

Annual Program Survey

A quick but heartfelt thank you to everyone who filled out our annual parent survey. While we truly welcome all feedback—at any time—there's something incredibly affirming (and humbling) about seeing 91% of respondents say they are "very satisfied" and the other 9% say they are "satisfied" with our programming. From all of us to all of you: thank you. We're proud of the work we've done together and remain committed to using your feedback to make next year even better.

Double Volunteer Opportunities!

We're excited to share that starting this upcoming program year, we will more than double the number of volunteer opportunities available to participants.

In the past, we volunteered every other Monday across three rotating sites. This year, both PRISM and New Hope YMCA will shift to weekly placements, and we're also adding a new opportunity at Second Hand Harvest, where participants will assist with administrative and office tasks. More placements may be added as the year progresses.

Volunteering will now take place on both Mondays and Tuesdays, giving us more flexibility, more variety—and more chances for participants to get involved.

Previously, volunteering was limited to those not currently employed and capped at one opportunity per person. With more staff support and additional opportunities, we're now opening it up to all participants, including College Flex, and removing the one-opportunity cap. Students may volunteer as often as they like and rotate between placements as availability allows.



We'll continue requiring at least one placement for participants who are not currently employed.

For many of our participants, this increase in movement, community connection, and hands-on vocational experience will be both valuable and energizing—and we're thrilled to support it!

Welcome Lindy!

We're excited to welcome Lindy Siedenburt as our new Life Skills and Independent Living Instructor! Lindy brings twelve years of teaching experience, most recently at a comparable Twin Cities independent living program. She's eager to get to know our Capstone participants—and all of you!

In her free time, we're not quite sure what Lindy enjoys yet—she doesn't officially start until August 11! But we're confident you'll get to know her soon and see why we're excited she's joining our team.

Remodel Update

I've been sneaking over each week to check on the building progress—unless you're from OSHA, in which case: absolutely not. The space looks incredible! We'd love for you to see it for yourself at **Calmapalooza on August 20th from 4:00–6:00 PM**. Come explore the new building, connect with staff, and enjoy the celebration!

With Sincere Appreciation
Michael Faeth
Director of Adult Education

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				End-of-Year Capstone Celebration 1
PRISM/ DoubleTree Hotel 4	5	6	7	Centennial Lakes Park/ Bell Museum 8
No Programming ————— Bemidji Overnight Trip				
11	12	13	14	15
No Programming ————— Calmapalooza 4:00-6:00 pm				
18	19	20	21	22
Start of 25/26 Program Year 25	26	27	28	Minnehaha Falls/ Dairy Queen 29

