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From the Director's Corner:

Much has transpired since our last newsletter. On October 14th Connections held a fundraising event at the Moxie Theater. Jazz artist Mandy Harvey treated guests to an absolutely fabulous concert. A great time was had by all. We look forward to making this an annual event.

Be sure and check our activity calendar and join us for some or all of our activities. Please join us for our annual Christmas party on December 14th from 12:00-3:00pm here at Connections. We will provide food and drinks and Christmas merriment!

Many of you may have questions or concerns regarding how the policies of the Trump administration may affect your benefits. At this point little is known about specific policy implementation however we are keeping abreast of all changes and will keep our consumers informed as we gain information. I want to remind all of you that Connections is here to assist you with your disability related questions and concerns. We are your community and we value each and every one of you! In the words of Bob Kafka, co-founder of ADAPT "Don't Mourn, Organize"

Mandy Harvey Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who came to the Mandy Harvey fundraiser! We hoped everyone enjoyed the AMAZING performance by Mandy.



Connections will be CLOSED on:

November 11th

November 24th , 25th

December 26th till January 2nd

Connections staff wishes you all seasons best and we can't wait to start another year!

Season of Giving

For many of us, we forget how big the little things are around the holidays. We get distracted by the glimmer of the lights and the smell of home cooked meals. We get stressed by time flying by and a to-do list a mile long. There are community members who do not get stressed by the holidays to-do list, but stress about where their next meal is coming from, if they're going to be warm enough for the night, if they have enough funds for food and medicine.

Colorado Gives day is December 6th and we would like you to help us give a peace of mind this holiday season. We're asking for donations of hygiene products, blankets and winter wear (hats, gloves, scarfs) to give to our consumers who do not have the means, for the little things that can make a big difference. We hope this season you remember the little things and have a great holiday season.

DECEMBER 2016

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1 11am-12pm Bookmobile 3pm-4pm Pain Support Group	2 1pm-2pm Craft Group 2:15-3:30pm Balancing Life
5	6 10am-12pm Game Day	7 3:30pm Veteran's Support Group	8 1pm-2:30pm TBI Group 3pm-4:30 Musicians' Circle	9
12	13	14 1pm-5pm Connection's Christmas Party	15 11am-2pm Bookmobile 5pm-7pm Social Group	16 1pm-3pm Craft Group
19	20 10am-12pm Game Day	21 10am-11am Low Vision Support Group 3:30pm Veteran's Support Group	22 1pm-2:30pm TBI Group	23 Office closes at 12pm
26	27	28	29	30



OFFICE IS CLOSED TIL JAN. 2nd, 2017
Happy Holidays and we will see you in the new year!

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Balancing Life—Topics related to a balanced life, such as dealing with stress, are presented for group discussion.

Bookmobile— The High Plains Library brings a selection of books and movies to Connections for your convenience

Craft Group: Endless Creations and Conversations—Group members work on a craft of their choosing which can include coloring.

Game Day—Come enjoy playing games at Connections.

Low Vision Support Group—Learn about and share strategies for living.

Pain Management Group—A support group for those living with chronic pain.

Musicians' Circle— A chance to play music with players from all styles and skill levels at Connections. Some instruments provided, All welcome!

TBI Group—A support group for those who have suffered a traumatic brain injury

Veterans' Support Group

WAND— Weld Advocacy Network on Disabilities is a group committed to improving accessibility in Greeley

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Questions? Refer to our online calendar or call (970) 352-8682

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Advancing Independence & Equality for People with Disabilities

Connections for Independent Living helps people with disabilities obtain choices and control in daily life. We are a nonprofit independent living center serving as an empowerment and learning community. Many of our staff members have disabilities, and we support people in developing their own goals and plans for attaining them.

¿Habla Español? Tenemos un boletín noticioso a solicitud.

Wheelchair Clinics

Are you having issues with your wheelchair? Contact your independent living specialist to sign up for repair services with Numotion.

Numotion provides “mobility solutions,” including repairs and sales of wheelchairs. If you or someone you know would be interested in Numotion services, please contact Connections!

Check it Out!

Connections will be hosting its first Youth Advocacy Training starting January 23rd going till February 13th, 2017. This training is for youth with disabilities age 18-23. The training will cover: The Civil Rights Movement and how it parallels with the Disability Rights Movement. We will also explore the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), what it covers and what it does not cover. Participants will learn advocacy techniques and other disability related information that can be used in daily life. Please join us for what promises to be an exciting training!