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The DAC is: Moving, Bowling, Celebrating Thanksgiving, & Giving Thanks.

The DAC is moving home. On the day before Thanksgiving, we are picking up our entire program and moving it home to our remodeled building on Green River Road. Starting on December 2, 2019 we will be open for business in our new and enlarged building. Before then we need inspections and approval by: MN DHS, MN Health, Morris Building Inspector, MN Fire Marshall, and we must complete the final punch list for our architects, Design Intent of Fergus Falls.

It is appropriate that we are moving home on Thanksgiving. We have many thanks to make this year. Thanks to Marcus Construction for doing such a great job and getting the construction project completed beautifully and on time. Thanks to the Stevens County ARC and the many other significant donors that made this possible. Thanks to the leadership of the DAC Board of Directors that made this project possible. We could not have done any of this without a terrific local board of leaders with a future vision and then acting as changer agents that helped us make these needed improvements happen.

Kudos to Scott at Design Intent for preserving the look and feel of our building and making it so much better for the people that we serve. Thanks to Stevens County for allowing us to add on and remodel their building. Thanks to the staff at the group homes that have patiently packed sack lunches with our clients for 6 months. Thanks to Morris Transit for rearranging their routes to keep us going. Thanks to MN DHS for allowing this project to happen while we operated out of temporary quarters. Thanks to Riley Brothers for taking us in and letting us crowd their space too. Thanks to the clients that have been crowded and jostled for 6 months while these changes occurred. They have been wonderful, flexible, and always supportive of our project. Thanks to our cook, Dawn, for working with clients in every other department while we didn't have a kitchen for her to run. Thanks to Fedtel for seamless communication moves both out and back. Lastly, thanks to all our DAC staff. They have remained patient and cheerful and they brought us through this huge project while they continued to provide quality supports to our clients. Clearly, we can walk and chew gum at the same time. Many thanks everybody.

Our prayers of Thanksgiving will be extra long this year. Extra meaningful also.

It is also fall and on Friday the 22nd is Special Olympics Bowling time too. Thanks to those volunteers too. Based on prior years, our clients will have a terrific time and we hope for many colorful ribbons to admire when they return.

Please circle the 18th of December for our Grand Re-Opening and Christmas gathering from 1 to 2:30 PM. We hope you can join us for homemade cookies and free building tours.

Thanks,

Charlie Oakes
SCDAC Executive Director