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OU Family Day

OU Family Day is an annual event that our members, families, and our team enjoy each year. This year it also happened to be our kick-off to our special DSP Week! Over 200 people joined us for this beloved event in September. Families were able to enjoy lunch, play a variety of games and activities, and simply appreciate time to visit with one another. One of the highlights is Music BINGO; thank you to E and his family for making sure the room was rocking! We're so grateful for our OU Family and the joy these celebrations bring.



Family



Irish Road Bowling 2025

This year was our biggest Irish Road Bowling event yet, with 51 teams rolling the course—some seasoned veterans and

several first-time bowlers. Thanks to the participation of our teams and the generosity of our sponsors, we raised over \$30,000 to support our Annual Angels program.

Congratulations to our 1st Place Team – Road Warriors! We're incredibly grateful for our sponsors who made this day possible along with the participating teams. Leading Sponsors included KTIV, RTI & RTI Threads, Old Chicago, Lewis Electric, MVS Metals, Cain Ellsworth, Speedy Lube, Central Bank, Work and Church, Sioux Honey, Jimmy John's, and My Jeweler.

None of this would be possible without the 50+ volunteers who helped us for our 3rd Annual IRB Event. Thank you to the OU team members, family & friends, and the Morningside University Wrestling Team who helped throughout the day!

We're already looking forward to next year and how we'll be able to accommodate even more participants! Slainte!



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We Love Our Team

We joined thousands of other organizations in September to celebrate our amazing Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) in honor of National DSP Recognition Week! Each day throughout the week we had something planned to show our appreciation. Some of the highlights included a special event



where we welcomed Dave Madsen, a local comedian & magician, who brought plenty of laughs and smiles! Another fan favorite was hosting Sippin712 and all of our DSPs were treated to a free dirty soda on OU as a small token of our appreciation. A few other treats included a waffle bar and taco bar as a way to celebrate.



"Spirit Week" also brought the team together with different themes throughout the week. We look forward to this week each year and the opportunity to honor our DSPs; they make an incredible impact on the lives of others. Our DSPs are truly the heart

of our organization, and we are so grateful for everything they do each and every day.

Fall Fun at the Riverfront

Each October, we make it a priority to get out and enjoy a beautiful fall day in the community. This year, our persons served and staff took advantage of the crisp air and colorful scenery with an outing to the Sioux City riverfront.



The day was filled with laughter, sunshine, and plenty of adventure! Participants enjoyed a nature walk scavenger hunt, a picnic, and of course, some refreshing apple cider. Both our ICF and RCF homes joined in on the fun, making it an inclusive and memorable experience for everyone. The scavenger hunt was a highlight of the day, with each team racing to find all 20 items along the trail and through the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center. Once the lists were complete, it became a friendly competition to see who could make it back to the picnic area first to claim the prize! Afterward, everyone gathered to relax in the sun, share stories, and connect with friends they don't always get to see. Outings like this take careful planning and teamwork, but seeing the joy on everyone's faces makes every effort worthwhile.



Service Learning at OU

A heartfelt THANK YOU to the Siouxland students who have embraced our organization in their community service projects! Morningside University helped OU as part of their "Into the Streets" initiative. Each student embraced our mission while helping us with cleaning & detailing our vans, helping with projects in the homes, and spending quality time with our persons served. Likewise, we welcomed students from Bishop Heelan who lent us a helping hand during their Homecoming Week. Taking advantage of the beautiful fall weather, students jumped in to help with yard projects and detail some of the vans utilized by our persons served.



We're always grateful for the support of our community and the opportunity to welcome visitors to OU. We appreciate your kindness, energy, and willingness to serve.



Annual Angels

As you take into account your charitable donations and end-of-year giving, please consider Opportunities Unlimited and our Annual Angels program. This program provides needed items for our persons served, whom are on a very limited fixed income. The annual Angels program provides items such as clothing, personal hygiene products, haircuts, and occasional opportunity to participate in favored events such as concerts, dinner, and movies. All gifts, at any amount, are greatly appreciated and will allow us to provide for some of these items not otherwise covered through services. We're always grateful for the support of our community and the opportunity to welcome visitors to OU. We appreciate your kindness, energy, and willingness to serve.

