

GEM STATE NEWS



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*Congratulations to Suzanne for completing her puzzle set.
She reminds the rest of us to stay positive and persevere.*

Way To Go!!!



There is no greater disability in society than the inability to see a person as more.



- Robert M. Hansel

Idaho Human Rights Commission (anti-discrimination organization)

<https://www.facebook.com/IdahoHumanRights>

JUMP Boise (non-profit creative community center)

<https://www.facebook.com/jumpboise>

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Scavenger Hunt



Seashells - Sunglasses - Surfer - Bird - Sandals - Crab -

Bucket & Shovel - Beach Recliner - Beach Ball



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Let's Have A Paint Party (Part 1) Kids Program

These projects are a great way to bond with peers and foster creative expression.

Awesome job Meridian Kids Program!



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Flower Arrangement Activity (Part 1)

Thanks to coordinated efforts by a parent of one of our rockstars, the participants were able to create beautiful flower arrangements for the community. The skills they acquired were task attention, following directions, fine motor skills, and patience.

Great job everyone!



Flower Arrangement Activity (Part 2)

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"First rule: Make fun in your life!"



"Second rule: Remember the first rule."

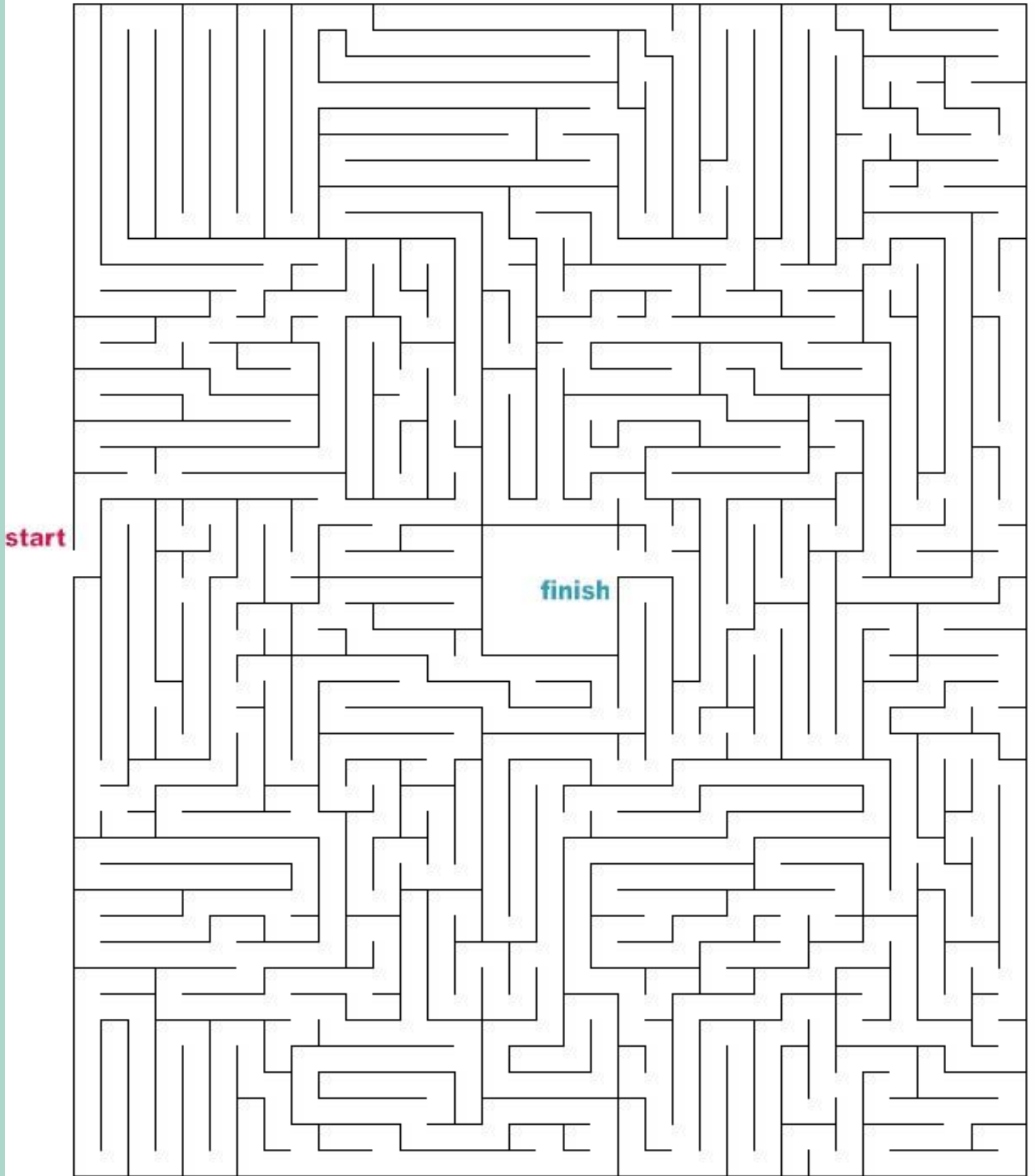
Karaoke Performances at the Watsons Theatre

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Singing brings out the best in all of us. As an added treat, our participants build self-confidence and learn to express themselves creatively.

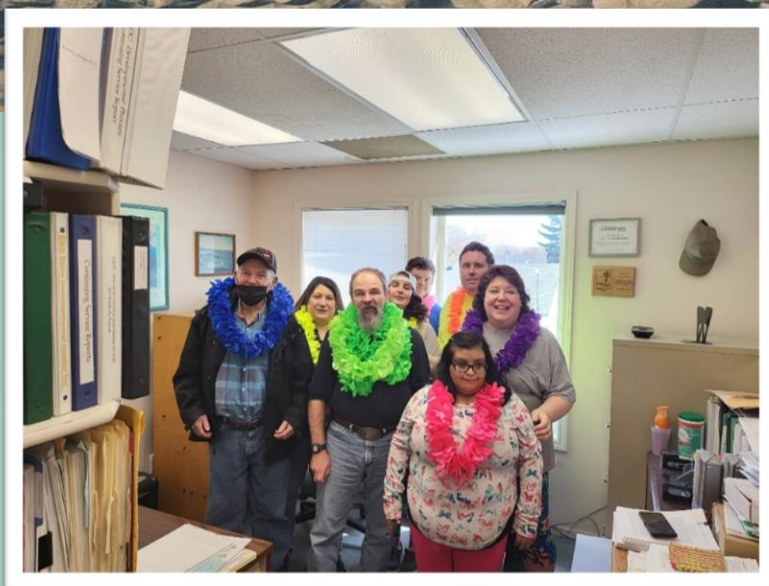


Let's Take a Trip Through the Maze!



Corey Makizuru – A Fond Farewell!

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After 39 years of being a part of establishing, building, & sustaining the first privately owned & operated developmental disability agency in the state of Idaho, Corey Makizuru has retired as the Administrator for GSDC. Corey says his greatest joy & appreciation was working with so many exceptional people, their families, our community partners, & those that provided support & services. We will all miss his wise counsel immensely.

Congratulations Corey and may your retirement years grant you many blessings!

What I Did Today!

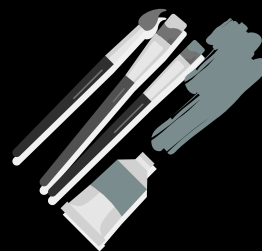
Gem State is a place to learn new things, but we also look for fun activities to share. Here are our participants engaging in a few things they enjoy.



Draw, paint, & color.

Then we share with each other.

My Places Coloring Activity @Yogurtz Grill



This is when your happy inside matches
your happy outside.

What an exciting hairdo!



The Pringles Ring Stem Challenge

Our Meridian Kids Program conquered a recent internet challenge. A fun and engaging activity that builds fine motor skills, patience, and focus.

Great Job!

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Do You Like Challenges?

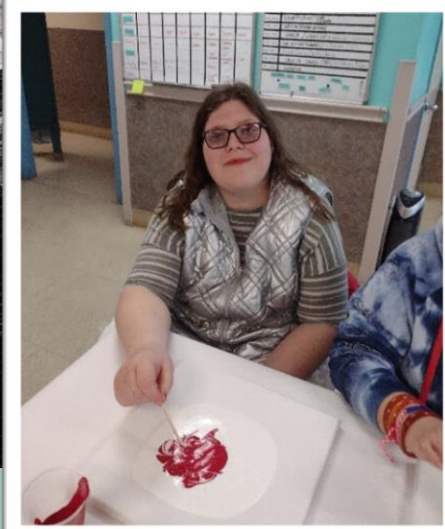
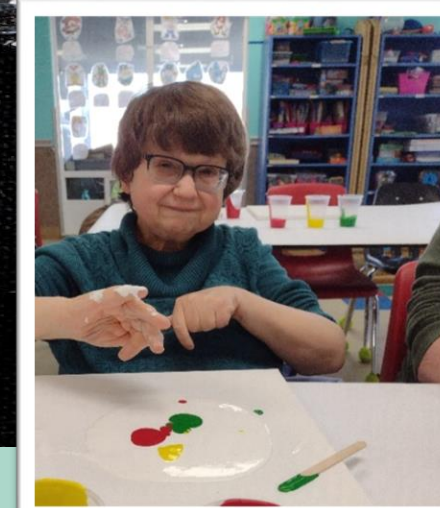
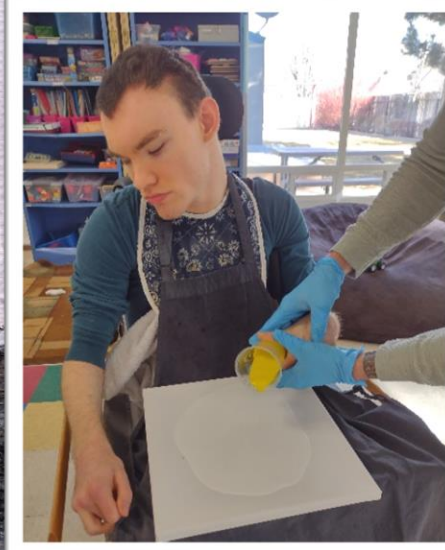
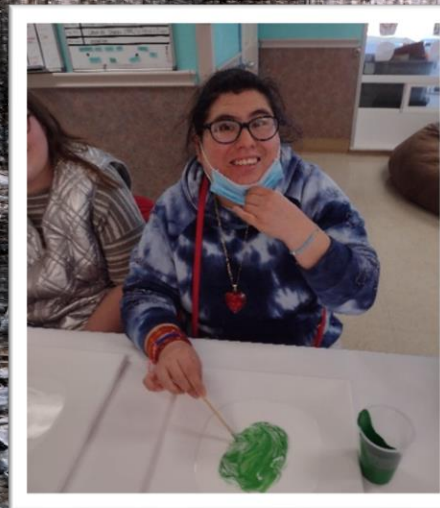
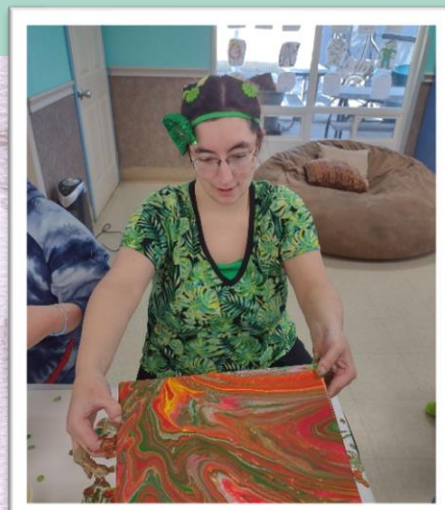
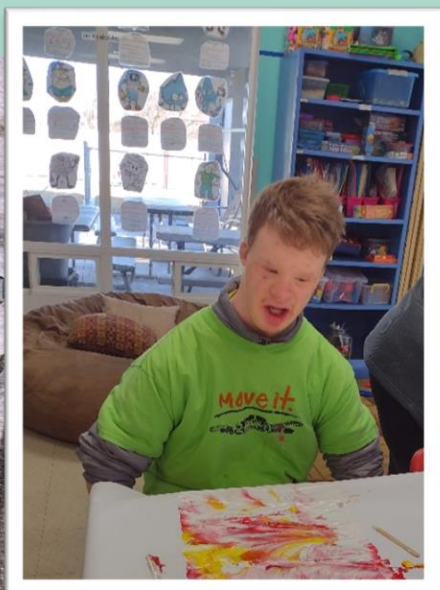
<https://carlyandadam.com/thecarlyandadam/pringles-ring-stem-challenge>



Let's Have A Paint Party (Part 2) Adults Program

Expression is a path to freedom. We believe our participants are soaring in the clouds with each of these amazing artworks. Amazing!

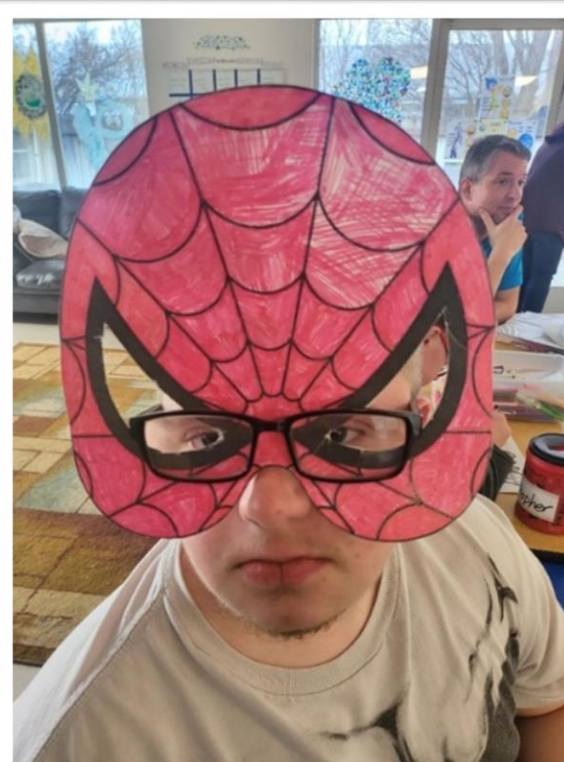
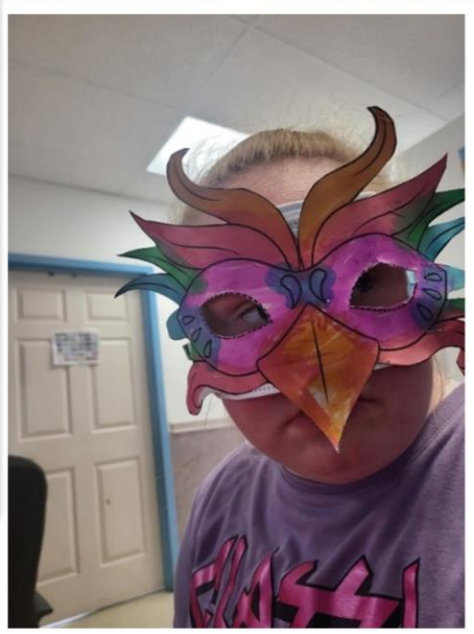
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A Masquerade Party

Can you spot the identities of the people behind the masks? You can ask for help from your family, friends, and staff if need be.

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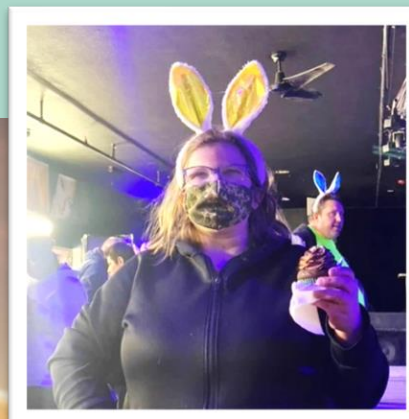


An Easter Celebration!

Our adults gathered in a community space to celebrate the Easter activities.

Everyone said they had a great time.

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College & Beyond!

Congratulations to our recent college graduates!

Melanie Southwick, Tiffany Murphy, and Maria Albarran!

Your path is full of possibilities, and we know your future is bright.

Welcome to the team, Laura Baldwin. Laura comes to us from the Social Work Program at Boise State University and is our intern for the Summer/Fall semesters.

We are excited she chose us to share this experience.

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Melanie



Tiffany



Maria



Laura

