



Growing Together. Moving Forward.

Spring is here, bringing fresh energy, brighter days, and exciting new opportunities across our programs. This season inspires us to try new things, step outside our comfort zones, and celebrate growth in all its forms. Participants are looking forward to spending more time outdoors, engaging in gardening projects, enjoying community outings, participating in creative arts, and building confidence through peer mentorship and group activities. Each opportunity, whether big or small, supports skill development, independence, and meaningful connection. This spirit of progress reflects our 2026 strategic plan and our commitment to C.A.R.E. :

Community, Accountability, Relationships, and Empowerment.

Each day, we look for ways to encourage development, celebrate accomplishments, and make sure everyone feels a true sense of belonging.

We look forward to the season ahead and the continued opportunities it will bring for our community.

~ Vicki Durecki, Program Director

Upcoming Events

In-House Event:

- Wisconsin Center
May 8th - Movie Night 6:00 - 8:00 pm
- Riverview
April 16th - Bingo Night 5:30-7:30
- Curtis Center
June 12th - Name That Tune 6:00 - 8:00 pm
- Grant Center
June 4th - Karaoke & Ice Cream Social 5:00 - 7:00 pm

ADSSW Public Event:

- **Curtis Center**
April 22nd - Speaker's Bureau Series
"Caring for the Caregiver"
6:00-7:30 pm
Presented by Jan Olson, RN



Curtis Center lends a hand by volunteering for Feeding America. A little time makes a big impact to help nourish a community. Thank you, Curtis Center and Feeding America!

Curtis Center
344 S Curtis Rd.
West Allis WI 53214
414-727-4412

Wisconsin Center
10842 W Wisconsin Ave.
Wauwatosa WI 53226
414-837-5804

Business Office
1215 S Grandview Blvd.
Waukesha WI 53188
262-349-4946

Grant Center
207 S Lake Dr.
South Milw., WI 53172
414-215-7255

Riverview
20875 Crossroads Cir.
Suite 1
Waukesha WI 53186
262-333-8860

Community Connection

ALL ABILITIES CRAFT FAIR



We were honored to represent ADSSW at the All Abilities Craft Fair hosted by our friends at WAWM Recreation and Community Services Department on Friday, February 27th. Our participant artists from all ADSSW centers worked hard creating crafts to sell. A fine day dedicated to celebrating creativity, community, and the incredible artists. The event was well attended by many to visit the excited vendors and artisans in our community. and we look forward to having this be an exciting feature on calendars in the future Each center was represented with a table, and the sales were fast and furious!



COMMUNITY PARTNERS



It's a 'TREAT' to visit LUCKY MUTTS!

Lucky Mutts Rescue has really become a favorite volunteer opportunity for a good number of our participants. When this opportunity is on the calendar, you can feel the difference—participants are excited, asking questions, eager to jump in.

Our work is not fancy. We sort donations, perform light office tasks, and chip in on any help that is needed. It does matter, and we know it matters. The satisfaction gained while helping animals get a second chance really sticks with us. When participants talk about the work they do, you can hear the pride in it. It's not just an activity but an experience that will live on.

Lucky Mutts volunteering provides opportunity for participants to step up, try new things, and support each other in a different way than they do in the center. You see them open up a little more, take ownership, and just feel good about what they contributed.

We're really thankful for the partnership. It's simple, it's real, and it's something our participants genuinely enjoy being a part of.



Ongoing Excitement

Riverview is ready for the beautiful spring weather! We are looking forward to being outside and going back to volunteer at Fox Brook Park to pick up trash around the park and clean the stables at LifeStriders. In house we are looking forward to planting fruits and vegetables in our Riverview garden and using them in our cooking classes. Riverview is also looking forward to our Bingo Night on April 16th!

RIVERVIEW ROCKS!



Curtis Center will be hosting an Evening Event on Friday, June 12 from 6:00–8:00 PM. The theme is “Name That Tune” along with a Nacho Snack. Curtis is also proud to announce the launch of our Curtis Advisory Board! We held our first meeting on February 20, 2026. If you are interested in joining, please reach out, we would love to have you involved.

With spring officially here, we’re excited to get back outside, enjoy walks together, and soak up some fresh air. After a long winter, we’re happy to say the snow has finally melted away, making room for sunshine, smiles, and new beginnings!

We’re also looking forward to starting our community garden at Rainbow Park again soon!

CURTIS CRUSHES THE REST!

Grant Center is beyond excited to leave the cold days behind and welcome the arrival of spring. Here at Grant Center, we’re already seeing everything come back to life. We’re especially looking forward to exploring the trails at Seven Bridges as the woods begin to bloom again—not just with fresh leaves, but with wildlife and their babies returning for the season. We can’t wait to get back to playing basketball, enjoying the swings, and starting up picnics in the park. Spring is here, and we’re ready to make the most of it!

GROOVIN’ AT GRANT!



Wisconsin Center is happy to be defrosting and excited to get back outdoors! With the snow finally behind us, we’re ready to trade in boots for sunshine and fresh air.

We’re looking forward to our annual 3-on-3 basketball tournament with all the centers on May 9, always a fun and competitive favorite! Stay tuned, as Wisconsin Center will also be hosting our first movie night in June.

With the warmer weather rolling in, the guys are especially excited for barbecues, kickball, and more outdoor outings ahead!

WISCONSIN CENTER STRONG !

Service Notes

Individuals That Bring Our Work to Life...

Partnering with families and community resources, our Administrative Team brings vision and heart to our mission. Their dedication helps our program remain a place where adults of all abilities are celebrated, supported, and truly seen, making sure every detail supports the dignity, joy, and safety of the adults we serve.



Vicki Durecki
Program Director

As Program Director, Vicki brings decades of experience as a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant to ADSSW. That experience shines in her work, creating welcoming and meaningful opportunities for both new and returning participants. Vicki serves as our "chief problem solver," providing steady guidance, supporting staff with encouragement and clarity, and ensuring quality service remains a priority.. As a seasoned traveler, she brings a quiet appreciation for diverse cultures and traditions to her work. — thank you, Vicki, for all you do!

As Service Coordinator, Kindra's role is to ensure a high-quality, person-centered experience by developing thoughtful plans and coordinating services. Kindra leads with enthusiasm, purpose, and a genuine passion for helping others succeed. She turns uncertainty into confidence, guiding participants and families forward with clarity and care. Her strong attention to detail and unwavering advocacy keeps our programs exciting while always prioritizing the needs of those we serve. Personally Kindra has a huge heart for animals, ask her about her doodle Ellie.

Thank you, Kindra, for the positive energy and dedication.



Kindra Funch
Service Coordinator

Growing Our Circle of Care : Meet Jan Olson, RN

A hearty welcome to Jan, our new Nurse Consultant! She brings extensive nursing expertise and a strong commitment to quality care. Her role is to strengthen our clinical practices, through staff training and oversight, resulting in better participant service and increased safety and across our programs.

Jan has spent many years serving adults with cognitive and intellectual disabilities in many different settings. She is also an entrepreneur, consulting and teaching Qi Gong to promote health and increase energy.

Join us April 22nd as Jan will be speaking and presenting "Caring for the Caregiver" at the Curtis Center. Come to meet her in person and say hi. Welcome to the team Jan!



Jan Olson
Nursing Consultant



Celebration Station



April

- Bobby - 4/5
- Amber (staff) - 4/6
- Kelsey (staff) - 4/7
- Carolynn (staff) - 4/8
- Trevonda - 4/10
- Miriam - 4/10
- David - 4/12
- Peaches - 4/15
- Susan - 4/15
- Tyler - 4/19
- Mike S - 4/19
- Sam P - 4/20
- Montrell J - 4/21
- Caitlin - 4/22
- Alan - 4/23
- Matthew L - 4/24
- Joydell - 4/24
- Karen - 4/29
- Tyrese - 4/29
- Renee - 4/30

May

- William H - 5/2
- Karen D. - 5/2
- Sonja - 5/6
- Robert S - 5/6
- Trisha - 5/7
- Brenda - 5/7
- Kelly (staff) 5/12
- LaRhonda (staff) - 5/16
- Cindy (staff) - 5/19
- Avery - 5/25
- Jennifer H - 5/26
- Irene H - 5/27
- JP K - 5/29
- Kelly - 5/30
- Karen S - 5/30
- Jonthaniel (JT) - 5/31
- JJ - 5/31

June

- Marcus C - 6/5
- Buck - 6/5
- Taman H - 6/6
- Thomas F - 6/6
- Debra S - 6/10
- Marie p - 6/11
- Harrah F - 6/11
- David - 6/12
- Nicholas W - 6/13
- Emily D - 6/16
- Roberto A - 6/16
- Tracy - 6/17
- Efren A 6/18
- Janice - 6/20
- Jon - 6/22
- Christine W (staff) - 6/26
- Amy - 6/27

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Grant Center spotlights the incomparable **Logan C.** this month. He is a supportive, understanding friend, especially when his others are having a tough day. Logan is the first person who will offer a hug, kind words, and even helpful coping strategies! Logan shared a technique with his peers that has helped him when he's feeling anxious: The technique is called "Five Things." I asked Logan if I could share his idea in the newsletter and he said, "Yes!" Thank you, Logan, for being a good friend and helping us learn new things! (Find Logan's Fun challenge on the Puzzle Place page!)



Johnny N. loves to play basketball here at Wisconsin Center, as well as playing games with his friends and do word search puzzles. He has a great sense of humor!



Riverview would like to recognize **Anthony** for all the laughter and creativity he brings to the program. Anthony has been at the Riverview program for a few short months and is fitting in tremendously! He is one of our top volunteers at the program volunteering at several of our different opportunities. Also, in April he will be running his own cooking class for an in-house activity. Go Anthony!



Louis W has been a part of the ADSSW family since 2012! A gifted artist, he creates original art work for his peers' birthdays. He likes to draw caricatures and is a big fan of MAD and science fiction. He enjoys journaling, gardening, and trivia as well as volunteering at Feeding America, Milwaukee Street Angels, and Lucky Mutts Dog Rescue with Curtis Center. He always lends a helping hand and is part of the peer mentor group at Curtis.

"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of another."
- Charles Dickens

The Puzzle Place

ANIMALS WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the words and write them on the dotted lines.

GTIRE	_____	G	_____
FEGIFAR	_____	R	_____
HNAPETEL	E _____	A	_____
NOIL	_____	O	_____
MALEC	_____	M	_____
POHIP	_____	H	_____
ORHSE	_____	O	_____
RABEZ	_____	B	_____
IGP	_____	G	_____
BARTIB	_____	T	_____
RABE	_____	E	_____

Logan's
Name "5 Things" Game
Thank you, Logan!

5 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 1 GROUNDING EXERCISE



5

Things you can
SEE



4

Things you can
FEEL



3

Things you can
HEAR



2

Things you can
SMELL



1

Things you can
TASTE

What falls but never gets hurt?
What's the best flower for a
boy to give on Mother's Day?



What can run but not walk?

Find the answers hidden in the grass!

What is yellow, 10 feet tall,
but not a giraffe?

It Brings April Showers

Why is April the cleanest month?

A River

Rain

A Sunflower

Mums