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Lifetime Achievement Award Presented to Corey Makizuru

We are proud to announce that Corey Makizuru has been presented with the Western Partnerships Conference on Human Services' Lifetime Achievement Award!

This prestigious award honors individuals for their lifetime contribution to enriching the lives of individuals with disabilities, and is given to providers who truly embrace the values of inclusion, collaboration, and advocacy.



Corey has been an essential part of GSDC since 1984.



"There were hundreds of people at the awards luncheon, so it was great to see and talk with many colleagues; meet many remarkable nominees and hear about their accomplishments; and being joined by family. I was honored and blessed to be mentioned with the other nominees, even without the added blessing."

Corey is an example of the company values with his work on many committees with IDHW and community groups to improve the services and lives of people with disabilities in Idaho. He is an example for others as he is always willing to fill in and work with the children and adults as needed, and we are proud to have him as an invaluable part of GSDC.



Change of Ownership!

In October of this year, Gem State Developmental Center, Inc. was sold to Clinical Director Lori Jo Poole. Martin and Rosalie Landholm will be retiring and we will miss them dearly.

For more details, please see the article on page 2 of this newsletter!



**PARTICIPANT
MADLIBS!**

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Exciting New Directions for Gem State Developmental Center!

As we flipped the page on the calendar looking forward to a New Year, we have exciting news to bring you!

At Gem State Developmental Center, Inc., time is not the only thing to change. After 36 years in business, Martin and Rosalie Landholm have made the decision to step down as owners and take on other roles in their lives. Lori Jo Poole, Clinical Director of Adult Services, has purchased the business. Lori Jo has been an employee at GSDC for 20 years and wants to assure current participants that we will continue to operate and serve as we have in the past.

Lori Jo has worked at Gem State Developmental Center since 1999. She is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and has earned Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees in Psychology with a minor in Sociology from Idaho State University and a Masters in Social Work from Boise State University. She has 29 years of experience working with adults and children with developmental disabilities and mental health diagnoses. Lori Jo established Syringa Social Services in 2007 as a private practice that offers consulting, training and therapy services throughout Idaho.

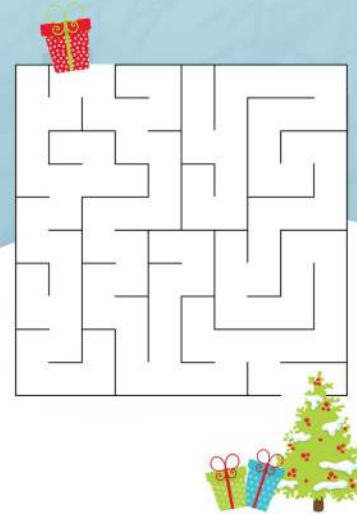
Martin and Rosalie are truly thankful for your business and friendship over the years. They hope you will continue to support Syringa Social Services, LLC (dba Gem State Developmental Center) and the new owner and staff. Whether you are picking up the phone or walking in the door, you can be assured to see the same smiling faces, receive the same great customer service and quality care.

Please call 208-888-5566 with any questions you may have regarding the change of ownership.



Pictured: Martin Landholm, Lori Jo Poole, and Rosalie Landholm.

**Something's
missing from
under the tree!**



**Can you find the
lost present?**





The Great Winter Word Search!



A	A	F	L	K	H	P	F	S	S	U	F	I	C	I	C	L	E	S	G	N	N	H
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avalanche blanket **blizzard** chimney **Christmas** coat **cold**
December **earmuffs** February **fireplace** freeze **freezing** rain
frigid gloves **hail** Hanukkah **heater** hibernate **hockey** holidays
hot chocolate ice fishing **ice skates** icicles **igloo** Jack Frost
jacket January **Kwanzaa** lunar new year **melt** migrate **mittens**
New Year's Day **quilt** scarf **shovel** skiing **sled** sleet **sleigh**
slippery **slush** snowball **snowboard** snowdrift **snowflake**
snowman **snowmobile** snowplow **snowstorm**
sweater **vacation** Valentine's Day





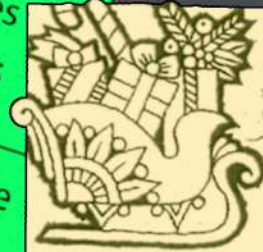
The Grinch

The Grinch is a(n) fat creature with Red eyes who does not like Christmas cheer. When he sees people celebrating Christmas, it makes him big. He and his crocodile Max try to sit Christmas for people in the town of building -ville by leaping their Christmas doors. When the people still have Christmas cheer, even without cameras, the Grinch decides to return the windows and celebrates Christmas after all.

Mr. Snowman!



Let's build a snowman! First we need to have a really strong snowstorm, of course on a snowy day. Watching all that white snow fall makes me sunny for a bowl of rainbow cucumbers! Wow it's still blowing and there's a lot of it! Let's go! Next is running to go out in the cold. Once that is done, we need to get busy. We make a cat and pet it in the house. It gets so sad we can't roll it anymore. Then we do 5 more and stack them on top of each other. We jump for juice in the driveway for the sled, eyes and mouth. Mom gives us a scarf, hat and carrot to complete Mr. snowman! Oh my God, he's done! Finally. Now the best part, hot cookies and muffins.



Sleigh Ride

Christmas is a(n) funny time for a sleigh ride in the robot alien. A sleigh has two planets at the bottom that allow it to shoot quickly over the snow. One or more reus pull the sleigh, with astronauts on their reins making a jingling sound. Because it's fast outside, we wrap ourselves in weird movies to keep warm. You can hear the sleigh matilda ringing from far away as we walk over the sleazy blue marshmallow.

Holiday MadLibs by our Participants



Sleigh Ride

Christmas is a(n) fine time for a sleigh ride in the snow. A sleigh has two feet at the bottom that allow it to shoot quickly over the snow. One or more puppies pull the sleigh, with hands on their reins making a jingling sound. Because it's sleepy outside, we wrap ourselves in greasy pants to keep warm. You can hear the sleigh legos ringing from far away as we hit over the grumpy white clowh.

Santa Claus is Coming to Town



Santa Claus is a fat man who wears a fluffy red suit with a large belt and a thick red hat. He has a long curly beard and his finger shakes like jelly when he laughs. Every Christmas, he rides a bike full of presents, pulled by 10 rats high into the night sky. Santa fly down the chimney of people's homes to leave eye balls, nickel dimes, and umbrellas under their Christmas trees.

Christmas Baking



It's time to Paint some Christmas Video Games! Some popular Christmas treats include boys, hard toilets, and blue trees. First, get a big Spring to play the batter. Next, add the ingredients and stirring everything fast, and then put it in the snow to bake at 4 degrees for 20 minutes. Don't forget to decorate the fluffy cookies and cupcakes with green cats and Brown dogs!

"Interning at Gem State Developmental Center has been a rewarding, and knowledge filled experience. Working within the children's services has given me the ability to step back, enjoy the process of life, and not getting caught up in things beyond human control. Being able to meet the clients where they are, regarding their stage in life, has been an incredible experience. Every day is different, and every moment is ever-changing. I am learning how to adapt various approaches to behavior or different ways of communication that breed growth and change, which I have valued most in my short time with this agency. The people I worked with are full of useful knowledge, are always willing to help, and continue to show up, no matter what occurred the day before. That type of dedication is something I appreciate and epitomizes their character. They are here to ensure the service to clients is the highest priority, and their worth as a human being is valued. I have also enjoyed the services I have been able to provide, be it at the individual level working on programs or their goals through habilitative skill intervention to managing groups where multiple facets are in play.



I look forward to the next few months at this agency, continuing to grow within the areas of professionalism and client care and applying that information to ensure this demographic is well cared for and or represented." **-Andrew Collins**

"Hi, my name is Alyssa! I'm a full-time graduate student at Boise State University working towards my Master's in Social Work. I am fulfilling my internship at Gem State Developmental Center and working at another developmental agency part-time. I graduated with my Bachelor's in Psychology in December 2016 and afterwards decided to do a few years of service work. From February to November of 2017 I completed a service term with AmeriCorps NCCC. I spent these ten months doing team-based volunteer projects in four different states along the East Coast in areas of environmental conservation, nonprofit management, urban and rural development, and towards the end of my term our region was deployed to Houston to provide disaster relief after Hurricane Harvey hit. While in Houston I learned of a non-profit foster care agency that took in children between the ages of 0-6 who are experiencing homelessness, abuse, neglect or a need for intense medical care. I knew after AmeriCorps that this is what I wanted to do next.

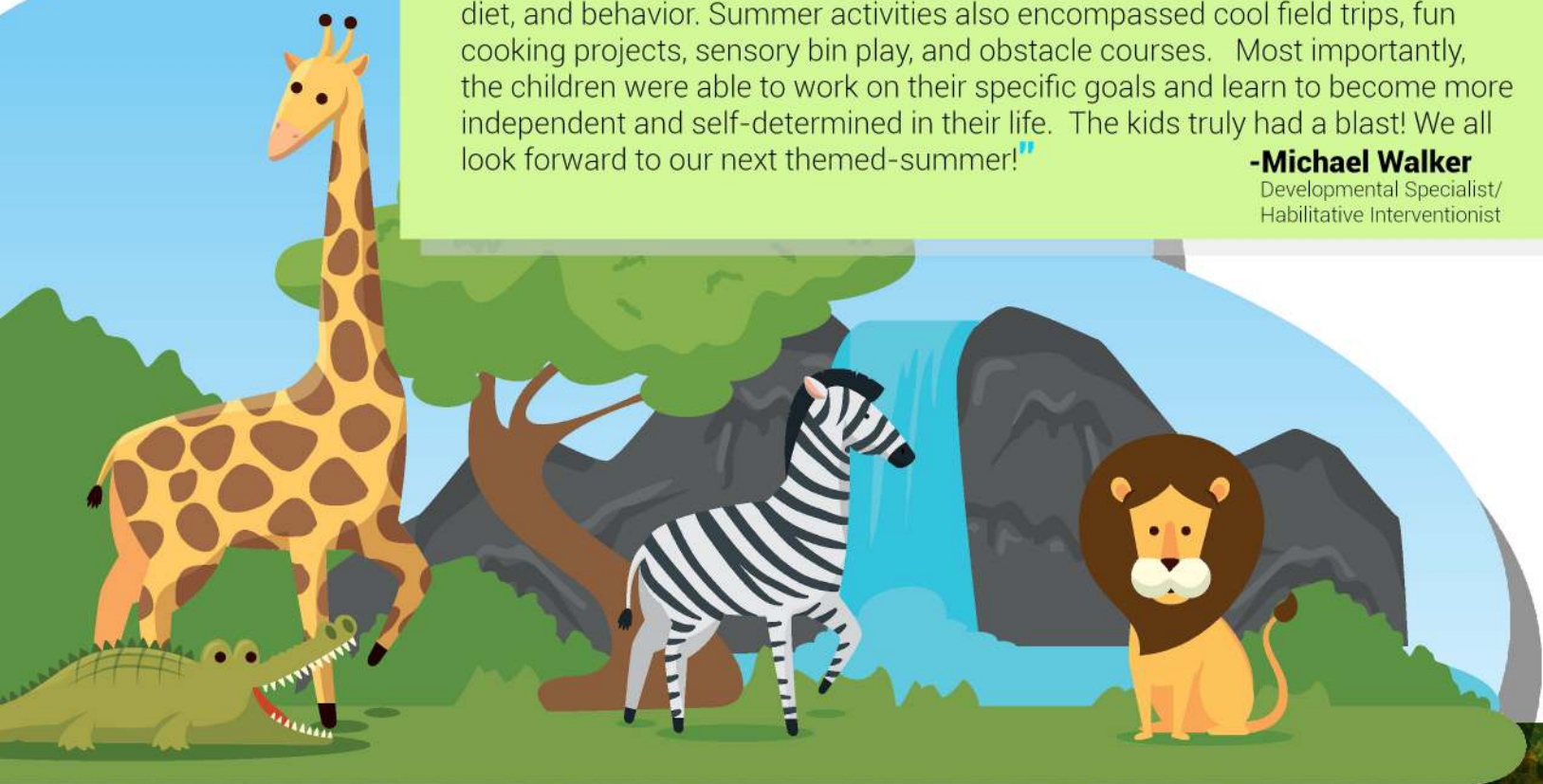


As an intern at this agency, I worked in a home and fostered a total of 26 children in the span of 13 months. During my time at this organization, I had the opportunity to take my kids to developmental assessments and different therapies, which introduced me to the developmental world. Although I'm unsure which aspect of Social Work I want to make a career, my overall goal as a Social Worker is to advocate for individuals with disabilities and/or traumas." **-Alyssa Shoup**

Summer Safari Fun

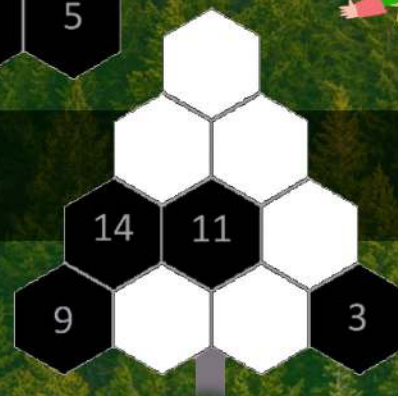
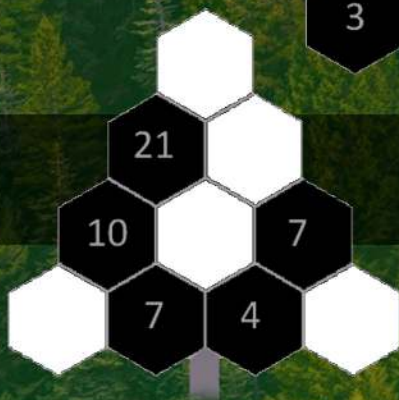
"We all certainly had a riveting Summer Safari at Gem State! The participants in our children's program learned about our fascinating animal world. Specifically, each week we studied a different type of animal. We learned about their habitat, diet, and behavior. Summer activities also encompassed cool field trips, fun cooking projects, sensory bin play, and obstacle courses. Most importantly, the children were able to work on their specific goals and learn to become more independent and self-determined in their life. The kids truly had a blast! We all look forward to our next themed-summer!"

-Michael Walker
Developmental Specialist/
Habilitative Interventionist



Solve the Secret Forest Puzzle!

Every number is the sum of the
numbers below it.



Thank You, Mom and Dad

by Cara Emigh

2020 marks a new milestone in the history of Gem State Developmental Center. With the change of ownership happening at the beginning of the new year, it marks the culmination of a legacy for my parents, Martin and Rosalie Landholm. It seems like just yesterday that we were celebrating our 30-year anniversary bash, and I still remember a statement my dad made during an interview for that celebration:

"People ask us why we haven't retired – we like seeing the positive changes that happen with the people we serve."

This business was started with the sole intention of reaching above and beyond the expectations of what a developmental disabilities agency can do to improve the lives of its participants and their families. My father spent eighteen years helping the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare create developmental centers in seven regions, and that experience gave him the perspective and drive to want more for the developmentally disabled community. When my parents started GSDC in 1983, it was the first privately-owned developmental center in the history of the state. These were completely uncharted waters, but my parents knew what they wanted to achieve for the sake of the people who would benefit from it most.

Now, nearly 40 years later, my mom and dad can look back at the seed they planted. They have spent nearly four decades tirelessly watering that seed with their passion for making life matter for the developmentally disabled, and finally they can admire what they created – not just a single tree, but a massive thriving forest grown from the hopes and dreams of every participant who walked through GSDC's doors.



This change of ownership is a new chapter for GSDC, but the compassion and selflessness of Martin and Rosalie Landholm will be felt far into the future of the organization. The forest will keep growing, and it's all the result of that single seed, born from the hope for a better future for Idaho's developmentally disabled population.

Thank you both from the bottom of my heart.

Christmas Letters from our Participants

Christmas Means To
me is my Mom
because I Love her
And I AM her
Daughter Since I Was
born in Loma Linda
California on my
birth-date is JULY
15th 1996 And on
Christmas season me
And my Mom opened
Presents We had a
Great Time as Mom
And Daughter ☆

From
☆ MS. LAMB ☆



Christmas Letters from our Participants

I am
thankful
for going

Christmas
to my sister Sara house
open present and eat
breakfast and I have bacon
and sausage and eggs and hang
out with my nieces Madison
and Hazel I come home's take
a nap on Tuesday and I will
be tired



Brenda Ward



What Christmas Means
to me:

It's the birth of Jesus and
happiness and the joy
that people bring and share
with each other. I also think
that Christmas means spending
time with family and friends
but mostly of all making and baking
cookies and celebrate the
new years with family and
friends.

- Olivia



My Christmas wishes are:

KUMIKREATOR 2-in-1
SILPPERS MARKERS
KIT + KITREDOE LOL
CHRISTMAS MOVIES

getting to see her
with family.
- Nicole

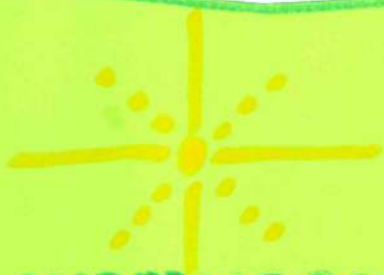
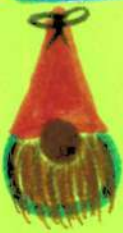


What Does Christmas Mean to me
see santa clues Decorating
the tree set the house up
with Christmas Decoration
seeing my family on Christmas Day
gathering around for gift.
enjoy Christmas Dinner.
eating the candy in my stockings

Taylor Lucas



What it means to me every year is
family Mostly. Justin Lamb



getting together with family and friends.

Lindsay
Huckabay

What christmas means to me:
Christmas means to me, that
Jesus was born on the 25th of
December & not about the gifts
It is about loving the ones who
you love and who you are
friends with. The person
who you can count on. The
person that cares about you.
It is the gift of giving love.

Parker
Ziegenfuss



I have been
very good this year!

I have done these nice things:

I AM Thankful Parents.

I AM Thankful Sisters.

- MONICA



My name is Bakota Brown
I am 24 years old.

I am thankful for church.

I am thankful for my girls
Freida Mia and my god daughters
and my god son.

I am thankful for my staff
and Germote Meridian.

I am thankful for the
church and welcome to use

at work. I love my family.



Christmas Phrases from the Participants!

CHRISTMAS

Finish My Phrase #2



Someone has been selected as the answer key. Now you need to guess what word or phrase they will use to fill in the blanks. Answers must match exactly.

Santa's	old	First	night
Tinsel	present	Advent	don't now
Hot	coffee	Rudolph	The Rain Day
Star	lite	Peppermint	candy
Milk	chocolate	Ice	cream
Sled	hill	Ho Ho Ho	santa
Fruit	apple	Holly	night
Holiday	present	Ribbon	present
Frosty	The snowman	Elf	Elder
Toy	Elf	Tidings	breathes
Peace	Bad	Wish	see ya
Family	sister	Poinsettia	don't now
Sugar	candy	Singing	song
Candle	lite	Grinch	at space
Trimming	tree	Gift	present

TOTAL: way 703

CHRISTMAS

Finish My Phrase #2



Someone has been selected as the answer key. Now you need to guess what word or phrase they will use to fill in the blanks. Answers must match exactly.

Santa's	list	First	welcome
Tinsel	tree	Advent	prizes
Hot	cocoa	Rudolph	red nose reindeer
Star	wars	Peppermint	cat
Milk	cow	Ice	cream
Sled	santa's sled	Ho Ho Ho	santa
Fruit	peaches	Holly	St. Nick
Holiday	time	Ribbon	presents
Frosty	The snowman	Elf	hat
Toy	walmart	Tidings	dear santa
Peace	angels	Wish	rich
Family	my mom	Poinsettia	wreath
Sugar	cookies	Singing	songs
Candle	church	Grinch	green
Trimming	leaves	Gift	christmas eve

TOTAL: _____

CHRISTMAS

Finish My Phrase #2



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Santa's	santa claus	First	bird
Tinsel	pencil	Advent	advent
Hot	coffee	Rudolph	reindeer
Star	on tree	Peppermint	ice cream
Milk	please	Ice	cube
Sled	snow	Ho Ho Ho	santa claus
Fruit	apple	Holly	Katie
Holiday	Happy New Year	Ribbon	crafts
Frosty	the snowman	Elf	santa claus
Toy	elf	Tidings	Fred Meyer
Peace	apples	Wish	for a doggie
Family	Mom	Poinsettia	trees
Sugar	creamer	Singing	Merry christmas
Candle	at mom's house	Grinch	Wayne
Trimming	in the spring	Gift	air plane

TOTAL: peggy

CHRISTMAS

Finish My Phrase #2



Someone has been selected as the answer key. Now you need to guess what word or phrase they will use to fill in the blanks. Answers must match exactly.

Santa's	not	First	not will
Tinsel	tree	Advent	california
Hot	cocoa	Rudolph	not
Star	brof	Peppermint	brof
Milk	shark	Ice	egg
Sled	hell	Ho Ho Ho	Mary christmas
Fruit	luck	Holly	Pickers
Holiday	coffee	Ribbon	Pickers
Frosty	snow man	Elf	Yves
Toy	box	Tidings	at goal
Peace	on Earth	Wish	bening
Family	RAID	Poinsettia	tree
Sugar	happy	Singing	micke
Candle	light	Grinch	more
Trimming	tree	Gift	lead

TOTAL: Deed

Christmas Phrases from the Participants!

CHRISTMAS

Finish My Phrase #2



Someone has been selected as the answer key. Now you need to guess what word or phrase they will use to fill in the blanks. Answers must match exactly.

Santa's	cluse	First	Dece meber
Tinsel	christmis balls	Advent	calder
Hot	coffie	Rudolph	the red nose rain
Star	Bright	Peppermint	Ment
Milk	strew berry	Ice	cream cone
Sled	Toy	Ho Ho Ho	merry christmis
Fruit	snak	Holly	ghost
Holiday	Teo	Ribbon	bells
Frosty	the snowman	Elf	Helper
Toy	care	Tidings	Teo
Peace	flor	Wish	you merry chris
Family	game board	Poinsettia	red rose
Sugar	cookies	Singing	elf
Candle	smell	Grinch	Mr. Grinch
Trimming	christmis tree	Gift	Change

TOTAL: _____

CHRISTMAS

Finish My Phrase #2



Someone has been selected as the answer key. Now you need to guess what word or phrase they will use to fill in the blanks. Answers must match exactly.

Santa's	mr. santa	First	second
Tinsel	silver bells	Advent	mint
Hot	Hot	Rudolph	red nose
Star	gold	Peppermint	candy
Milk	shakes	Ice	ice cream
Sled	snow sled	Ho Ho Ho	merry christmas
Fruit	grapes	Holly	holly
Holiday	ho ho ho	Ribbon	elf
Frosty	snowman	Elf	x-mas elf
Toy	robot	Tidings	tie
Peace	out	Wish	you a merry x-mas
Family	I love	Poinsettia	wrath
Sugar	singer	Singing	carols
Candle	light	Grinch	hates x-mas
Trimming	the tree	Gift	presents

TOTAL: _____

CHRISTMAS

Finish My Phrase #2



Someone has been selected as the answer key. Now you need to guess what word or phrase they will use to fill in the blanks. Answers must match exactly.

Santa's	sligh	First	
Tinsel	tree	Advent	
Hot	chocolate	Rudolph	reindeer
Star		Peppermint	cookies
Milk	not chocolate	Ice	cream
Sled		Ho Ho Ho	santa claus
Fruit		Holly	reindeer
Holiday	treat	Ribbon	package
Frosty	cookies	Elf	helps santa
Toy		Tidings	
Peace		Wish	christmas
Family		Poinsettia	
Sugar	cookies	Singing	x-mas songs
Candle		Grinch	
Trimming	the tree	Gift	package

TOTAL: _____