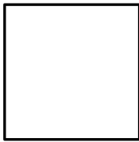


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Welcome, Sarah!

Sarah recently joined the BDP community and is excited to become more independent. This is her first time living away from her family. She hopes to strengthen her social skills so she feels more confident living in her own apartment and spending time in the community.

Since moving in, Sarah has enjoyed meeting her roommate, making friends, and trying new activities. She is choosing goals to work on while at Banchero. These include planning and completing weekly grocery shopping and saving money to get a pet. With BDP's support, she is practicing daily living skills and developing independence.

Sarah enjoys playing video games, like *Animal Crossing*, with her sister. She often spends time making videos, or drawing. She finds reference images online and has a binder of her drawings featuring different Pokémon.

Welcome to BDP, Sarah!

Upcoming Events

Community Inclusion Picnic
Saturday, August 1, 2026, 11a-2p
Hamlin Park
16006 15th Ave NE
Shoreline, WA 98155

Cedar Grove Golf Tournament
Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2026, 11a-8p
The Golf Club at Newcastle
15500 Six Penny Ln
Newcastle, WA 98059

Board Meetings

Tuesday, July 29, 2026 @ 5:30p
Online

Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2026 @ 5:30p
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Events & Fundraising

This year, we invited our community to “Grow with Us” at our Heart and Soul auction at Shoreline College. Community members, staff, and clients dressed up for a fun night. Guests enjoyed delicious food from The Flame Catering and bid on many great items.

Thanks to our supporters’ generosity, we raised **\$97,588 in net proceeds!** These funds will help clients build independence, social connections, and personal growth.

We extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who joined us to make the evening so special. Special thanks to our Inspire sponsor: Cedar Grove Composting, whose continued partnership is invaluable to our mission. We also appreciate our generous sponsors: Capital Industries, Seattle Property Management Associates, Todd and Arlene Kelly, Heritage Bank, Mercury Pharmacy, BECU, Donald W. Bell, CPA, and Mountainside Storage.

We also thank Shelly Oberman of Shelly Oberman Photography for capturing the evening, and Matt Lorch for serving as our outstanding MC and auctioneer. Congratulations to our lucky raffle winner who received two roundtrip Alaska Airlines tickets—anywhere they fly, including Hawaii!

Save the Date!



Mark your calendars for the Cedar Grove Composting Annual Golf Tournament scheduled for September 9, 2026, from 11am to 8pm at The Golf Club at Newcastle.

Past tournaments have provided essential resources for staff training and allowed us to welcome 14 more adults with developmental disabilities into our supported living services. Registration is now open, and more information is on our website! You do not want to miss this opportunity for sun, fun, and meaningful impact!

Social Media Spotlight

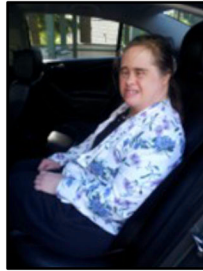
Our clients continue to find creative ways to share their voices online. Sarah has launched her own YouTube channel, while Shannon maintains an active following on TikTok. Both use social media as a platform for self-expression and have found meaningful connections with the communities they have created.



They have done an excellent job of managing these pages and crafting content. BDP staff are available to help Sarah and Shannon talk through online relationships and any challenges that come up.

Board & Organizational News

In Loving Memory of Kathleen



It is with heavy hearts we share that our client, Kathleen Kelly passed away at the age of 52 on December 14, 2025. She is described by many as gentle, loving, and bright. She was a part of BDP longer than any other client. Kathleen joined the Banchero Friends Services group home in 1982, when she was 13.

Banchero was truly her home, and she was able to stay with us until the very end. She was comforted by her closest friends when she passed. While we grieve at the loss of her gentle ways, we acknowledge she is no longer in pain.

Her Program Supervisor, Rachel, shared, “Kathleen Kelly was a bright soul, beloved by the people around her. Kathleen grew and changed, and Banchero was honored to be with her for most of her life. She is deeply missed by all. I will deeply miss her bright smiles.”



We celebrated her life in a beautiful ceremony on her birthday and will honor her memory every day through the warmth and care we provide to every client. Jasmina, the Fundraising Manager, who closely collaborated with Kathy for a decade as her Direct Support Staff, Case Coordinator, and Program Supervisor, shared these heartfelt words:

“Our beloved Kathy has made an immeasurable difference in the lives of countless employees, clients, and myself. Despite facing significant mobility challenges most of her life, Kathy exhibited remarkable resilience and an unwavering determination to persevere through her pain. Many nights, she would unwind by listening to music, dancing to the rhythm, and enjoying activities like drawing, word searches, puzzles, and playing UNO with her former roommate Flo, who sadly passed away last year.

While Kathy could be assertive, her sweetness shone through, and she cherished spending time with her friends and the wonderful individuals who cared for her with such grace. I take comfort in knowing that Flo is now with Kathy in Heaven, dancing the night away!

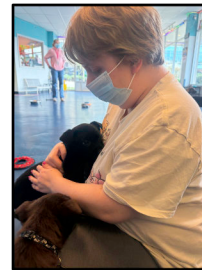


Animal Lovers

Spending time with animals positively affects our clients’ lives. One of our newer clients, Nicholas, has found that he truly loves going horseback riding. As part of a program designed for people with disabilities, it has supported his confidence, improved his communication, and developed his physical abilities.

Nicholas has grown through horseback riding and found comfort and joy in daily life at Banchero. His mom, Melissa, shared that he often tells her, “Mom, I have my own life now!”

Renae has similarly found incredible growth through work with animals. She has been volunteering at the Sacred Heart Animal Rescue since October of last year. She loves to help socialize the puppies and has even started to help with some cleaning tasks. Her work there has been invaluable in learning new social and daily living skills, and she is always excited to see the puppies!



Goals Met

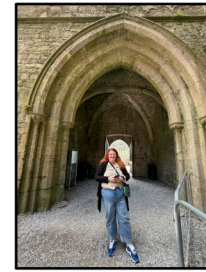


In March, Jill reached her goal of taking a trip to Las Vegas with Program Supervisor, Herlina. During the four-day trip, Jill tried new experiences and enjoyed a change of scenery. She visited the Venetian, Bellagio, Linq, and Flamingo hotels. She tried out the machines in the hotels’ casinos but really enjoyed the live music performances.

Beyond choosing from the many food options in the hotels, Jill also enjoyed ice cream on one of her many walks.

After moving to Shoreline in November, Akuhbom set a goal to join local activities to feel at home and build relationships in his community. In six months, he has made strong progress and formed many connections. His Program Supervisor, Modou, described him as “welcoming” and said, “He is open to so many activities.”

Akuhbon takes walks in his neighborhood and visits many parks in the area. He goes to Richmond Beach and the movies each week. He also visits other clients in their apartments to get to know them and make friends. He even joined the Client Advisory Council! Akuhbon is enjoying being part of BDP and working toward his goals.



In April, Shannon reached her goal of planning and taking a trip to Ireland. Along with Program Supervisor, Rachel, Shannon visited Ireland for five days. She toured castles and kissed the Blarney Stone at Blarney Castle to receive the “gift of gab.” She also visited local pubs and tried new foods. One highlight was riding the double-decker “Tea Bus”. They had afternoon tea on a sightseeing tour of Dublin while experiencing the art of Irish storytelling. The whole trip was amazing, but her favorite parts were exploring the castles and meeting the locals.

Crafternoon

Kathie, our client Stephanie’s mom, has been hosting an event for all Banchero clients called “Crafternoon”. Twice a month, the office fills with creativity, and clients gather around the big table in the Shoreline office to create something new.

Kathie purposefully plans sophisticated projects that are adaptable to be achieved by any ability level. Everyone leaves with beautiful artwork to display at home. Some of these projects were even featured in the Heart and Soul Auction decor! When asked about spending this time with her mom, Stephanie said, “I like it, my mom is wonderful!”

Staff Spotlight



Sydney is a beloved Case Coordinator for our Lake Forest Park team. In the two-and-a-half years that she has worked at BDP, she has thrived, supporting adults with developmental disabilities, and loves making Banchero the best it can be.

Like many leaders here, Sydney started as an Independent Living Advocate. Before joining staff, she volunteered at Camp Stand by Me and other events, where she became acquainted with many clients.

In 2025, Sydney moved into her current role as Case Coordinator when a new team was formed. She has taken on new challenges and has warmly welcomed new clients into the BDP family. Her commitment, advocacy, and positive energy reflect our mission and the heart of Banchero Disability Partners.

The strong relationships Sydney built helped her step into a leadership role with the Client Advisory Council (CAC). Clients can advocate for themselves and others and trust that their concerns will be heard. The CAC often asks Sydney to plan more get-togethers because of the welcoming environment she helps create.