



Stevens County Developmental Achievement Center

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We are still camping out at the Riley Brother's Crane Building on Hwy. 59 North while the construction company is busy working on our "New" facility. It will feel new too. They are replacing almost all the old sheet rock and floors in the original building. No more popcorn ceilings either.

The new kitchen is twice the size and the old kitchen has been completely removed. We are starting over and the new stainless-steel kitchen is going to be sparkly and beautiful. The dining room will have new vinyl flooring and new sheet rock walls. All the restrooms will have new tile, all new fixtures, and partitions. In the workshop, we are installing sound absorbing ceilings to reduce the noise level while we are using our hammers to assemble parts for Superior Industries.

Adding to the building is the new front entrance with a canopy roof running out to the curb with a ten-foot-wide hallway opening up to the new lobby and locker rooms. The new 4K square foot addition includes offices for administration and a whole new entrance with offices for "Employment Exploration" staff & clients.

All of this should be done by the middle of November 2019. We started in early June and that was 4 months ago. We are ready to start enjoying our remodeled facility. The Riley Brothers building has been a wonderful temporary home, but it is smaller & very crowded. Therefore, we are weary, and we are anxious to move home. We will get there before Thanksgiving and we will be very grateful.

We will see you at the Grand Opening before the Christmas holidays. We can hardly wait to show you our new workplace.

In the meantime, we have continued our work as best we are able.

This week we took most of our clients to see the play *Mama Mia* at the Chanhassen Dinner Theater. The Stevens County ARC donated the money we used to charter a motor coach for the day. Thank you for making this event possible. We had a wonderful time. In my opinion, the play was even better than the movie. It had wonderful music, terrific acting, a beautiful set and colorful costumes. It was lots of fun and we couldn't have made the trip without your help.

Every day, we work in the community, we detail cars in the car wash, we exercise at the RFC, we enjoy arts and crafts, and we provide help with daily living skills. Our lives are full, and we are enjoying the cooler weather. Fall is here and we are looking forward to: Twins playoffs, Vikings football, Halloween and Thanksgiving. We are counting our blessings.

Thanks,

Charlie Oakes, *Executive Director*