



To: NADE Board of Directors
From: Trish Chaplin, Great Plains Regional Director
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Subject: Great Plains Regional Director End of Year report

It has been great to reconnect with my Great Plains region as the Great Plains Regional Director as I tried to help with increasing the regions membership within the last year.

I continue to email a certificate of presidential recognition to the outgoing NADE Chapter President thanking them for their service to their NADE Chapter.

I maintain contact with the Great Plains region on a regular basis, sending the membership reports, requesting comments for feedback regarding the possibility of combing our regions/changing our bylaws, also publication of NPRM. I have been involved in the committee for the possibility of combing the regions with committee calls.

I continue to express to my region the importance of recruiting new members and renewing our current members, including trying to recruit some of our former members who haven't renewed in some time. In my previous challenge to recruit new members, CADE had the most new members during the annual NADE membership drive and I sent them extra money for their chapter. Also Nebraska has added new members since the beginning of this year.

Here are some of the chapter activities from the chapters who have responded:

Missouri:

Kansas City –

8/2021-MADE did a fundraiser for back-to-school and proceeds went to Assistance League of KC. This provided 5 students with school supplies/clothing for the school year. We raised \$730!

10/2021-We had an eye glass drive and donated them to the Lions Club.

12/2021-We had toy drive for Henson's Heroes to be given to Children's Mercy Hospital. Cake walk. 1/2022 Chili cook off. 2/2022 cookie decorating party.

4/2022-We gave bagels/cream cheese to the teachers at New Trails Elementary for teacher appreciation.

6/2022- office wide BBQ celebration for Juneteenth and presentation about the topic. We also provided our new hires with "welcome bags" in 9/2021 and 4/2022.

St. Louis - Organ Donation Information was displayed for staff in April. This included flyers and rubber bracelets encouraging staff to learn more about organ donation.

American flags were displayed to celebrate Memorial Day. These flags were left over from the funeral processional that MADE wanted to display support for a local fallen Marine. NDPW tree – in celebration of NDPW we designed a tree where staff can post happy/positive thoughts that they would like to share. Some have posted thank you's, proverbs or just funny sayings. We provided welcome bags to new hires in 9/2021.

Springfield –

In 11/2021 Lunch & Learn with about 30 counselors sitting in during their lunch time to hear one of the Psych MC's speak to us about "Seasonal Depressive Disorder".

In 02/2022 We sponsored a celebration for our new building turning 2 years old with a cupcake birthday party and a diaper drive for the local diaper bank.

In 04/2022 We did a sidewalk chalk welcome to new staff-with their names and welcome messages & we also did a street clean up as part of our adopt a street program.

In 05/2022 We sponsored an ice cream social to get to know our newest staff members.

Montana – This chapter made mint chocolate shakes for St Patrick's Day. We had an Easter egg hunt on April 13th where staff would search for plastic eggs filled with either candy or a coupon to get a treat for our NADE treat box. The 2 golden eggs had \$5 in it donated by MONTADE. In May, we had a Cinco de Mayo taco feast.

Utah – UTADE did a fundraiser and awareness drive related to organ and tissue donation in April. We provided people with information about signing up as a living donor as well as how and why they should sign up as a registered organ donor with the DMV. In June, we provided our staff with information about resources through SSA, NADE, our state parent agency, and public/free development resources.

I continue to help any of our region in questions they have with reviving with chapters, including the South Dakota chapter who has been working diligently in reestablishing their chapter under the new 501©3.

I have agreed to help with the NADE Mentoring Program in helping with mentoring a new Regional Director as I am not new to being a RD and look forward to assisting in this role.

I continue to enjoy my time on the NADE Board and hope to assist both my region and the NADE Board in pursuing NADE's purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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