



# Monadnock Views

Helping people with developmental disabilities live and work in their community

## Making Inclusion a Reality for People with Mobility Issues

Spring is here and we are all eager to spend time outside enjoying a meal with friends, meeting with colleagues or simply enjoying the warmer weather. Many of us do not need to do much planning to fully engage in these types of activities. But for a person with a mobility issue, finding accessible seating can often pose a challenge.



Through the gifts of generous donors like you, Monadnock Developmental Services is able to purchase an accessible picnic table. The table provides space for a person using a wheelchair to fully access the table. In addition, the benches have space between the seats to

allow for easier access for people with a variety of mobility issues. Being included in all aspects of daily life is an essential part of a person's success and happiness. Thank you for helping us make increased accessibility a reality in our community!

## Emergency Equipment Repairs—Helping People and Families with Unexpected Costs

The people and families who receive supports and services through Monadnock Developmental Services often rely on a variety of adaptive equipment to help them with daily activities. Even with routine maintenance, unexpected equipment failures can still happen. This can create a wide range of problems and barriers for the people and their families who rely on the equipment. A person's mobility can be greatly reduced and their ability to communicate compromised. This in turn affects their families and care providers, causing increased physical demands and stress.

Recently, a person we support and his family experienced the sudden malfunction of their stair lift. This adult man has sustained a traumatic brain injury and lives with his parents in their two-story family home. The man's bedroom and bathroom are on the second floor, and he requires a stair lift to access both these rooms. Without funding to repair the stair lift, his parents would have to carry him up and down the

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## MDS Crisis Funds

Over the Past 5 Years

**\$130,000+** in crisis and unmet needs funds spent for children and adults with developmental disabilities.

**\$100,000+** in dental funding



*A stair lift is an essential piece of equipment for many families. And the unexpected loss of use greatly inhibits a person's quality of life.*

stairs in order to continue their daily routines. This would be both dangerous and stressful for everyone involved.

The Monadnock Developmental Services Crisis and Unmet Needs Fund was created to assist with exactly this type of emergency situation. This fund allows MDS to respond quickly to the critical needs of the people and their families who we support. Every dollar donated to the Monadnock Developmental Services Crisis and Unmet Needs Fund is used to quickly resolve emergencies and provide material goods and services that the people we support and their families would otherwise go without. For over 40 years, your generosity has helped hundreds of people with developmental disabilities and their families right here in the Monadnock region. On behalf of the entire Monadnock Developmental Services community, we thank you, our donors, for your continued support.

## **40 Years of Supporting Individuals with Developmental Disabilities and Their Families**

Monadnock Developmental Services was founded in 1983 to provide supports and services to people with developmental disabilities and their families. For 40 years, the support of community members throughout the Monadnock region has been essential to expanding the resources we are able to offer. With your help we have been able to fund critical unmet needs such as vehicle modifications, emergency dental care, adaptive technology and basic needs such as winter clothing.

To celebrate our 40th anniversary and everyone who is part of the MDS community, we will be holding an Annual Meeting in September. Stay tuned for more information on this milestone event!

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**At Monadnock Developmental Services, our mission is to work toward inclusion, participation and mutual relationships for all people who are at risk of isolation from community.**

MDS welcomes any contributions you wish to make to help us provide quality services to individuals with disabilities and their families in the Monadnock region.

To donate by mail, please find the enclosed donation envelope. To donate online, you can scan the QR code to go directly to the donation page of our website.

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