



DSP RECOGNITION

This month we would like to shine the spot light on another amazing Direct Support Professional! As it turns out, he is also an outstanding Shared Living Provider and a big advocate for ABLED.

We are excited to introduce you to Nick Ellingson. Nick has worked in the field for many years. He is known and well loved by so many people with and without disabilities. Nick tells us he is often referred to as "Uncle" because of his vast knowledge, experience and support of others.

Nick cares deeply about the people he works with. He organizes and schedules a robust daily life for them and provides many opportunities for engagement in community activities and connection with others. Holidays and birthdays are filled with wonderful traditions, decorations and gatherings. Summers include planting, gardening and growing produce. Every week is carefully orchestrated around community connection, visiting friends, sharing gifts, inviting others to lunch, caring for pets, etc.



Nick is a truly gifted teacher with a compassionate way of addressing areas of improvement and encouraging accountability. He is a super communicator with a positive mindset that makes every minute with him enjoyable. We are very blessed that he calls ABLED "home"! He frequently reminds us that ABLED is the best and that he plans to stick around until retirement. HOORAY, but don't retire soon dear friend! :)

We believe our staff are the heart and soul of everything we do to support people with disabilities to access and participate in our communities. Want to recognize an outstanding DSP? We would love to feature their story!

Thank You for joining us in our mission!

"Serving Jesus Christ by enabling people with developmental disabilities to creatively explore and live full meaningful lives in their communities"

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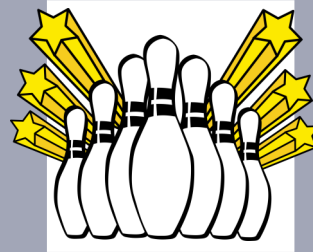
We want to make ABLED the best agency. Please use the link at the top of this email to let us know how we're doing and provide suggestions. Your survey comments are anonymous, unless you choose to submit your name.

You may also contact us by phone, email, mail or on our website at www.abledinc.com.

JOIN US AT ABLED EVENTS!

SUNVALLEY BOWLING

April 18, Thursday
321 Victory Ln, NE
11:00 am



HOLMES LAKE WALK

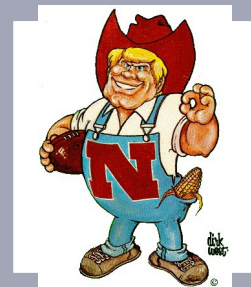
April 26, Friday
70th & Pioneers St, Lincoln NE
1:00 pm



SPRING GAME

April 27, Saturday
11:00 am

If anyone wants to attend with their participant and doesn't have tickets, please let us know and we will try to help. The Spring Game was always one of Andrew's favorite things.





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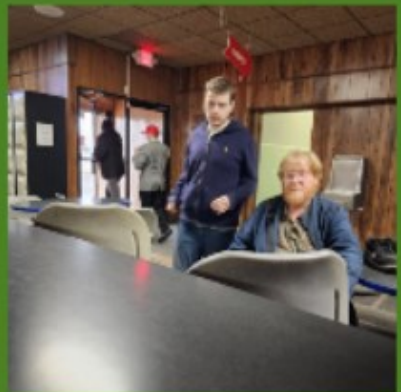
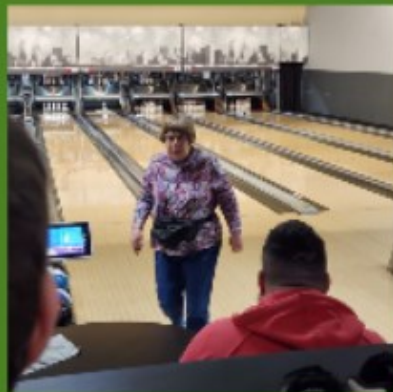


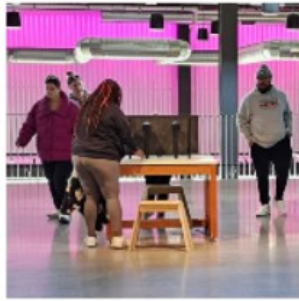
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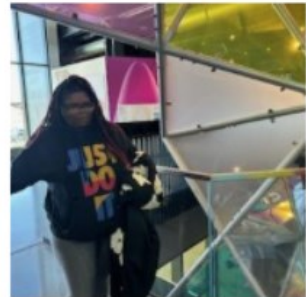


A PLACE TO
LEARN AND
HAVE FUN

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ABLED BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ABLED, Inc. is governed by the Board of Directors who meets quarterly. Board member duties include Duty of Care, Duty of Loyalty and Duty Of Obedience. The Chairman of the Board has an open door and invites you to share ideas for the future!

“The function of the Board of Directors is to ensure ABLED stays anchored to its mission and to chart a path forward. Both individuals and businesses are called to grow, adapt, and be future-oriented. The Board is supposed to collaboratively develop a vision for what we want the future to look like for ABLED. To collaborate we need to exchange ideas and visions for what ABLED’s future looks like so that we can continue bearing fruit in ministering to the needs of people. My door is open to discuss what comes to mind when imagining what the best version of ABLED could be.”

- Board Chairman, Adam Tagart



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SHARE PHOTOS TO WIN GIFT CARDS FOR MORE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES



DHHS SPRING LISTENING TOUR

DHHS will host its next Listening Tour throughout April and May in communities around the state. They will host 13 meetings in 11 cities in Nebraska, along with two virtual sessions. This is a great opportunity for stakeholders to get involved and provide ideas to End the Waitlist for those waiting to receive services without affecting those who are.

- **Virtual – Thursday, April 25, 5-6 PM**

Join from the meeting link:

<https://sonvideo.webex.com/sonvideo/j.php?>

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Join by phone: (408) 418-9388 (Access code: 2483 463 7549)

- **Lincoln – Wednesday, May 1, 5-6 PM**

Lincoln Community Foundation – Large Conference Room

215 Centennial Mall S #100, Lincoln, NE 68508

- **Virtual – Monday, May 13, 12-1 PM**

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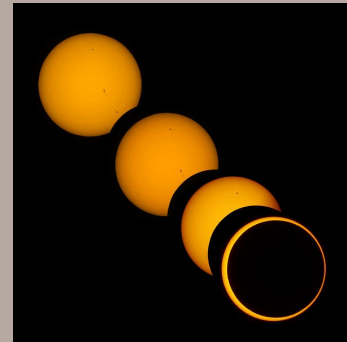


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"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." John 3:16-17. The Greek word translated "world" in this passage is "kosmos" which is where we get our word "cosmos" oddly enough. God gave us Jesus to save the world but the world rejected him because they loved darkness.

Kosmos doesn't mean planet Earth but much more than that. It can be translated order, arrangement, or adornment as well as the world or the universe. The universe was created with beauty and order. However, the Bible says Satan is the Ruler of the Kosmos. There is a world order that he controls. It is a corrupt evil organization opposed to God.



There are no coincidences with God. We recently celebrated the Lord's resurrection and ten days later witnessed a total eclipse of the sun. Our Lord was crucified on the Passover. Both Easter and the Passover are based on the first full moon of spring. Easter today is the Sunday after Passover. Passover is always on the full moon.

For a full moon the sun and the moon are on the exact opposite sides of our sky. The full moon always rises at sunset. It always sets at sunrise.

A total eclipse of the sun can only occur during a new moon. During a new moon and an eclipse, the sun and moon must be in the same position in our sky. If our time were based on the sundial, the eclipse would occur at noon. With time zones the total eclipse takes place around noon depending upon your location within your time zone. With daylight savings time, the eclipse takes place around one o'clock.

When Jesus was crucified on Passover darkness fell over the land for three hours from noon to three p.m. Luke 23:44-49. Some people have theorized that the darkness was a natural coincidence. They speculate that it could have been a total eclipse. While the darkness at the crucifixion began at noon like a total eclipse would, there are a couple of things that prove it was not a total eclipse.

The darkness during the crucifixion could not have been a total eclipse because the crucifixion took place on Passover. The sun and moon were at opposite points in our sky at this time. Furthermore, a total eclipse lasts less than five minutes. Matthew, Mark, and Luke each recorded that the darkness lasted three hours.

With the resurrection God demonstrated his power. The physical resurrected Christ was witnessed by more than 500 people. Many of those witnesses were still alive when Paul wrote I Corinthians 15 wherein he wrote you could ask them to confirm the truth of the risen Savior.

The eclipse allowed millions of people to witness firsthand the awesome power of the creator. The divine beauty, power, order, and precision were on full display. The moon blocked the sun. These heavenly bodies appear the exact same size in our sky. The sun is approximately 400 times larger than the moon. But the sun is approximately 400 times farther away from Earth. For two objects appear to be the same size, the actual "times difference" in size must be exactly the "times difference" in distance. This precision is impossible to occur other than by the design of the creator.

The glory of God was displayed in the heavens for millions to see. To those of us blessed to know him, his love for us was written across the sky. To those who are perishing, it was still spectacular. But it was a terrible witness against them that they refused to accept and glorify God for his majestic works.

David D. Tagart, ABLED, Inc. President/CEO