



To: NADE Board of Directors  
From: Patricia Chaplin, Midwest Regional Director  
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Subject: Midwest Regional Director Mid-Year Report

It has been a great honor to continue to work with the NADE Board being elected as the New Regional Director for the new Region of the Midwest at the NTC in Vermont in August 2022. With this honor, I felt a great responsibility to try to grow this new Region which includes the great states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas and Louisiana.

To recognize the outgoing Presidents from my old region, I emailed certificates of presidential recognition to the outgoing NADE Chapter President thanking them for their service to their NADE Chapter.

I maintain contact with the Midwest region on a regular basis, sending the membership reports as well as any NADE updates from our NADE President. I assisted with the completion of the Midwest Regional Bylaws with most of the work being completed by our retiree, Terri Klubertanz.

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. I recently held a TEAMS Meeting with our NADE President with the Iowa DDS in which over 50 of the employees attended, including their Director. We should have a few new Iowa members after this meeting. I have also reached out to 2 members we have in Minnesota and plan on hosting more TEAMS Meetings in the future as well.

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

Iowa: We have gained two members after Jennifer Nottingham and myself had a TEAMS meeting with their DDS with over 50 staff members present and we hope to gain more members.

Minnesota: I have a TEAMS Meeting scheduled with Jennifer in March.

Missouri:

KC MADE Chapter events: September 2022-MADE provided Counselor goodie bags for the new counselors hired.

October 2022-MADE had a book drive that included the entire building and books were donated to Literacy KC.

November 2022-MADE had a cake walk and proceeds went to support future MADE activities.

December 2022-MADE chapter did a toy/clothing/donation drive to Children's Mercy Hospital.

Jan 2023-MADE had a recruitment meeting and provided sandwiches and soup.

February 2023-MADE will be having a chili cook off and proceeds will go to future MADE events.

St. Louis: Sept 2022 ---DDS welcomed new staff members and MADE STL prepared goodie bags that were presented as surprises to the new staff. Also, 3 members of MADE presented to the new staff about NADE. October 2022--MADE STL sponsored a costume contest. We offered virtual voting and included family members and pets. Gift cards were given to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. November 2022--A food drive was completed to help a local food pantry (Feed My People). December 2022--As we have all returned to working in the office environment, MADE STL contributed to the celebrations with morning breakfast, holiday luncheon, and prizes.

We also collected money to help the St. Louis VA Medical Center Fisher House to assist them with their holiday meals which was then delivered to them in January. January 2023—We have added 2 new members.

Oklahoma: Hosted our office's End of the Year celebration in December that acknowledged examiners, MCs & support staff for their work over the year. We also held a Silly Olympics festival in September, which is a bunch of different games people play to win coupons & redeem those for prizes. We held our elections. We are still in our membership drive & getting a good number of inquiries. Our November meeting had Marjorie Garcia speak to us & Our January meeting had Jennifer Nottingham speak to us. We had a trivia question giveaway in November, and January. Next month we plan to raffle off a Valentine Day basket.

I did not hear back from my other chapters; however, I plan to continue to reach out to my chapters to continue to increase our NADE membership throughout the Midwest and the nation.

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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