



Dear Friend,

**E**veryone knows what it's like to have a dream. And everyone deserves to know what it's like to catch one. But **YOU**. Not only do you know the feeling, you give it to others. **YOUR** generosity makes it possible for *others* to know these feelings, realize and pursue *their own* dreams.

*Take just this last year, for example ...*

**In 2025, we:**

- Invested over **\$300,000** in accessibility-related updates to our existing **homes**
- Purchased property and started construction on a **duplex in Palo**, where we will serve eight people, including three from our waiting list
- Purchased **3 vehicles** at a combined cost of over \$121,800
- Supported over **85 people in our day centers**



See it? That's **YOU** in there. Where might Sarah's dreams be without the adaptable "roof" of a secure life, the "wheels" that deliver freedom, or the daily opportunities that empower self-direction. **Thank you!** You and Discovery Living make an incredible team.

Now, you may also know that that kind of teamwork is an ongoing partnership and that each new year brings new obstacles.

**F**or the second time in three years, the State of Iowa did not provide reimbursement rate increases for supported community living providers, like Discovery Living. This will make for a challenging year ahead, given the rising cost of living.

Still...

**At our centers, in 2026, we:**

- Plan to **provide services to an additional 10-15 individuals**
- Expect to replace **at least one vehicle**
- Will continue to **expand our partnership with the City of Hiawatha and local businesses**

**At our 32 homes, we will:**

- Make accessibility and environmental improvements to meet the needs of the 155 people we serve in our houses
- Purchase and/or replace **three vehicles from our fleet of 57**
- Provide services to **an additional 10 individuals from our waiting list** (Currently over 100 individuals are waiting to receive our services)
- Begin providing **services in our new duplex in Palo** by the end of 2025

Will you please help us fulfill our pledge to the individuals we support to be there as their "provider for life"? Giving is easy. Simply complete and return the card below with your gift.

*And remember, **100%** of your gift will be used to directly support the individuals we serve right here in Linn County.*

Your generosity during these uncertain times inspires us to carry the mission of Discovery Living forward. **YOU, now more than ever, MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

Gratefully, your partners - in pursuit of the dream,

  
Dan Banyas

Dan Banyas, Board Chair

  
Robert Hebl

Robert Hebl, Executive Director

**P.S. Sarah's not alone. Every morning, 155 others wake with a dream - to a day filled possibilities. Support from donors just like you help keep those dreams alive. What will **YOUR** gift make possible?**

**YES!** I believe people of all abilities deserve an opportunity to pursue and fulfill their dreams - their personal freedom. I am pleased to enclose my tax-deductible contribution.

Giving is as easy as **1... 2... 3!**

**1 Verify your Contact Information:**

 <<Household Name>>

 <<Street>>

<<City>>, <<State>> <<Zip Code>>

 <<Email>>

**2 State Your Gift Amount**

\$90     \$30

\$60     \$15

\$45     Other:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**3 Maximize Your Impact**

**Matching Gifts** - Check with your employer, as your gift could be doubled!

**Eliminate Tax Implications** - Making a charitable gift directly through your required distribution from an individual retirement account yields **zero** tax implications!

Do you wish for your gift to be given...

In **memory/honor** (circle one) of...?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you*

...for your gift to Discovery Living.