



# Stevens County Developmental Achievement Center

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Thanksgiving has come and gone. Days are getting shorter and nights are getting longer. Snow is covering the leaves and the blue cold of winter has driven us into our gloves, hats, and heavy jackets.

Merry Christmas. It is the season to rejoice and be merry. This Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 1:30 PM, the DAC clients will be celebrating the gift of God's Son with a public Christmas Pageant at the 1<sup>st</sup> Lutheran Church of Morris. You are invited. Please join us in this annual celebration that is directed and organized by the church women of Morris. We are sure that we will be blessed by your presence and your support. Help us start the Christmas holidays together.

Next up on our calendar is the DAC Christmas Open House on Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 2:30 PM. Please stop by for coffee, cookies, and punch. We love company, our tree is decorated, our cookies are homemade, the music is playing, and everyone in town is invited. It is a truly joyous event so bring your friends too.

The New Year will bring changes in our services. Our industry is evolving and we will evolve with it. The Department of Human Services will be purchasing services in 15-minute units instead of by days. That will complicate our reporting and our services. You will soon see us carrying data "Tablets" so that we can check-in each person every time they move from room to room or bus to home. But the basics won't change. Our mission will remain to help people become as independent as they can be and we will still focus on individual needs first and billing units only as a secondary necessary chore.

Also, this winter we will advertise our remodeling & expansion project for bids. Then next summer we need to relocate all the DAC programs, for at least 4 months, during this 50-year anniversary building update and expansion project.

We need to bring everything (hallways, restrooms, ramps, kitchen, laundry, fire sprinklers, etc.) up to modern codes and we need to provide more room for community work offices and storage space. We have raised \$1.1 million out of \$1.5 Million needed already and we need your help too. Please consider donating to the SCDAC Building Project as you work on your tax plans for 2018. Don't let the name fool you. We are not the county or the state. We are a tax exempt 501(c)(3) charity and we need support from families, churches, and clubs to make this project happen next summer. Send your check today to: SCDAC Building, PO Box 25, Morris, MN 56267.

See you this Sunday at the 1<sup>st</sup> Lutheran Church and see you again at our open house on Wednesday the 12th. We really love Christmas!

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