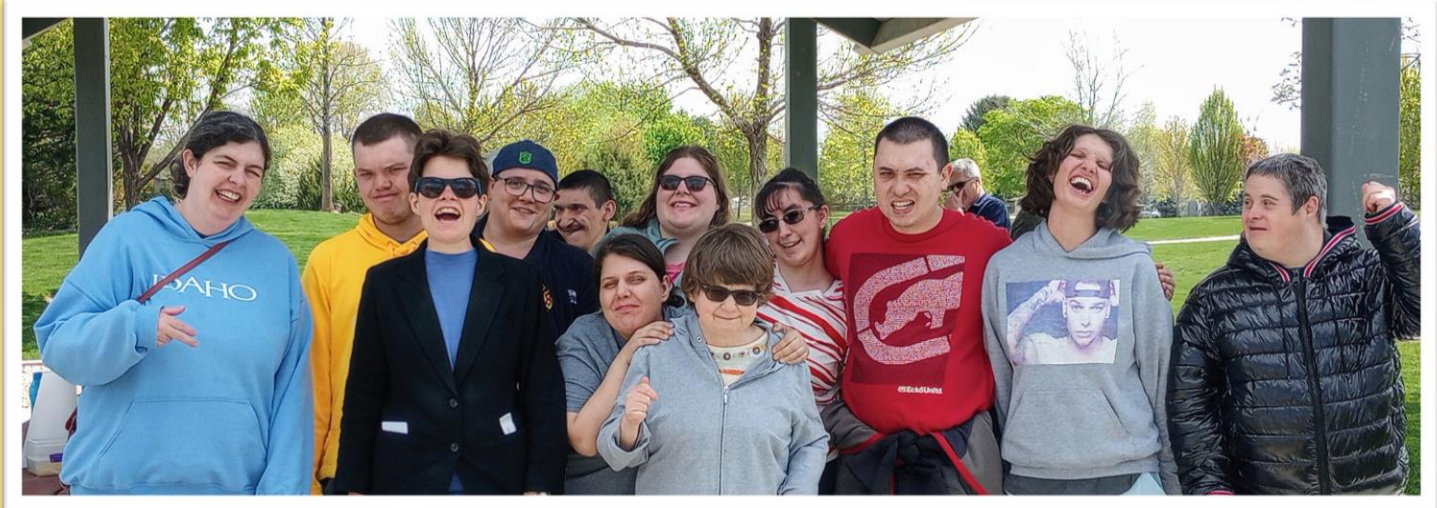


# GEM STATE NEWS



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## We Are Summer and Summer Is Us!

As the day begins to unfold, we think of all the ways we can make it as wonderful as possible. The Sun shines bright in the sky, as it brings warmth to our faces and deliver love in our hearts. Though time flies, these feelings we have will last forever in our memories. Sharing these moments with friends make it all the more amazing. This summer gave us laughter, tears, and a whole lot more. But we're not sad, quite the opposite, what we feel is overwhelming joy. Because we have each other, and sometimes, that is more than enough. **#gsdc4life**

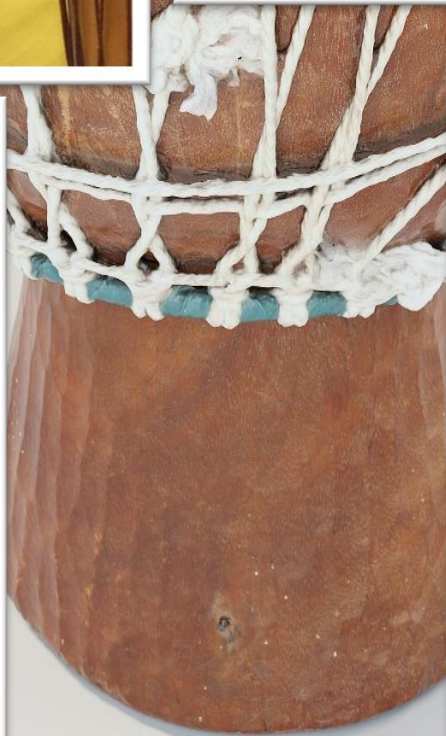
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## The Beat of the Drum!

[Drakery 3D \(@drakery\) | Unsplash Photo Community](#)

Drum Circles are fun, engaging, and great social events. Drumming is a great workout for your brain as the rhythms synchronize your left and right hemispheres. Check out these photos of our participants as they get their groove on!









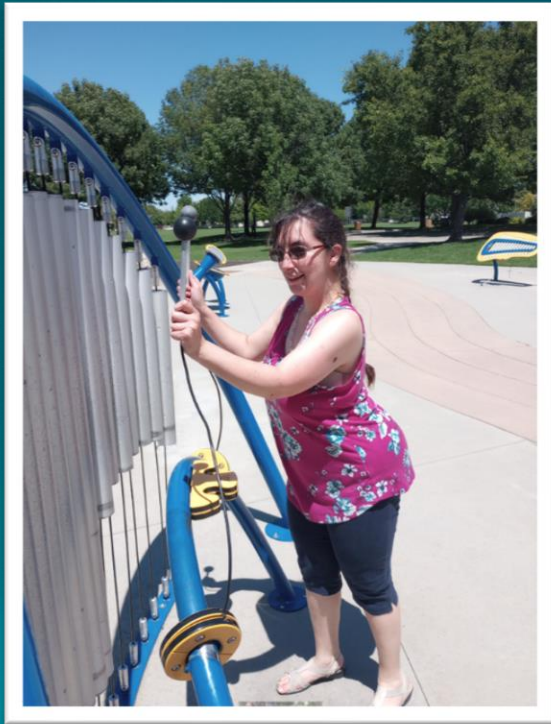




## All the Fun Things! Part One

[Jason Leung \(@ninjason\) | Unsplash Photo Community](#)

Our participants like exploring new places, and we love to see them excited about their adventures. Community outings are great for socialization, communication, and self-education. Plus, it's so much fun when you're outside doing the things you love.





## Fun Things, Part 2

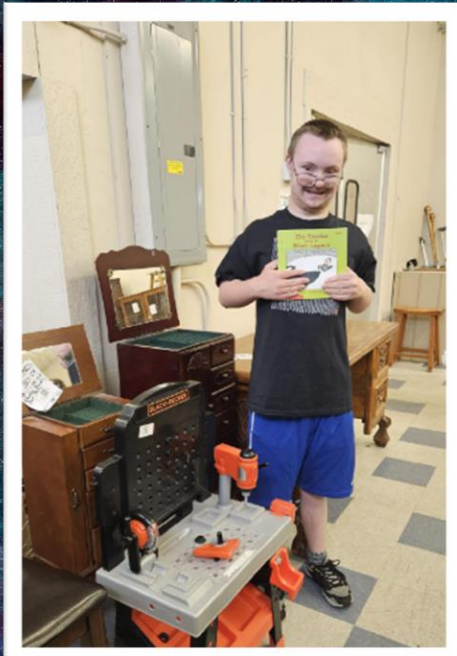
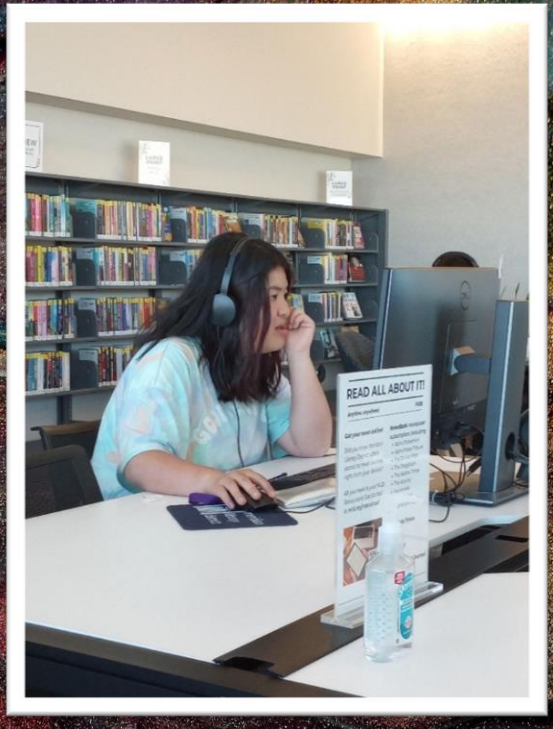




## We All Pass the Time In Different Ways!

[Susan Wilkinson \(@susan\\_wilkinson\) | Unsplash Photo Community](#)

Find something you love to do. It can be anything from reading a book, listening to music, or sitting with the people around you. Staying engaged opens your mind to exciting things like higher creative thoughts.





## A Trip to Schells!

[Ales Krivec \(@aleskrivec\) | Unsplash Photo Community](#)

We loaded up in the van and went to Schells that opened in Meridian. What fantastic things we saw. Outings like these give us a sense of joy and connection to our community. You should stop by if you have the chance.

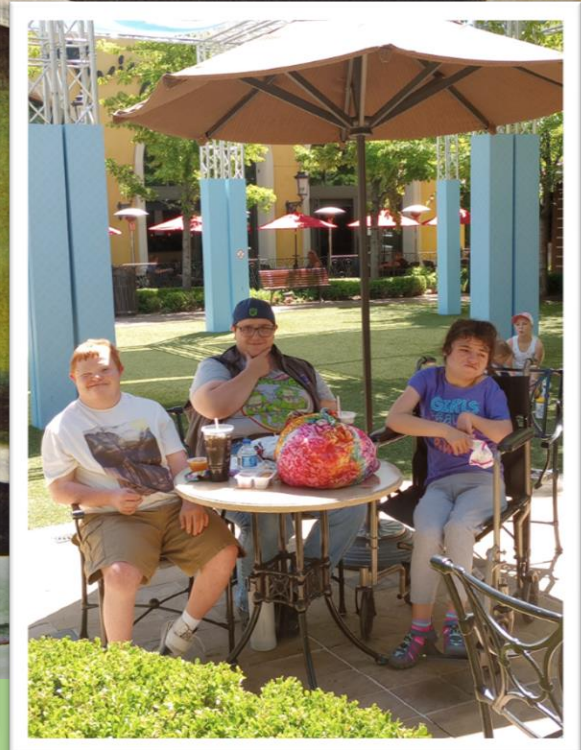




## Who Wants to Go Explore the Town?

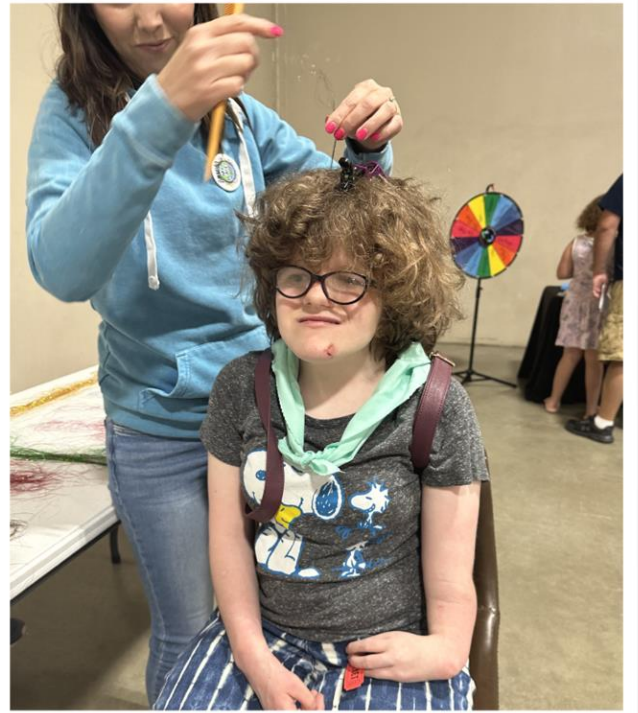
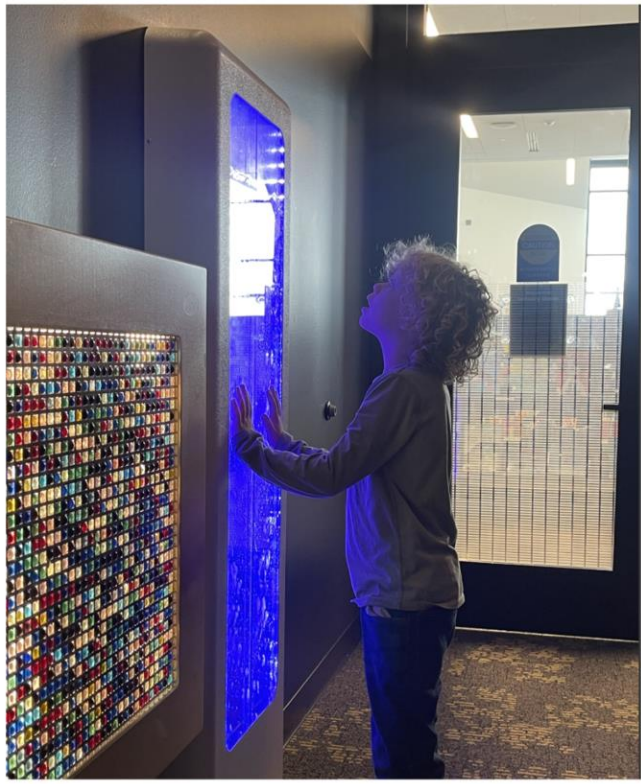
[Fons Heijnsbroek, abstract-art \(@heijnsbroek\\_abstract\\_art\) | Unsplash Photo Community](#)

When the day is nice, and our friends are near, we go into the community for some fun. This is the true meaning of time with friends is a cherished moment.



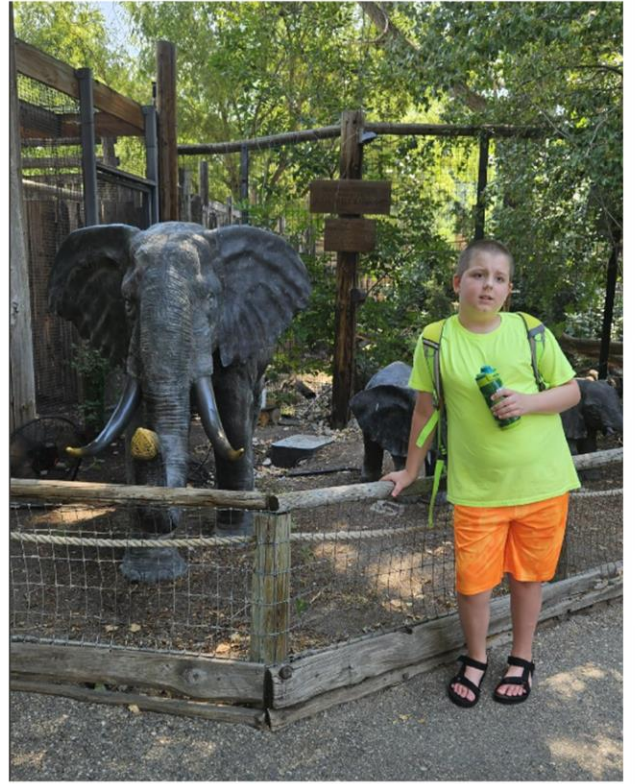


## Explore the Town, Part 2





### Explore the Town, Part 3





## Let's Grow A Garden!

Gardens are a great way to relax. There's something about rubbing your hands through the dirt, planting seeds, and watching things grow.





## Pay It Forward!

[Getty Images \(@gettyimages\)](#) | [Unsplash Photo Community](#)

In the giving legacy of Martin and Rosalie Landholm, in August of this year, Gem Sate Developmental Center donated one of our vans to a family in need. We are thankful to everyone who shared in this experience with us and are overjoyed that the Engle family has reliable and accessible transportation.





**Direct Support Professional Recognition Week (September 8-14, 2024)** is a great way to highlight the dedicated workforce that supports those in our care. This yearly event is just a small fraction of the recognition they deserve. So, celebrate with us as we mark another year of love and gratitude.

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