

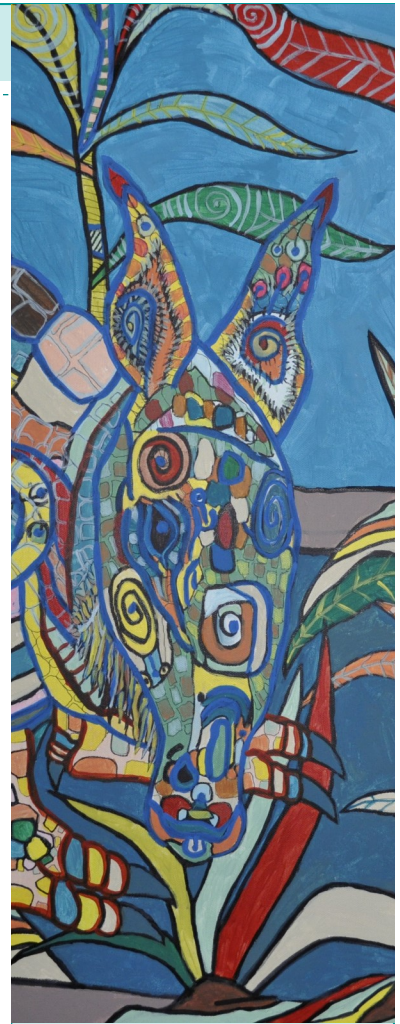
Summer 2019

HOZHONI HERALD

PUTTIN' IN THE PINES

The Hozhoni Foundation would like to thank all the sponsors and donors who contributed to making the 5th Annual Puttin' in the Pines Golf Tournament a success! This year's tournament saw over 60 golfers and raised important funds that directly support adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Northern Arizona.

Special recognition to our sponsors **Crest Insurance, Dick Henderson Construction and Development, Kinney Construction Services, Shelly Bethke at Russ Lyon Sotheby's International Realty, Nothing But Net, Enterprise Fleet Management, and Workers Compensation Company of America.** And Donors **Marion Myrdahl, EMI Health, Arizona Benefit Plans, Twin Arrows, Oxendale Kia, International Minute Press, Continental Country Club, and Pepsi.** We couldn't have done it without you! For more photos of the tournament or to find out how you can contribute to I/DD Adults in Northern Arizona, please visit www.hozhoni.com/news or email info@hozhoni.com. Photography done by Nolan Hinkle Photography.



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HOZHONI'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Hozhoni is proudly celebrating 50 years of service in 2020! Hozhoni was founded in 1970 to provide an alternative to institutionalization for children with developmental and physical disabilities. Today, Hozhoni has 21 group homes, 2 day programs, and numerous employment locations in 3 cities.

We provide Residential, Vocational, and Educational

services to help individuals reach their maximum potential. Our services are enhanced by our programs, activities, therapies, and classes that address the holistic needs of each individual.

Stay tuned for more details on upcoming events and opportunities to get involved in Hozhoni's 50th Anniversary celebration!

For 50 years, the Hozhoni Foundation has been a leading non-profit provider of services and advocacy for people with developmental, intellectual, and physical disabilities in Northern Arizona.

HOZHONI'S VALUES

INTEGRITY

COMMUNICATION

CREATIVITY

RESPECT

TEAMWORK

EXCELLENCE

STATE & CITY FUNDING UPDATE

Our hard work paid off. Our perennial champion, Senator Sylvia Allen, once again held steady for funding for our services, and especially for Flagstaff services. We had many other friends at the Capitol, including Senator Karen Fann, Senator Kate Brophy Mcgee, Representatives Walt Blackman, Bob Thorpe, John Allen, and so many others. The result is that we secured a state-wide increase that will help over the coming year, and a significant increase for Flagstaff services, finally!

At the Flagstaff City level, we worked hard to educate the Council about the plight of the DD service providers, due to the Flagstaff minimum wage. Our issue in Flagstaff has been that the State does not believe it should have to fund an initiative created by Flagstaff voters, and the Flagstaff City Council believes that the State is underfunding services overall and that is the real reason for the funding crisis we have been experiencing here.

No matter what you believe, clients are being affected by the lack of funds, and it certainly isn't their fault.

However, the Council appropriated \$150K in their budget process for the current fiscal year, and, thanks to Senator Allen, it will be matched by about \$350K from the federal government (our services are Medicaid services). This \$500K will be distributed to the Flagstaff providers to help with coverage of the minimum wage here. It sounds like a lot of money, but each dollar increase in minimum wage equates to about \$1M in additional cost.



Barbara Manygoats received the award from DDD for being the Direct Support Professional of the Year for 2019, at the AAPPD Conference in Phoenix. (Yes, the big screen TV was part of her prize!)

MEET HOZHONI HEROES

Hozhoni would like to recognize the exceptional work of Barbara Manygoats for her many years of service and commitment to the clients of Hozhoni. Barbara, a Direct Support Professional (DSP) at the Hozhoni Foundation for 28 years, was nominated and chosen by the Division of Developmental Disabilities as one of the six statewide recipients for the 2019 Direct Support Professional of the Year Award.

Barbara was recognized at the 16th Annual Direct Support Professional Awards Ceremony on September 27th, and was selected as the overall top DSP of the Year for the entire state of Arizona for 2019. Governor Douglas A. Ducey has proclaimed September 8–14, 2019 as Direct Support Professional week in honor of direct support workers serving and supporting individuals with developmental disabilities.

Barbara has been a valuable and irreplaceable asset to the Hozhoni Foundation. The clients have benefited from Barbara's commitment to cultural heritage and providing them with opportunities to be involved in the community.

In her nomination, it was stated "Barbara has worked in this field for over 25 years. I have known her since she started. During those years I have seen her approach each day as if it's her first. A fresh approach and always a smile on her face. Many of the members she has worked with have no family and many who are Native American have lost touch with their cultural values. Barbara establishes those cultural identities providing opportunities for cultural events such as "Pow Wows", requesting and going on outings to the reservation for the members to visit their homeland or participating in ceremonial events. Barbara has excellent teaching skills, working through the steps of objectives and teaching those not to give up. She has participated in many Special Olympic events throughout the years as a coach, mentor, and a unified participant. She has taught and orientated many staff and has been a valuable asset to the Hozhoni Foundation."

Check back in each newsletter edition for a new Hozhoni Hero! Know someone who deserves recognition for their contributions to the Hozhoni Foundation or the I/DD community? Let us know!

HOZHONI'S GOALS

Enhance quality of life, self-sufficiency, dignity and self-respect of the individuals we serve.

Provide opportunities for disabled individuals to learn from community interactions.

Heighten awareness and understanding of people with disabilities.

HOZHONI'S MISSION STATEMENT

The Hozhoni Foundation provides individualized residential, vocational, and educational services primarily for people with intellectual/developmental (I/DD) disabilities. Our goal is to enhance quality of life, self-sufficiency, dignity and self-respect of the individuals we serve. We provide holistic opportunities for engagement, education and interaction within the community to heighten awareness and understanding of people with disabilities.

ADVOCACY CORNER

How many times have you heard “one person can’t make a difference”? Well, it just isn’t true. As a governmental liaison at the Arizona State Capitol for 12 years, I have seen one person make a difference many, many times. So don’t underestimate yourself!

When we speak of advocacy, we are usually talking about influencing elected officials or bureaucrats on behalf of our child, sibling, parent, friend, or other loved one. You might think your words don’t compare with those of a paid lobbyist, but YOU are the person your elected official wants to hear from! This gives you the power.

So how do you advocate in this complex system of care? First, you must learn the system you are working to change, and any rules associated with speaking to those in power. Fortunately, there are many organizations that are willing to help educate you so that you can do this. Hozhoni will help you learn how to champion those that you love. Please write to info@hozhoni.com. If we have enough people who are interested, we will organize a short training to empower you!

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