One complimentary foursome
(4 golfers)

HOLE SIGN SPONSORSHIP

$250

Put your logo on a sign at one of our holes. A great way to promote your business and support our tournament!

TENT SPONSORSHIP

Set up a tent at one of our holes and participate in a creative way, whether it's giving out goodies or hosting a contest - join in on the fun!

$500

RECIPE OF THE MONTH: Apple Cinnamon Crisp

INGREDIENTS

- 4–5 APPLES, PEELED AND SLICED
- ½ CUP BROWN SUGAR
- 1 TSP CINNAMON
- 1 CUP OLD-FASHIONED OATS
- ½ CUP FLOUR
- ½ CUP MELTED BUTTER
- PINCH OF SALT
- OPTIONAL: VANILLA ICE CREAM FOR SERVING

INSTRUCTIONS

- PREHEAT OVEN TO 350°F AND LIGHTLY GREASE AN 8×8-INCH BAKING DISH.
- TOSS APPLES WITH HALF THE BROWN SUGAR AND CINNAMON, THEN SPREAD IN THE DISH.
- MIX OATS, FLOUR, REMAINING BROWN SUGAR, SALT, AND MELTED BUTTER UNTIL CRUMBLY.
- SPRINKLE THE MIXTURE EVENLY OVER THE APPLES.
- BAKE FOR 35–40 MINUTES, UNTIL GOLDEN AND BUBBLY.
- LET COOL FOR A FEW MINUTES AND SERVE WARM—BONUS POINTS FOR A SCOOP OF VANILLA ICE CREAM!

