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## FYI

### SAVE THE DATE:

Annual Awards Banquet

October 28, 2021

Avalon Events Center – Fargo

### FREEDOM IN ACTION:

All activities can be accessed through zoom or by phone.

Fargo – Call 701-478-0459 to register for all Fargo events

#### The Power of Music via Zoom

March 25th | 3:00-4:00pm

#### Living Well 103: Vocation via Zoom

Every Friday for 8 weeks from

April 9-May 25 | 9:30am – 11am

Call Merri at 701-478-0459 to confirm your spot.

#### The Power of Music Via Zoom

April 22nd | 3:00-4:00pm

Jamestown – Call Beth at 701-252-4693 for more information

#### Disaster Planning and Preparedness

April 13th | 1:30 - 3:00pm

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## Thank You! You Made An Impact

Because of your generosity we raised **43% more than last year!**

We want to send out a **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who gave to Freedom Resource Center on Giving Hearts Day 2021! You are amazing and because of YOU Freedom Resource Center can continue to help people with disabilities live more independently in our communities.

This Giving Hearts Day, we wanted to do something different, something that was going to put a smile on your face. For every \$5,000 we raised, our Executive Director, Angie Bosch, or our Board President, Michele Rader, got a pie in the face by our guest pie throwers, who were just as excited! Thank you to our celebrity guest pie throwers: Tyler Axness, KFGO; Dave Jacobs, 107.9 the Fox; Del Rae Williams; Tim Mahoney, Fargo Mayor; Dan Holte; and Paulette Wood.

At Freedom, we envision communities where every person lives a full life and has access to affordable housing, meaningful work, satisfying relationships, and good health. The money raised is used to enhance access to services for people with disabilities in our region, including advocacy, independent living skills classes, and social activities, all free of charge. It's because of you Freedom Resource Center can continue to help people with disabilities live more independently in our communities.

Donations help support all our locations in Fargo, Wahpeton, Lisbon, and Jamestown, ND and Fergus Falls, MN.

We are grateful for YOU this Giving Hearts Day!



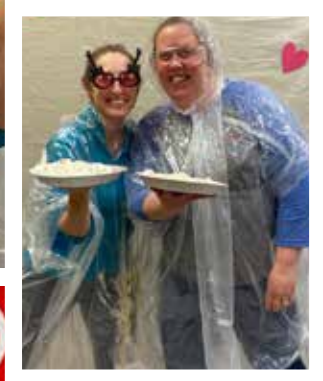
Angie Bosch, Executive Director and Tim Mahoney, Fargo Mayor



Dave Jacobs, 107.9 the Fox and Angie Bosch



**Clockwise from top left:**  
Michele Rader, Board President, and Angie Bosch. Del Rae Williams and Angie Bosch. Michele Rader and Dan Holte, Board Vice President. Tyler Axness, KFGO 790 and Angie Bosch. Michele Rader and Angie Bosch.



# Freedom Resource Center Applauds the Landmark Olmstead Settlement with North Dakota

The agreement between the Department of Justice and the State of North Dakota is truly a big step in the right direction for North Dakotans with disabilities and seniors. We at Freedom Resource Center are committed to empower people with disabilities to live a productive life as independently as they choose. We are excited to be able to partner with other local providers in our region to see individuals with disabilities and seniors take advantage of the agreement that

will have a positive effect on their lives.

Thirty years ago, the right was guaranteed by the signing of the Americans with Disability Act (ADA). Twenty years ago, that right was affirmed by the Supreme Court in the Olmstead Decision, and now, with this settlement, the State of North Dakota will begin a substantial shift towards ensuring people finally have a guaranteed right to live wherever they choose.

## Meet Our Staff

Hello, my name is Drew Hanson. I was born in Bismarck, ND. I was born with a physical disability called spina bifida, which affects the nerves and muscles below my spinal cord and makes it difficult to stand and walk. I grew up in Minot, ND and graduated high school from Bishop Ryan Catholic School in 2006. I attended one year of college at Rasmussen Business College in Bismarck and then moved back to Minot in 2008 and began working.

Starting in 2016, I served on the Board of Directors for Independence Inc. and was their Board President for the last six months, until moving to Fargo in January to become Peer Mentor Specialist and IL Advocate for Freedom Resource Center. I am very excited to work with so many great people in the Fargo area and serve others with disabilities in living independently. I also serve on the Statewide Independent Living Council for ND with a lot of great advocates.

In my free time, I enjoy watching any sport on tv, playing golf in the summer, spending time with family, friends, and playing my acoustic guitar, and singing whenever I get the chance.

I feel very lucky to have this opportunity to work with so many wonderful people in the IL field. Thank you to everyone who has made me feel so welcome here!



Drew Hanson

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