

Banchero Disability Partners empowers adults with developmental disabilities so that they may realize their potential, achieve their goals, and be active and contributing members in their communities. Together we promote equitable civil rights.



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Meet Sarjo, Jack and Sanna, as Sarjo passes the baton.

Jack is a Northwest native who was born and raised on Vashon Island, with wonderful and supportive siblings, including twin brother George. Both twins loved boats, and built model hydroplanes just like the unlimited racing versions they saw on televised Sea Fair races. Jack would strategically place a nail in the stern so the hydroplane would actually make a rooster tail when pulled faster in the water. George has early memories of Jack grabbing the family boat and paddling solo around the harbor for hours. Jack lived at home on Vashon with his mom until she passed and he entered state care. Jack lived in a group home in Shelton before connecting with BDP to receive support in 2003. This fortuitous move put Jack closer to his siblings, George, Mike and Jane, who remain very involved in his life. Jack became roommates with Kevin, and the two formed a bond that endured even when Kevin suffered a serious injury and became quadriplegic. Jack joined staff in caring for Kevin, looking after him like a brother until Kevin's passing in 2013. Today Jack lives alone but is

Calendar



Mad Hatter Tea Party!
Heart & Soul
Dinner Auction
April 28, 2018
5:30 p.m.

Banchero Hall, St. Anne's School
101 West Lee Street
Seattle, WA 98119

Board Meetings

Tuesday, May 22, 2018
6:30 p.m.

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**MEET SARJO, JACK, AND SANNA,
CONTINUED FROM THE FRONT PAGE**

neighbors with peers in a stylish top-floor bachelor pad at The Ramsey apartments.



Sarjo has been Jack's primary staff person since he came to work at BDP in 2012. Sarjo and Jack became a tight team, with Sarjo focusing his energy on promoting Jack's success and wellbeing. Together they worked on addressing Jack's health issues, as well as keeping him active in activities such as paying his own bills, choosing healthy foods, cooking together, and developing routines for completing household chores while making sure Jack was engaged in exercise and fun activities, and stayed connected with family and friends.

Having shown extraordinary dedication and skills, Sarjo was promoted to the position of Case Coordinator, where he will train and mentor others. Sarjo is passing on the primary staff tasks for Jack to Sanna. Sanna has extensive experience in our field and has been with BDP since 2017. (Sanna is a twin to his brother Sainy, so he has this unique family position in common with Jack.) Sanna has proven his excellent skills and is ready to apply his energy and knowledge to teaming up with Jack moving forward. Sanna will receive intensive training focused on managing client finances and medical needs, to ensure that the transition is smooth for Jack and his support continues seamlessly.

This year Jack will surpass sixty years in this world, but it doesn't stop him from showing off his favorite dance moves at parties and events. Jack is full of energy and enjoys staying active.

Jack is a reliable, diligent, and punctual person. Jack has been employed as a janitor with Starbucks Corporate Headquarters via Northwest Center (supported employment) since 2007 and he works there three days a week. Not only does Jack show passion for work, he enjoys the ride to downtown Seattle, with its views of Elliot Bay, that are reminiscent of his maritime childhood. At Starbucks', Jack's job coach explains the tasks and he enthusiastically completes them, while rarely missing a day.

Jack balances his work life by indulging in favorite pastimes. He spends an hour weekly at Sunspace Massage Studio where the massage therapist and Jack have established success through open communication. Jack is so fond of massage therapy that upon greeting you, he may put your hands on his shoulders and turn you into an impromptu massage therapist, too. Jack looks forward to good food and great company. He treats himself to a weekly lunch date at Shari's restaurant with his sister and/or a brother. If his family is not available, BDP staff members continue this tradition. Jack's favorite part of the meal is dessert, savoring cherry pie while sipping his tea.

During spare time, Jack enjoys listening to music from a variety of genres or watching classic TV shows such as Lost in Space, The Time Tunnel, and Superman. Jack is a strong swimmer; when he has the opportunity, he swims as long as he can. Another favorite activity is helping the clients at Loya House (where 4 clients of BDP live) tend their vegetable garden. Jack enjoys a respectful and jovial relationship with his staff members. Last summer one of his staff gave him a shorter than usual haircut. After Jack saw himself in the mirror, he had a mischievous smile and told another staff person "he killed me today, look at how he cut my hair."

Jack has been a thriving force at BDP, always willing to work hard to achieve his goals, and share his love of life and his winning personality. We are grateful that Jack's family placed their trust in us to partner in his support!

Events & Fundraising

**Don't Be Late! April 28!
5:30 pm - 10:30 pm**

Fall down the rabbit hole with us on Saturday, April 28th at our annual Heart and Soul Auction. This year's theme is *Mad Hatter Tea Party*, and will feature *Eat Me* dinner by Classic Catering, and *Drink Me* cocktails sponsored by our Ruby Sponsors, James Alan Salon and Spa. The Queen of Hearts will lead us in a lively round of croquet, and to round out the evening Andy O will entice us onto the dance floor again with their irresistible dance music. Most importantly, we will gather with great friends for a great cause. Send in your response right away! You can also contact Robin at Robint@Banchemo.org or (206) 367-7795, or visit banchemo.org to get more information.



Our winter donation campaign raised over \$12,000!

The funds covered much-needed replacement laptop computers, and gifts and holiday meals for many of our clients. Thank you for making our holidays bright!



Thank you to the Gertrude and Eldon Sallee Foundation.

The trustees of this foundation chose to grant \$11,000 to BDP for our general fund. Thank you so much to the Sallee Foundation for prioritizing people who have developmental disabilities!

Your legacy

Please remember Banchemo Disability Partners in your will, and your commitment to community support will live on! Contact CaraLee@banchemo.org for more information and free estate planning advice from our board professionals.



Some of our awesome kids



Brenda and her folks, Tina and Paul



Kathy and Rico



Andy and his sister Chris



Eric, Don and Marjean



Team Messeratt and Becky

All having a wonderful time at our BDP annual meeting! holiday party!

Board & Organizational News

A Call to Greatness!

Banchemo Disability Partners is hiring people who want to make an impact with their work. We have openings for direct support staff both part time and full time. A WDL is required, as is enthusiasm and a commitment to teamwork. Pay is \$15 an hour to start with regular raises and great benefits. Please go to www.banchemo.org/careers for more details.

Thank you, Ruth Kagi!

Retiring 32nd District Representative Ruth Kagi has been a champion for issues supporting people who have developmental disabilities. Rep. Kagi has long chaired the Early Learning and



Human Services Committee. Throughout her distinguished legislative career, Representative Kagi has sponsored legislation improving early childhood education, enacted effective and compassionate mental health services, and key to us, she has consistently fought for advances and funding in the disability arena. There are far too many accomplishments on our behalf to list here, but we have especially fond memories of Ruth's work with our late Cori Nelson (1985-2011) supporting voting rights for people who have legal guardians, working with executive director CaraLee Cook on an almost insurmountable bill overhauling our abuse and neglect law, and as a key member of the appropriations committee, supporting staff wage increases even when the budget was tight. In a time when the term "lawmaker" might be met with skepticism, Ruth Kagi is a reminder that our highest aspirations can be realized, and our citizens' lives truly bettered when we have impassioned leaders who work hard to make a better world. Please join us in thanking Ruth Kagi for her efforts and accomplishments!

Annual Goals from the Banchemo Board of Directors

The Banchemo Disability Partners board makes an annual work plan to ensure that we continue to move forward. Some of the plans made for 2018 include drawing up a capital replacement plan for The Ramsey Apartments replacing older appliances, updating our personnel policies, and nominating new board members in the areas of legislative relations and fundraising. We truly appreciate the stewardship of our BOD, who give their talents so that we achieve our mission.

Thank you, Jonathan Minear!

After 8 productive years, Jonathan has resigned from his position as board director. Jonathan joined the board in 2010, becoming fundraising chair in his first year! Throughout that time he has advanced our fundraising success considerably by supporting our major gifts committee and overseeing the refinement of our annual fundraising activities. John and his wife Kristina have been familiar faces at every event, from blowing up balloons to selling raffle tickets and inspiring others to give. Along the way they added two lovely kiddos to their family, and have held increasingly responsible positions in their professional careers. We truly appreciate the time and talents that they shared with us, and wish them the very best as they shine their lights on new endeavors.

Paid work is key to our clients' success. Can you help?

Many of our clients are seeking work in areas such as janitorial, shelf-stocking, bussing, dishwashing, assembly, animal care etc.... Does your business have a job that can be done by a person who has a disability? Can certain tasks be "carved out" freeing your employees to pursue new goals? Clients come with job coaches to ensure the tasks are successfully completed. Part-time work is welcome! Contact CaraLee@Banchemo.org to explore the possibilities.

Relationship Class

The Relationship Class teaches the fundamentals of building relationships, personal safety and safe sex, and is offered in Shoreline to people who have developmental disabilities. If you have questions or wish to be put on the mailing list, please email [Jasmina at Jasmina@Banchemo.org](mailto:Jasmina@Banchemo.org).

