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WELCOME NEW STAFF

- Jesse L - *Program Coordinator at Southview*
- Aaliyah S - *DSP*
- David W - *DSP*

WORK ANNIVERSARIES

- Chris D - *7 years - Jan*
- Alisha Z - *10 years - Jan*
- Erin S - *1 year - Jan*
- Darla P - *1 year - Jan*
- Roger N - *9 years - Jan*
- Angel C - *24 years - Jan*
- Jessica C - *6 years - Jan*
- Kim S - *1 year - Feb*
- Jacob S - *10 years - Feb*
- Carol L - *1 year - Feb*
- Dawn K - *13 years - Feb*
- Harley K - *1 year - Feb*
- Angie M - *20 years - Mar*
- Jada L - *1 year - Mar*
- Lea H - *3 years - Mar*
- Maria D - *7 years - Mar*



Happy New Year!

Happy New Year from all of us at Aveyron Homes! As we begin 2026, we're filled with gratitude for our dedicated staff, amazing residents, and supportive families.

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who made a gift in 2025. We know that giving isn't always easy, and your generosity means so much. This year, *the average gift was \$250*. Every contribution, no matter the size, plays an important role in helping us continue to serve and support our community. Your kindness truly makes a difference! As we mark on 50 years of service, we remain committed to doing so with honesty, transparency, and respect for the rules that guide our work. In a time when fraud and misuse of funds have made headlines elsewhere, we want you to know that your trust in us is never taken for granted.

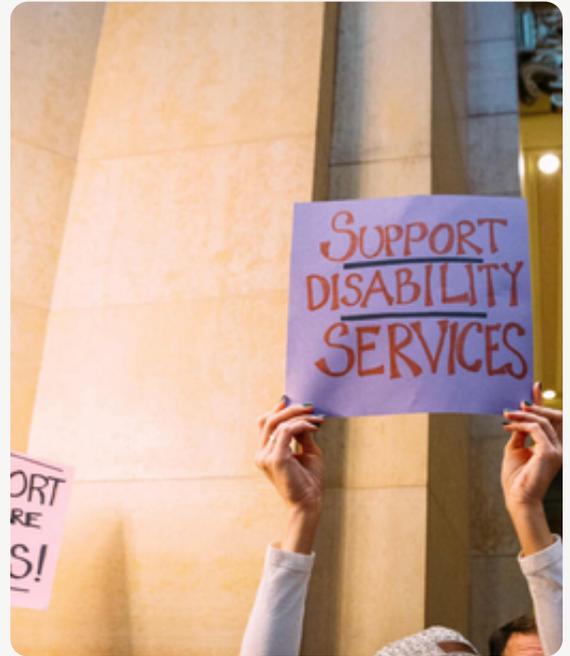
Thank You

Disability Services Day at the Capitol

March 24th 2026

This annual event brings together people with disabilities, families, Direct Support Professionals, service providers, and advocates from across Minnesota to the Minnesota State Capitol Rotunda to raise awareness and champion critical disability services. Participants rally together and then meet with legislators to share personal stories, highlight the importance of disability waiver services, and advocate for policies and funding that support independence, dignity, and quality of life for individuals with disabilities. Disability Service Day is Minnesota’s largest day of advocacy for the disability community and a powerful reminder that every voice matters in shaping state policy.

Source: Minnesota Organization for Habilitation and Rehabilitation (MOHR) and Association of Residential Resources in Minnesota (ARRM)



Your Voice Matters: Advocate for Change

The 2026 legislative session is officially underway, and now is the time to make your voice heard. The decisions made at the Capitol directly affect the individuals we support, the staff who care for them, and the future of disability services across Minnesota.

Your advocacy matters - contact your legislators, share your experiences, and remind them of the importance of strong, person-centered supports. Whether through an email, phone call, or community conversation, your input helps ensure that the voices of people with disabilities and those who care for them remain a priority throughout the session.

Minnesota Legislature Contacts

Dawn Gillman - rep.dawn.gillman@house.mn.gov

Glenn Gruenhagen - sen.glenn.gruenhagen@mnsenate.gov

Michelle Fischbach - <https://fischbach.house.gov/contact>

Amy Klobuchar - <https://www.klobuchar.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contact>

Tina Smith - <https://www.smith.senate.gov/share-your-opinion/>

Together, we can continue building a future where every individual has the opportunity to live with dignity, independence, and respect.

National Heart Health Month



As February comes to a close, it’s a great reminder that caring for your heart is something to focus on all year long. Heart disease remains the leading the cause of death in the U.S., but small daily choices can make a big difference-like eating more fruits and veggies, staying active, managing stress, and keeping up with regular checkups. Even though Heart Health Month is ending, it is never too late to start new habits that keep your heart strong and healthy!



Aveyron office staff wearing red for National Heart Health Month! (Left to right back row: Jacob, Natalie, Alisha, Amber, Kelsey. Left to right front row; Katie, Kathy)

Staff of the Quarter: Deb S.

Deb is an outstanding team player at McDonald Drive who consistently goes above and beyond in her role. She is always willing to pick up extra hours when needed and the individuals genuinely look forward to seeing her almost daily. Deb interacts with them regularly, offering support and assistance with whatever they may need, and she does so with patience, compassion, and enthusiasm. At McDonald Drive, we truly operate as a big family, and Deb is a major reason why this job is both fun and rewarding. Her dedication, positive attitude, and commitment to the team and individuals we serve make her an invaluable part of our program.



Did you know:

Aveyron is a 501c3, non-profit organization.

Donations may be tax deductible.

- To contribute, send your gifts to Kathy Kalenberg at 222 5th Avenue NW, Hutchinson, MN 55350

Aveyron has an Endowment Account.

- Gifts made to our endowment have a long-lasting impact because the principal donated is not spent but gathers interest over time. Only the interest is available for use. Please consider us when making plans for your estate.

How Are We Doing?



Please leave a review for us on Google. Reviews are a great way for our staff to know what we are doing right or where we can improve. We aim to make every interaction a positive one.

What is a DSP?

A Direct Support Professional (DSP) is someone who provides essential care and support to people with disabilities, helping them live as independently and fully as possible. DSPs assist with daily living skills, provide medical and behavioral supports, facilitate community involvement, and build meaningful relationships with clients. Their work is at the heart of what makes person-centered care possible in group homes and disability services across Minnesota.

***"DSPs are not just caregivers
- they are life changers."***

To Join Our Team...

Aveyron Homes is hiring for the DSP position which has a variety of shifts available. Apply online!

www.aveyronhomes.com/careers



Paula opening her Christmas presents.



Donna, Jackie and Sara hanging out with DSP Ann.



Dana celebrating 15 years of work at ATHC!



Kris, Paula and Jeff hanging out at their Valentine's Day party.

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Everett with his birthday cake. YUM!



Jimmy and Jeff waiting patiently to open their Christmas presents.



The guys at McDonald Dr. enjoying a JUMBO Uno card game.



Kris loves her new quilt!



Kris, Katie Jo, Paula and Dana having a fun NYE party! Happy New Year!



Mike all dressed up for festive day at ATHC.



Kris with her new puppy companion.



Don and Jeff being goofy at their NYE party!



Brianna enjoying dessert at The Cheesecake Factory.



Kris dancing at the Valentines party!



Paula, Katie Jo, Kris, and Dana on Valentines day!



Jimmy helping prepare his favorite meal.

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What's Happening in Hutchinson?

February

- **Every Wednesday | 6:30pm** Bingo at MC's Pub (formerly Muddy Cow)- 35 3rd Avenue SE, Hutchinson, MN 55350
- **Now until Mar 15th | 9am-4pm** MN Landscape Arboretum - Spring Flower Show
- **Feb 26th | 5pm-8pm** Culver's Hutchinson MN. Burgers, Custard, and Paws! Join us for a delicious night out at Culver's to support the Heart of Minnesota Animal Shelter.
- **Feb 26th | 7pm** A Tribute to Prince - Crow River Winery
- **Feb 27th | 11:30am** Mcleod County Fairgrounds - 39th Annual Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

March

- **Mar 4th | 6pm-7:30pm** The Wine Lounge - Ladies LEGO Night! Join us for a fun adult ladies LEGO class where you'll choose from a variety of insects or succulent plants to create! Pre-registration is required! Registration includes LEGO insect or succulent kit and a drink token.
- **Mar 7th | 4:30pm-7pm** Silver Lake Auditorium, Main St W Silver Lake, MN - 62nd Annual Fish Fry. Adults \$16 Children (age 4-10) \$8, All You Can Eat Fish Fillets and Sides.
- **Mar 13th | 11am** Peace Lutheran Church 400 Franklin St SW, Hutchinson, MN - Annual Fish Fry. Adults \$18, Children (6-12) \$9
- **Mar 14th | 9am** Odyssey Century 9 Theatre - FREE Movie: David. Concessions open at 9am and movie begins at 9:30am.
- **Mar 21st | 9am-5pm** Mcleod County Fairgrounds - The Big Little Hunting and Fishing Expo & Auction. An event for the entire family!
- **Mar 21st | 2pm-4pm** CrossPoint Church - Meet award winning author Kent Nerburn. He will be discussing his book, Lone Dog Road - the One Book One Community book choice for 2026.
- **Mar 22nd | 12-4pm** Glencoe City Center 1107 11th St E, Glencoe, MN - Glencoe Wedding Expo - Free to attend!
- **Mar 24th | 10am** Capitol Rotunda - Disability Services Day
- **Mar 27th | 11am** Cedar Mills Gun Club 62835 140th St Hutchinson, MN - Cedar Mill Fish Fry, Adults \$16 Children (6-12) \$8
- **Mar 30th | 9am-2pm** Ridgewater College Front Lobby - American Red Cross Blood Drive. Walk-ins are welcome.

April

- **Apr 3rd | 3:10pm** Target Field - Minnesota Twins Home Opener against the Tampa Bay Rays
- **Apr 18th | 6am** City Wide - Special White Good, Hard Goods & Electronics Pick-up. No appointments required. Please call West Central Sanitation at 800-246-7630 with questions regarding acceptable items or see website link.
- **Apr 23rd | 4pm-6pm** Art's Place in Hutchinson - Volunteer Hutch. This event will be connecting individuals interested in volunteering with local non-profits promoting volunteer opportunities. Attendees can explore ways to give back to the community, while organizations share their current needs. Aveyron Homes will have a booth - come say hi!

May

- **May 18th |** MN Legislature is scheduled to end.