

News from the heart

A quarterly newsletter from the Heart of Georgia DDM Home/December 2021

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DDM at a Glance

The Heart of Georgia Developmental Disabilities Ministry (DDM) supports families with special needs adults. Our first home was opened in 2011 and has six residents, three full-time staff and three part-time staff. This is a non-profit ministry supported by donations, room and board income from our residents and community grants.

Donations YTD:
\$42,267

Building fund for a second home:
Goal: \$400,000
Received: \$232,908

2020 Year-End Campaign: \$32,190

Thanks for your prayers, support and tax-deductible gifts to DDM. Thanks for all you do for us!

We're hiring!

Know of someone who needs a good job and who would enjoy being a part of the happiest home in Middle Georgia?

We're hiring full-time and part-time staff members now. Call 478-333-6297 for more information.



The fully-funded transformation of our back porch into a sunroom is nearing completion. Our residents are anxiously awaiting a chance to enjoy this new living space.

Season of joy!

It's our favorite time of the year!

Christmas at the Heart of Georgia DDM Home is always special. This year, we're celebrating a new sunroom and continued generosity from our amazing community.

Last year's end-of-the-year campaign gave us a \$32,000 boost, allowing us to convert our under-used back porch into a beautiful new sunroom.

This year, we're asking for your help again. We'd like to raise \$35,000 by December 31.

One of our long-term goals is to purchase a handicap accessible van. And as inflation rises, our day-to-day costs are increasing dramatically. Your financial gifts now will help us manage rising costs in 2022.

BIRTHDAY BANNER!!

December 15 - Connie Hauck, January 18 - Sam Garner



Sam Garner feeds farm animals while working with HALO; Cindy Harbuck works on a project at Happy Hour Workshop.

DDM residents enjoy jobs in their community

Residents at the Heart of Georgia DDM Home spend much of their time like other adults in their community. They go to work!

Being able to work during the day is a requirement of living at the DDM Home. Our staff takes care of transportation needs as many of our residents head to work at the Happy Hour Workshop in Warner Robins.

Some residents have also had jobs on Robins Air Force Base. Sam Garner spends part of his week

working with the HALO ministry in Perry.

“Our residents are fully integrated into our community,” said Ann Garber, director of the DDM Home. “They love going to work, going to church, going bowling, going shopping ... and they love coming home each day.

“I think the way our community integrates adults with special needs into all areas of life is one of the reasons it’s such a good place to live ... for all of us.”



Connie Hauck takes a “van selfie” as she and the residents prepare to leave for another day of work.

Central associate pastor Craig Hartzog joins Board of Directors

Dr. Craig Hartzog, an associate pastor at Central Baptist Church, has become the latest member of the Board of Directors for the Heart of Georgia DDM Home.



Craig Hartzog

After a 40-year career as a senior pastor at churches in Mississippi, North Carolina, Florida and Georgia, Hartzog is now in charge of member care at Central. Some of his *newest* members are the residents at the DDM Home.

“We’re definitely more intentional now about being involved with this ministry,” said Hartzog, noting that the residents have been “fully embraced” by the Central church family.

“We’re exploring more ways where we can be supportive, whether it’s in their Sunday School class or sending work teams to the house from time to time.”

After moving to its spacious location off the Russell Parkway Extension in 2005, Central leased the land on which the DDM Home is located.