

# GEM STATE NEWS



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## Holidays are the Best!

Hello friends,

We hope you had a wonderful holiday season and are excited about what 2023 has to offer. During the past four months, staff and participants engaged in a variety of activities here at the center and in the community.

There were lots of holiday events in a short amount of time. We celebrated Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's. With great food, music, and the company of family and friends, we are all grateful for the people in our lives who make these things possible.

With the new year, we'll continue to provide quality support services to our participants, their families, and our community. It will always be job #1 for us.

We thank you. We appreciate you. Enjoy the new year!

- GSDC Staff

## Agencies, Services, & Community Events:

**The Empowering Parents Program (Grants for families to buy education resources)**

[Empowering Parents \(idaho.gov\)](https://www.idaho.gov/empowering-parents)

**National Disability Institute (Wellness Tips to Your Phone) #ResilientPWD**

[Sign Up for #ResilientPwD: Get Wellness Tips Right to Your Phone \(nationaldisabilityinstitute.org\)](https://www.nationaldisabilityinstitute.org/sign-up-for-resilientpwd)

**The Boise Art Museum ( Free admission on the first Thursday of each month)**

[Home - Boise Art Museum](https://www.boiseartmuseum.org)

**The Discovery Center of Idaho ( Professional aides accompanying receive free admission)**

[World-Class Exhibitions | The Discovery Center of Idaho \(dcidaho.org\)](https://www.dcidaho.org)

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Scavenger Hunt:  Bigfoot Firepit Bird Boat Deer Plane Skier Salamander



# GSDC Halloween Party.

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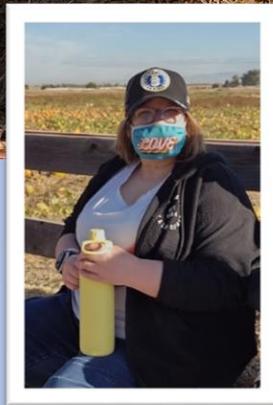
Let's dress up for some spooky fun. Meridian Adults show us how it's done.



# Who's Ready for the Pumpkin Patch?

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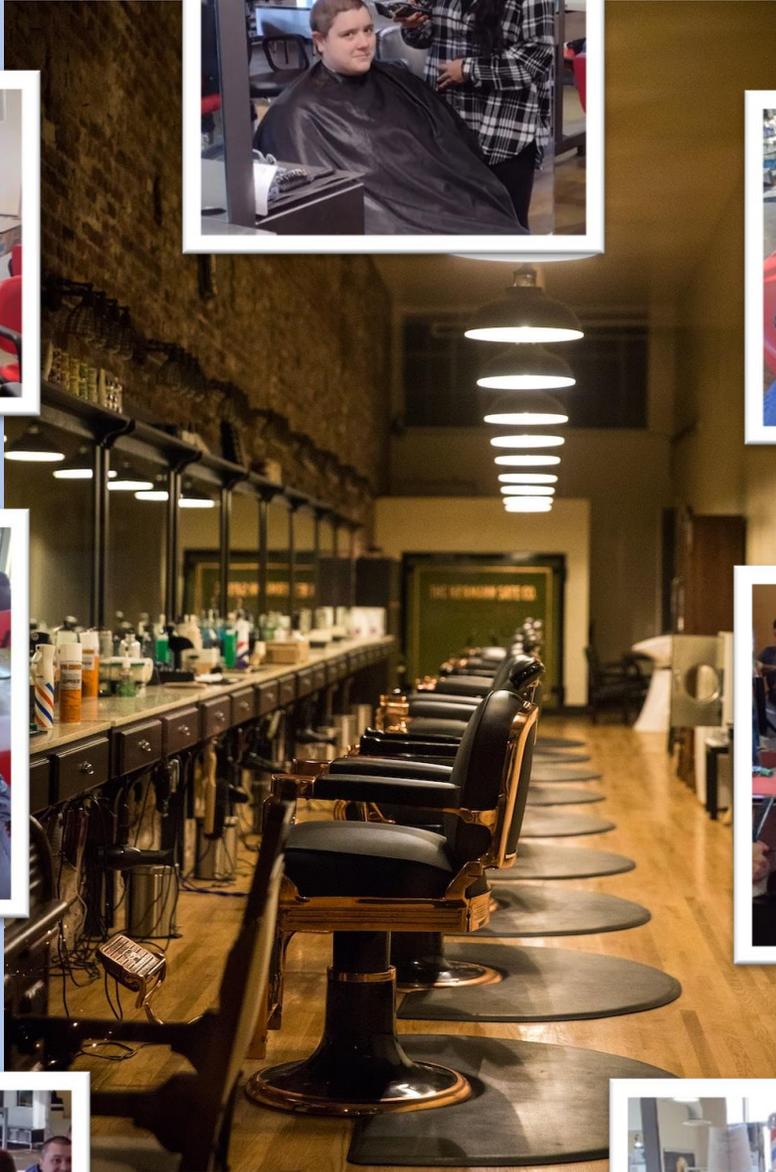
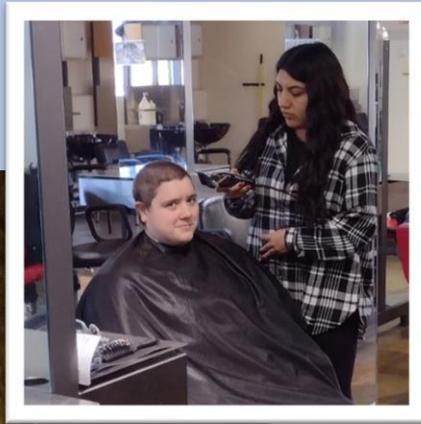
We get excited about a trip to the pumpkin patch. We ride around & then come back.



## A Trip to the Paul Mitchell School.

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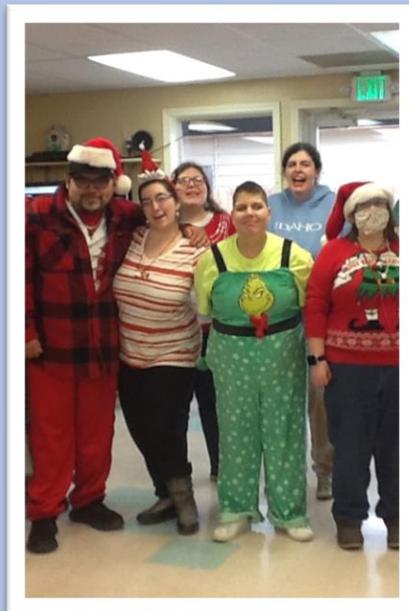
Participants lined up to look their best. Their cool hairstyles tell you the rest.



## A Christmas Party (Participants).

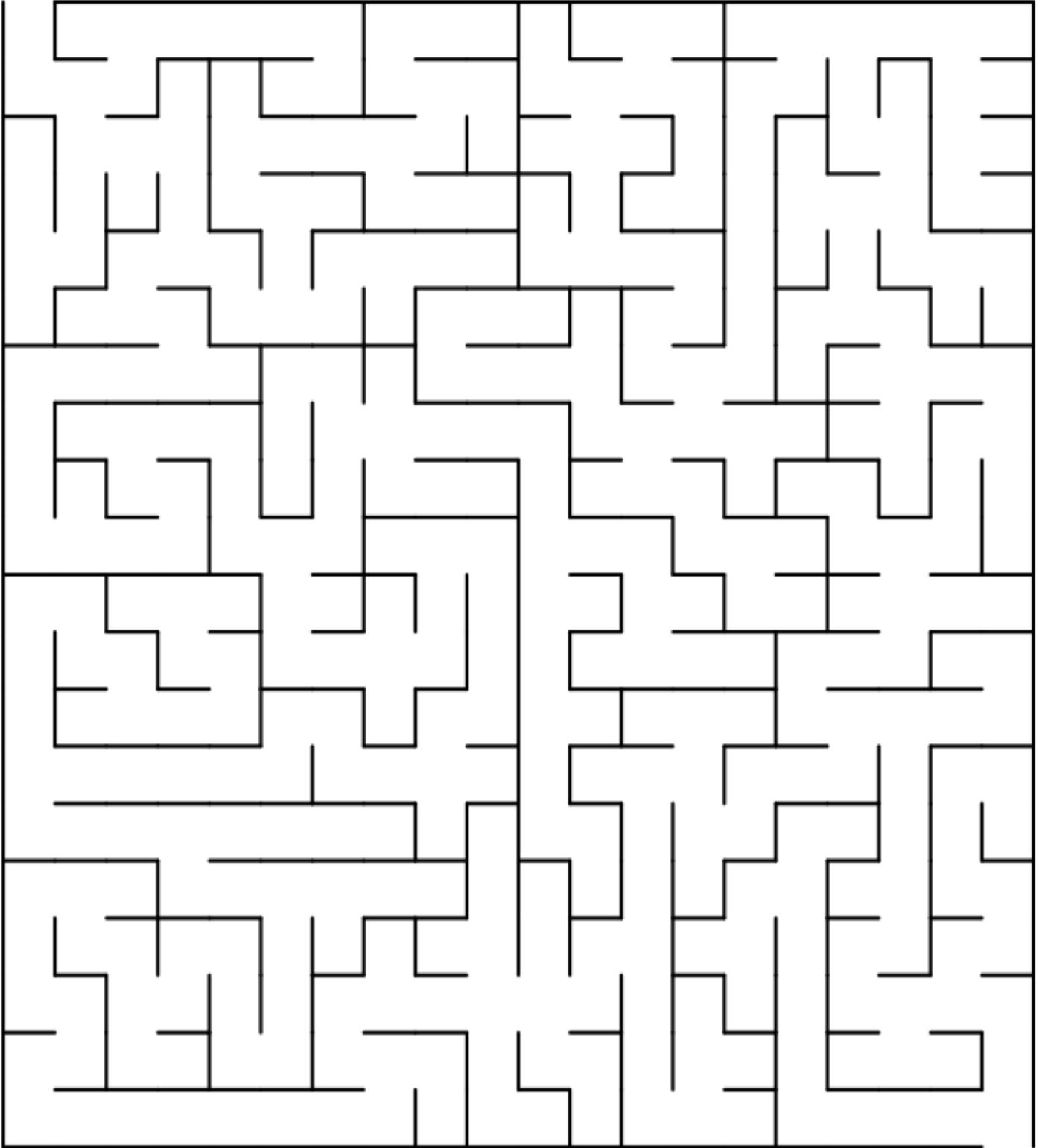
Photo by [Mariana Rascão](#) on [Unsplash](#)

It's Christmas time for us. We smile and celebrate with trust.



Make it Through the Maze!

**START  
HERE!**



## A Christmas Party (Staff).

Photo by [Tijana Drndarski](#) on [Unsplash](#)

GSDC Staff gathered at City Buffet in Boise for their annual Christmas party.

It was a new location for us this year, but we all seemed to like it very much.

We did gift exchanges, a sweater judging contest, and shared stories among co-workers.

What an amazing night. Thank you, staff, family, and friends.



## Direct Support Staff Recognition.

We are grateful to work with some truly amazing people.

Because of them, we are able to provide quality services to those we serve.

Congratulations, to these rockstars!

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**Janette** (1 year)    **Margo** (1 year)    **Valorie** (6 years)    **Julia** (1 year)    **Michael S.** (1 year)

**Paul** (1 year)    **Brian** (New Team Member)    **Desiree** (New Team member)

**Melanie** (New Team member)    **Tiffany, Maria, & Jack** (Interns)

**Heather** (17 years)    **Lilibeth** (24 years)    **Charlotte** (17 years)

## Let's Go to the Reptile Zoo!

Photo by [Quentin Bounias](#) on [Unsplash](#)

The reptiles were very cool to see. We saw one, then two, and three.



## Arts & Crafts, and So Much More!

Here are a few photos you might like. Such a delight.



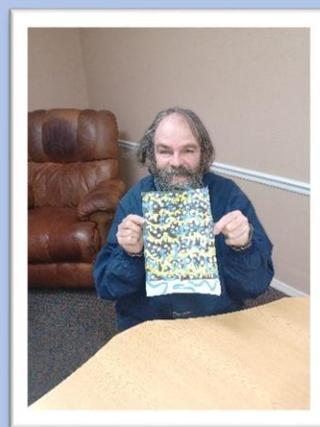
### Nyck's Jokes



What do you get when you cross a camera and an arrow? **A Camaro.**

What do you get when you cross a slug with a bug? **A slug bug.**

What do you call a bug at the dunes? **A dune buggy.**



# Legal Advocacy and Planning for Life After 18.

Saturday February 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> (9 am – 10.30 am)

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**IN-PERSON EVENT  
WITH  
FEATURED SPEAKER  
CHARLENE K. QUADE**

**LEGAL ADVOCACY  
AND  
PLANNING FOR  
LIFE AFTER 18!**



**SATURDAY,  
FEBRUARY 4, 2023  
9:00 A.M. TO 10:30A.M.**

**PRESENTATION TOPICS:**

- SPECIAL NEEDS PLANNING
- ESTATE PLANNING
- SUPPLEMENTAL NEEDS TRUSTS

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- GUARDIANSHIP
- CONSERVATORSHIP
- EFFECTIVE ALTERNATIVES

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**LOCATION:**  
GEM STATE  
DEVELOPMENTAL  
CENTER  
818 NW 15th Street  
Meridian, ID

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**NEW  
PRESENTATION  
ALERT**

**Advanced Planning for Special  
Needs: What is it good for?**

**Primary focus on the use of  
Wills and Trusts**



**Location:**  
Gem State Developmental  
Center  
818 NW 15th Street  
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**Date/Time:**  
Saturday Feb. 11, 2023  
9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.  
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**In Person with:**  
**CHARLENE K. QUADE**

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