

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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Welcome Renae!

It is with great pleasure that we announce the latest addition to our Banchero Disability Partners community, Renae. Renae is 28 years old, born and raised in Seattle, where she lived with her mother for most of her life. Renae studied at the Shoreline school district and completed a transitional program at Shoreline Community College. During this time Renae lived independently with some of her friends, however after some time, when it became apparent that additional support would better serve her daily needs, her mother embarked on an extensive search for the ideal living arrangement. While in the process, Renae's mother discovered a connection with another BDP family and found Renae would be a wonderful fit in our community. Renae's journey to BDP reflects the careful consideration and dedication that families invest in finding the right supportive living environment for their loved ones. In September 2024, we welcomed Renae to our agency, where she resides in North Seattle, at our Ramsey complex, and shares an apartment with our long-term client, Kathy.

Upcoming Events

Heart & Soul Auction
Friday, May 16, 2025
Lynnwood Event Center
3711 196th St SW
Lynnwood, WA 98036

Cedar Grove Golf Tournament
Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2025
The Golf Club at Newcastle
15500 Six Penny Ln
Newcastle, WA 98059

Board Meetings

Tuesday, March 25, 2025 @ 5:30p
Online

Tuesday, May 27, 2025 @ 5:30p
Online

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Welcome Renae! (Continued)

While Renae continues to adjust to the changes, new faces, and overall daily living, Renae and her staff members are working together to provide the necessary needs for Renae to help her feel comfortable in her new home. Renae maintains a work-life balance, dedicating three days a week to Sprouts, where she demonstrates remarkable dedication and enthusiasm. When she's not working, Renae participates in various programs including Choices, Friendship Adventures, and Young Life.



Her recreational interests also include basketball and swimming. These structured activities provide opportunities for athletic engagement, creative expression, and social interaction, all vital components of our holistic approach to clients' development. During her leisure time, Renae enjoys spending time at home with her new roommate, Kathy, and playing with her baby dolls. Renae exhibits a nurturing personality through her devotion to caring for her collection of baby dolls; feeding them, changing them, cradling them, and loving them. Don't be surprised if you see her walking around with her baby dolls in their stroller.

Strong family bonds remain central to Renae's life, with regular visits from her mother, father, stepfather, and brother. Her role as an aunt to her brother's children, particularly her special relationship with her niece, adds another meaningful dimension to her family connections.

As Renae settles into her new home at BDP, we are focusing on supporting her personal goals, which include improving her overall health, developing stronger communication skills, and building confidence in social interactions. Her integration into our community represents the core values of BDP: providing not just housing but creating an environment where individuals can develop meaningful relationships and achieve personal growth. We look forward to witnessing her continued progress and celebrating her achievements in the months and years ahead.

Events & Fundraising

You Made Our Holiday Wishes More Tangible

Susan's Stockings, our annual winter giving campaign, raised \$7,725.45 this year. While this total was more modest than previous years, it made a meaningful difference in our community! Thanks to your generous support, we filled 39 stockings with gifts for our clients and hosted a warm holiday celebration that brought together clients, staff members, and their families. Your kindness made the season brighter for everyone involved.

The Seattle Church of Christ members came together this Christmas, warming hearts through their Giving Tree initiative and providing Christmas gifts to five of our clients in need of some extra love during the holidays. Thank you!

Thank You to the Gertrude and Eldon Sallee Foundation

Thanks to the Gertrude and Eldon Sallee Foundation, BDP received a \$15,000 grant for operating expenses.

Thank You to the Dermody Properties Foundation

Thanks to the Dermody Properties Foundation, BDP received a \$1,000 grant for sporting events for our clients.

Mark your calendars for May 16, 2025, when our annual Heart and Soul Auction will be held at the Lynnwood Event Center. If you would like to be a sponsor at the event, or be added to the invitation list, please email Jasmina Merdanovic at jasmina@banchero.org



Board & Organizational News

Congratulations to Our New Board President!

We are honored and grateful to welcome Carol Gothenquist as our newest board president. Carol was born and raised in Washington and earned her degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Washington.



Bravo to the ATR staff who cooked for our clients without power during a recent windstorm!



Don celebrating his birthday like a rockstar!



Leif and Lisa enjoying a trip to Leavenworth, WA



Chris enjoying shopping on his trip to Orlando Studios

Carol currently serves as the Director of Business Development at Cascade Columbia Distribution, a chemical distribution company based in Seattle. Carol's journey at BDP began in 2021 when her brother Mark became a client. Carol states, "I was deeply inspired by the remarkable progress he made under the care and support of the BDP team, which led me to join the Board of Directors in May 2023. Since then, I've been passionate about increasing community engagement and sharing the incredible work BDP does with its clients. My vision moving forward is to continue championing BDP's mission of empowering adults with developmental disabilities to realize their full potential, achieve their personal goals, and become active, contributing members of their communities." Please join us by welcoming Carol into her new role!

Thank You Peregrin Sorter

Throughout his distinguished term at BDP, Peregrin Sorter has demonstrated exemplary leadership and dedication. Beginning his career as a direct care staff member in 1999, he advanced through various positions on the Board of Directors before assuming the role of Board President in 2017 — a position he held with distinction until December 2024.

"As a board member, my primary focus has always been to care for the people who care for our clients," Mr. Sorter noted. "In light of this goal, we have worked to promote policies designed to attract, retain, and enrich professional direct care staff members, such as helping to enact a living wage initiative and to implement various policies in recognition of our culturally diverse staff."

BDP remains privileged to retain Mr. Sorter's expertise as he continues to serve on the Board of Directors, where his experience and insights continue to shape the organization's future.

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Want to create real change in your community? We need people like you. From assisting during our auction to teaching a craft workshop, every minute you give helps build a stronger community.

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