



## Guardian's Newsletter

**COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE** As of January 4th, 36,253 first doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered to those in Phase 1A priority group, according to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Phase 1A includes frontline health care workers and residents and staff of long-term care facilities. First doses have been given to roughly a third of the state's health care population thus far, and continue to be targeted for hospital staff and health care workers providing direct patient care, as well as paramedics, emergency medical technicians, and those who will be vaccinating priority groups in the coming months.

Vaccinations for residents and staff of long-term care facilities have begun, with more than 100 on-site clinics held and additional outreach done by local health departments and community centers.

After shipping delays due to winter weather, more than 86,000 vaccine doses were received in Nebraska in the month of December. Of this supply, 63,000 doses are targeted for health care workers and 23,000 for residents and staff of long-term care facilities. In addition, the first shipment of second doses were received.

ABLED is coordinating with the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department and Neighborhood Pharmacy for vaccine distribution to our participants and direct staff. We have submitted our count to the state and are currently waiting to hear how many doses they will approve.

Once the LLCHD determines how many doses each agency will receive, they will begin shipping the doses to the pharmacy. The last step will be to schedule a date, time and location for vaccine distribution. ABLED will keep you posted once that's scheduled. Everyone receiving the COVID vaccine will need to provide a signed consent. The form is attached to this email or will be sent by email to DocuSign.

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Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

*Thank You* for joining us in our mission.

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### FEEDBACK

We want to make ABLED the best agency. If you have any suggestions on how we can improve, please let us know. Your survey comments are anonymous, unless you choose to submit your name. The link is available at the top of this email.

### ABLED's MISSION

"Serving Jesus Christ by enabling developmentally disabled individuals to creatively explore and live full meaningful lives in their communities.



Happy Birthday Nick



Greetings from Chris



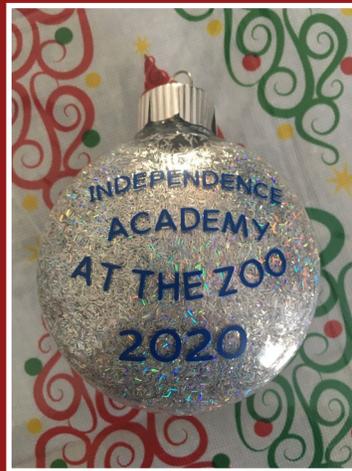
Ron says "Hi"



## Melissa's New Puppy & Gingerbread Man



## Dylan's Holiday Art



## Jenga With Ryan & Donald



## Mandt Training

ABLED endeavors to certify all DSPs and SLPS in the Mandt System over the coming months as part of our compliance with Title 404 NAC 4 regulations for Emergency Safety Interventions (ESI).

- ◇ The Mandt System provides holistic evidence-based training to teach employees how to handle challenging behaviors more effectively. People's behavior, even negative behavior, is a form of communication.
- ◇ The Mandt System is a comprehensive, integrated approach to preventing, de-escalating, and if necessary, intervening when the behavior of an individual poses a threat of harm to themselves and/or others. It is based upon the philosophy that all people have a right to be treated with dignity and respect.
- ◇ The Mandt System provides three levels of training to help individuals improve relationship techniques for positive outcomes. Relational, Conceptual and Technical.
- ◇ The Mandt System believes that relationships should be based on principles in which people are allowed to participate in decisions about their lives. Relational training helps caregivers learn how to build healthy relationships, working as a team to better deal with emotions, stress and crisis situations using strategic problem-solving techniques. Everyone is different. What works for one person, might not be effective for another. The skills learned help promote healthier working environments for caregivers, staff and individuals being cared for.



♪ Heidi's World ♪

