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Aveyron celebrates 51 Years of Care!

Our story started with a group of loving and determined parents whose adult children with disabilities were living in an institution too far away for regular visits and in conditions that fell short of what they deserved. These families wanted something better, close to home, and as close as possible to the active lifestyle each person was able and interested in living.

Our name "Aveyron" Homes, comes from the early 19th century of a disabled boy found living in the wild of the Aveyron Forest of France. Dr. Jean-Marc Itard devoted 5 years of studying and teaching this boy. Through his work, people with disabilities were shown to have the ability to learn skills and adapt to various environments. Our founding board members drew up plans and custom-built a 14-resident home in a residential Hutchinson neighborhood on Dale Street, the first of its kind in the area. Aveyron continues to be the biggest provider of disability services in McLeod County and McLeod County is exclusively our home, keeping every resource right here and investing back into the community that supports us.

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Original Dale Street
location - July 1975



Aveyron Homes Named Top Workplace by the Star Tribune!

Being named "Top Workplace" is great, but being named "Top Workplace" for **TEN** years (2016-2026) in a row is a hard-earned accomplishment. Earning this distinction year after year reflects our outgoing commitment to creating a workplace where team members feel valued, supported, and empowered to make a difference. We are grateful for our dedicated staff whose passion, teamwork, and commitment to excellence who have made this recognition possible.



Aveyron Homes Yearly BBQ – Northwoods Park

What a great afternoon! Our annual Aveyron BBQ brought everyone together for an afternoon full of delicious food, laughter, and friendly competition. Clients and staff enjoyed games like bean bags, Giant Jenga, yard dice and cards while spending time with friends and staff. It was wonderful to see so many smiles, hear so much laughter, and make new memories together. Thank you to everyone who helped make the day such a fun and successful event – we're already looking forward to next year!



Group Photo at BBQ Picnic



Everett and Jon playing bean bags.



Genessa and Staff's baby.



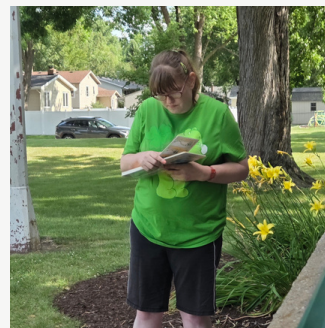
Everyone enjoying their picnic food.



Jon playing bean bags.



Kathy, Josh, and Tristen playing Jenga.



Teri reading a book.



Tristen letting his caterpillar free.



Everret, Darrin, and Natalie playing cards



Kathy and Joan

**BBQ
PARTY!**



Celebrating Direct Support Professionals Week September 13–19th, 2026

This September, we proudly celebrate Direct Support Professionals (DSP) Week and recognize the dedicated individuals who make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we support everyday.

DSPs are the heart of our organization. Through their compassion, patience, advocacy, and commitment, they help individuals achieve greater independence, pursue personal goals, and participate fully in their communities. Whether assisting with daily living activities, providing emotional support, encouraging new experiences, or celebrating milestones, DSPs create opportunities that empower people to live fulfilling lives.

The work of a DSP goes far beyond a job title – it is a profession built on relationships, trust, and genuine care. Their impact is seen in every success story, every smile, and every moment of connection.

Please help us acknowledge their work by sending in your shout-outs and “thank-yous” to Kathy Kalenberg at 222 5th Ave, NW, Hutchinson, MN 55350 or kathy@aveyronhomes.com

Happy DSP Week 2026!

From our Clients:

1. **How do DSPs help make your day better?**

- “By doing stuff like cook and go out to eat”
- “Keep house clean, appointments, meds, helping to remember”
- “Staff help me whenever I need it, and I like that.”
- “Staff make me laugh and have fun with me.”
- “Staff take me out to eat and have fun with me.”

2. **Can you share a favorite memory with a DSP?**

- “Tom helped me set a budget that helped for a long time”
- “Going to staff’s house and swimming in her pool.”
- “Going to the office with my staff, shopping, and out to eat on Fridays.”
- “When staff take me out to eat or to the movies.”
- “Singing in the car with staff when going to appointments.”

3. **Why are DSPs important to you?**

- “He’s grateful for the reminders”
- “They help us keep consistent schedules while supporting us with daily living skills and activities.”
- “Staff are important to me because I have learned how to type and send emails.”
- “Keep me safe!”
- “Staff keep me on my toes!”

WORK ANNIVERSARIES

- Heidi T – 1yr in July
- Rosie M – 1yr in July
- Brigitte W – 2yrs in July
- Nancy M – 3yrs in July
- Mary Z – 11yrs in Aug
- April J – 22yrs in Aug
- Lindsey P – 1yr in Sept
- Jennifer M – 22yrs in Sept

WELCOME NEW STAFF

- Stephen P – Program Coordinator for Southview
- Valerie G – DSP
- Madison T – DSP
- Lincoln S – DSP
- Emiliano L – DSP
- Kelly C – DSP

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

- Devon B
- Isabelle N



Aaron and Brian With Staff
Lindsey at King's Wok



Staff of the Quarter: Brigitte W.

Aveyron Homes would like to recognize Brigitte W. as Staff of the Quarter. Brigitte consistently comes to work with a positive attitude and is always willing to help wherever she is needed. She regularly picks up shifts at multiple sites and has been a huge support when we've had staffing shortages. Even when Brigitte is already working at another site, she has stepped up to help cover call-ins and has gone above and beyond to ensure shifts are covered. Her flexibility, reliability, and willingness to support both her coworkers and the individuals we serve does not go unnoticed. Brigitte's dedication and teamwork make a positive impact every day, and we truly appreciate everything she does for our clients and our team. Thank you, Brigitte, for your hard work, compassion, and commitment to Aveyron Homes!

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

Spotlight on Dana:



Dana R

Favorite Activity: Coloring in my coloring books.

Fun Fact: I like to go camping and fishing.

Favorite Thing about Aveyron: I get to go fun places, and make my own choices.

Reminder!



AVEYRON RECYCLES YOUR ALUMINUM CANS! THERE IS A TRAILER DESIGNATED FOR CANS PARKED AT AVEYRON'S OFFICE AT 222 5TH AVENUE NW. FUNDS BENEFIT CLIENTS AND SUPPORT ACTIVITIES.



Joan and Joanne enjoying the nice weather.



Katie Jo at Dairy Days.



Katie Jo, Paula, Dana & Kris making tie-dye shirts.



Don at the car show.



Don, Jimmy & Jeff at the car show.



Devon at the sanctuary.



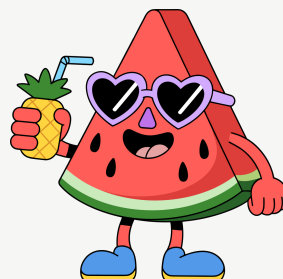
Angie celebrating her birthday at BWW with her housemates.



Everett for "dress to impress day" at work.



Jimmy, Jeff & Don with their planted flowers donated from BLHS FFA.





Don, Jimmy, Jeff and DSP Alex having lunch at the arboretum.



Jeff, Jimmy & Don at the arboretum.



Don and Jeff at Ramsey Park.



Katie Jo, Paula, and Joanie enjoying the water carnival parade.



Teri had a 1:1 day with her PC and went shopping for her birthday.



Jon out antique shopping at the Treasure Shed.



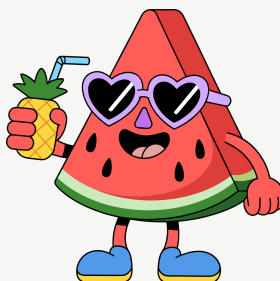
Kelsey celebrating her birthday.



Paula and Jon at our company picnic.



Devon, Genessa, and Kelsey at the MN Largest Candy Store.



Special Olympics – USA Games

In June, our Executive Director, Kathy, volunteered at the USA Games! This brought together nearly 3,000 athletes from all 50 states to compete, inspire, and showcase the power of inclusion. Hosted across the Twin Cities, from June 20–26, the Games celebrated determination, sportsmanship, and community while highlighting the incredible talents of athletes with intellectual disabilities.



Well-being Tips for Summer Festivals and Fairs

Plan ahead. Check the weather to know how to dress, and familiarize yourself with the venue layout so you can quickly find exits, first-aid stations and water refill points. Stick with your group and set a meet-up plan in case you get separated.

Check event policies. Review the venue's website for rules on bags, water bottles, sunscreen containers and umbrellas.

Stay cool and hydrate. Wear light, breathable clothing, drink water throughout the day and take shade breaks to cool down.

Use sun protection. Apply a broad-spectrum sunscreen and reapply every two hours. Consider wearing a hat or sunglasses for extra protection.

Protect your hearing. Use earplugs or noise-canceling headphones in loud areas to reduce hearing damage.

Prioritize your personal safety. Use anti-theft bags, keep valuables close and stay aware of your surroundings to navigate crowds and avoid hazards.

Eat and drink responsibly. Choose vendors with clean setups and proper food safety equipment, or eat beforehand or pack your own food if allowed. If drinking alcohol or caffeine, balance it with water to avoid worsening dehydration or heat illness.

Prioritizing your health and safety at festivals and fairs can help you minimize risks and maximize fun.

Southview House Has a New Home!



We're excited to share that our Southview home has officially moved to its new location on Northwoods Avenue!

This move allows us to provide an even better living environment for the individuals we support. The Northwoods home offers more space, a newly remodeled interior, and updated features that create a comfortable, welcoming place to call home. With additional room and modern improvements, we're able to better meet the needs of our clients while continuing to provide the high-quality care and support Aveyron Homes has done for 50+ years. We're grateful for everyone who helped make the transition possible and look forward to the many memories that will be made in our new home!

Upcoming Events:

in the Hutchinson area

August

- **Aug 8th & 9th** | *Heatwale Threshing Show* - 15498 Walden Ave, Hutchinson MN - Free Admission
- **Aug 10th** | **Before Music in the Park** *Downtown Hutchinson Stays Open Late!*
- **Aug 15th** | *Garlic Festival* - Mcleod County Fairgrounds
- **Aug 20th-23rd** | *Mcleod County Fair* - Mcleod County Fairgrounds
- **Aug 27th - Sept 7th** | *MN State Fair* - 1265 Snelling Ave N, Saint Paul MN 55108

September

- **Sept 4th - 6th** | *City Wide Garage Sales* - Hutchinson
- **Sept 18th 10a-6p & 19th 9a-4p** | *Arts & Crafts Festival and Taste of Hutchinson* - Downtown Library Square
- **Sept 26th | 6a** *Special White Good, Hard Goods & Electrics Pick-up* - Hutchinson
- **Sept 26th | 6p** *The 70's Magic Sunshine Band Oktober Fest* - Bobbing Bobber Brewery

October

- **Oct 3rd | 1p** *Hand Built Pottery for Adults* - Hutchinson Center for The Arts - \$20
- **Oct 30th | 6p** *Plant Bingo* - Crow River Winery - \$25
- **Oct 31st | 2-4p** *3BC Trunk or Treat*

November

- **Nov 7th | 9a** *The Hutchinson Area Women of Today's 37th Annual Holiday Craft Sale* - Mcleod County Fairgrounds

December

- **Dec 5th | 10a** *FREE Community Showing of Polar Express* - Odyssey Century 9 Theatre
- **Dec 20th | 4p** *A Rock & Roll Christmas Story* - Crow River Winery
- **Dec 24th | 10a** *FREE Community Showing of How the Grinch Stole Christmas* - Odyssey Century 9 Theatre

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.



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