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NEW

Achievers by Brooke J.

For many years, we have referred to the adults with disabilities we serve at Achieve Services as “participants.” We are now shifting our language to “Achievers.” An Achiever is someone who reaches success through effort, skill, or courage. A participant, by contrast, is simply someone involved in an activity.

This change reflects what we see every day. The people we serve show up with intention, put in the work, and pursue their goals with determination. They are active partners in their own growth, not just present, but are engaged and striving. We believe “Achiever” better honors the strength, determination, and resilience each person brings.



Achievers celebrating after our 2nd Annual Paper Airplane Contest

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Jeff's Jokes

by Jeff J.



A bear walks into a bar and says, "May I have... a Coke."

The bartender asks, "Why the long pause?"

The bear replies, "I don't know, I was born with them."

Green Giggles

by Area Green

Why did they let the turkey join the band?
Because he had the drumsticks.

Poems

by Lori T.



Summer Days

When summer appears, the warm sun is out, and people are going out to enjoy the nice sunny days. When days are long; hoping the birds would start to fly in the skies and appear.

Beautiful days are here; you'll never know, once the grass goes green, flowers grow, there are rainy days or nights.

Cole's Corner

by Cole I. & Rho P.

Dance At Your Own Risk

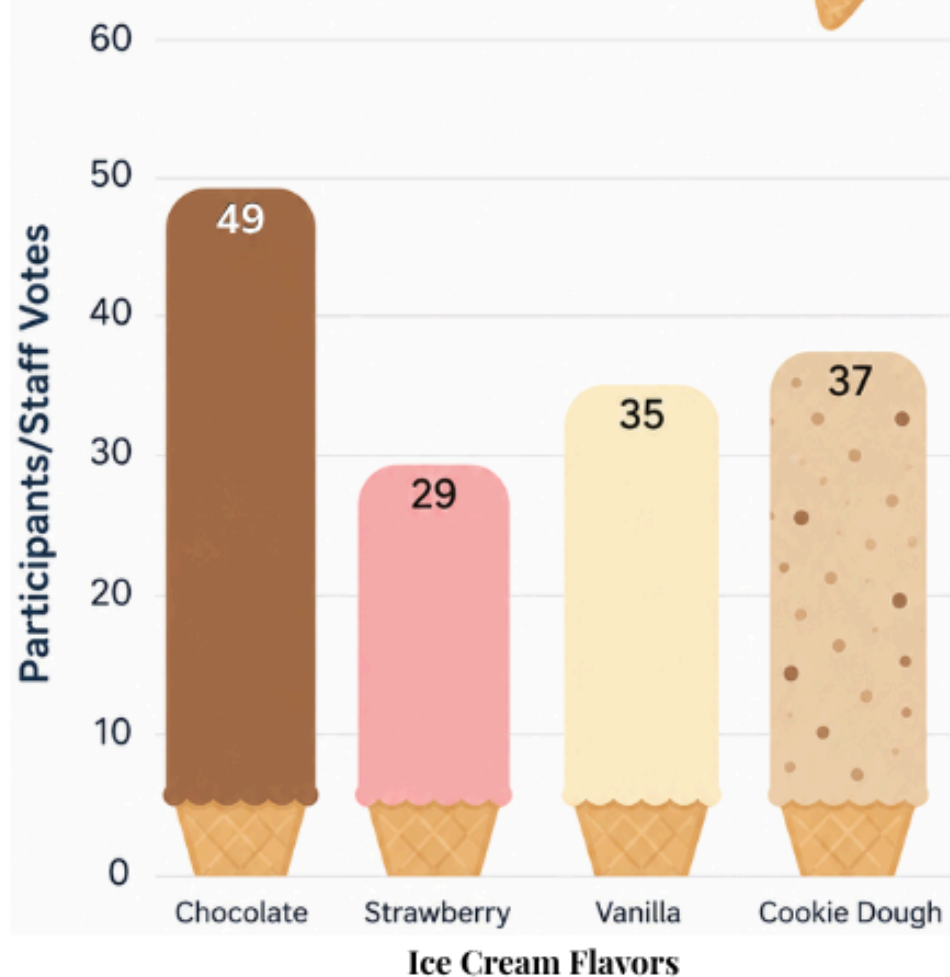


This month, I interviewed Joe Loskota, the creator of Dance at Your Own Risk, the Achieve band. I learned that the band started in 2012 after Achieve received its first iPads. GarageBand was used for the first recordings. "DAYOR" has had members come and go, including more than 15 Achievers over the past 14 years. I am a current member myself. DAYOR has recorded 10 albums, with more songs in the works. Joe said that over 150 songs have been created by band members. He also shared that the band's name came from a crazy dance one of the original members did to a song they had written! Dance at Your Own Risk albums and songs can be found online on Spotify under "Dance at Your Own Risk," and on YouTube under "Dance at Your Own Risk – Topic."

Achieve's Favorite

Ice Cream

by Denise K.





Entertainment Review

by Michael C.

“Jurassic Park” (1993)

Welcome to Jurassic Park! Last month, Movie Club watched the first Jurassic Park film. It gives viewers the thrilling experience of interacting with live dinosaurs—but that comes at a high cost. The movie is filled with suspense and pulse-pounding excitement as the characters try to survive the prehistoric chaos. If you haven’t seen this movie, I recommend that you watch it, along with the six other Jurassic Park films. And remember: “Hold on to your butts!”

10/10 stars



This Month In History

by Lee G. & Melissa D.

July

On July 4, 1776, America gained its independence from Britain, making the United States 250 years old this year.

On July 1, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Pacific Railway Act. This act officially created the Union Pacific Railroad.

On July 16, 1969, Apollo 11 launched for the moon with Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, and Michael Collins aboard. They successfully returned home on July 24, 1969.

I Want My MTV!

by Michael C.



On May 22, Achieve participants shared their favorite music videos with everyone in the lunchroom. Artists ranged from John Denver to Weezer to Britney Spears, ending with “Dare to Be Stupid” by “Weird Al” Yankovic. It was intriguing to see what people chose. A good time was had by all, and people couldn’t help but dance.



Annie & Colleen enjoying a Fun Friday



Upcoming Events

by Shannen S. & Rho P.

There are some exciting events happening at Achieve in July! On July 16 we have our Annual Picnic. Achievers get to pick out their own meal of hamburgers or hot dogs with beans, chips, and dessert. Lonny, Pete, and Jim will grill our food for us. Everyone looks forward to the picnic!

On July 24, the Achievers Club brings you our 2nd Annual Car Wash. Family and friends of Achievers are welcome to come and have their cars washed by us between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. in the Achieve parking lot. We accept donations, and the money raised is used for a special treat for everyone. Last year, we had an ice cream sundae bar!

Spotlight: Area Blue

by Area Blue

Hi from Area Blue! We have 13 people in our room and 4 busy staff members. Most of us use wheelchairs, so it's not as easy for us to visit other rooms—please stop by and visit us. We enjoy going to food group, art group, exercise, and Friday dance parties. Our staff helps us with craft projects, games, and any other activities we plan.



Some of Area Blue Achievers and Staff

The Special Olympics at Minnesota

by Dan O., Brock S., & Katie H.

June 20 marked the kickoff of the Special Olympics, taking place in Minnesota this year! Around the country, 3,000 athletes came here to show they are worthy of taking home gold. Sixteen sports will begin competition on June 22. Dan O'Connor and Brock Shepard love to participate in the Special Olympics. Dan's favorite is flag football, and Brock's favorite is bowling. Good luck, athletes!



Pet Supply Drive

by Jenni M. & Melissa D.

Achieve recently held a pet supply drive for The Rescue Crew, a nonprofit organization that rescues and fosters cats and dogs. All the items collected go to the foster families of our furry friends.



Dan, Damian, Donje, Howard and Thor

Recently, Achievers Dan and Damian, along with staff members Donje and Howard and our unofficial ambassador Thor, delivered about 80 items donated by Achieve members. For more information on how to help The Rescue Crew, please visit <https://www.rescuecrew.org>.



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Community Team

by Ryan S.



The Achieve Community Team is a new group that brings together parents and guardians to support and promote Achieve Services. It provides a space to connect, share ideas, and discuss all things Achieve, while also offering opportunities to volunteer and get involved. If you're interested in learning more, please contact us at activities@achieveservices.org.