



## Just in the nick of time: **A New Prius!**

One issue that our residents constantly face is transportation. Many of them like to leave the homes to go exploring at the mall, the beach, the movies, etc. It can be a challenge for them to have reliable transportation, and no matter how reliable, the transportation needs to be suited to their needs. Our four residents at Trail House have had transportation issues for quite a while now. A Ford Expedition was donated late last year, but it was having some transmission problems and was quite high up off the ground for the residents to use. Tess especially had trouble entering and exiting the vehicle. And she enjoys outside stimulation quite a bit.

We were quite worried how we were going to resolve this issue, as it became more and more pressing. In a show of extreme kindness and generosity, Nelson and Susan Schmitz (our resident Andrew's parents), donated their 2007 Toyota Prius to the Trail House program on February 13th. It was a heartfelt gift, just before Valentine's Day! We cannot express how grateful we are that they were able to donate the vehicle to the residents at Trail House, and we can't wait to put their donation to good use.

In conjunction with this, we could also really use the help with purchasing a new wheelchair accessible van for our two group homes: Champion House and Halcyon. If you would like to donate, please [click here](#). Thank you!



*"THE MISSION of Helping Hands for the Disabled is to support people with developmental disabilities in achieving their potential, building their self esteem, and enhancing their community involvement. To accomplish this, we commit our energy and resources to developing and maintaining residences and a continuum of program services to meet their needs."*

*- HHD's Mission Statement*

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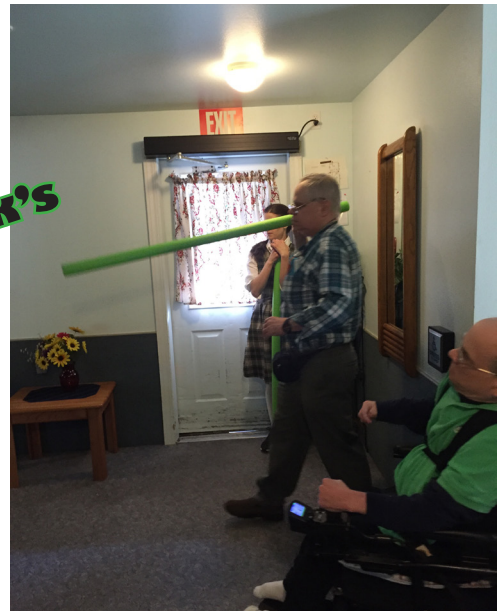
**A New Car for Trail  
Activity Photo Album  
Auction 41**



# Photo Album: Activities!



**Saint Patrick's Day!**







## Egg Dying!





# Who's Ready for Auction 41?

**It's already that time again! Time to start preparing for Auction 41! Get excited as we introduce this year's theme:**

## Le Bal Masqué

This year's auction will take place October 22nd, so mark your calendars! We will be hosting it again at the Embassy Suites in Bellevue. This year's theme is going to be a masquerade ball. So, dust off your tuxedos and dresses, grab your masks, and join us for a night of fun and intrigue. The night promises to be one full of surprises.

If you would like to donate to this year's auction, volunteer, or be a sponsor, please contact Ashton Weis. She is available by email: [ashton.weis@hhftd.org](mailto:ashton.weis@hhftd.org) or by phone: 425-644-4344. We would love to have your help, ideas or items.

As more details become available, such as the menu, timing, and pricing, we will update our website, Facebook and Twitter pages, so be sure to keep an eye out. We will also be sure to make any updates to the newsletter that will come out in June.

## GoFundUs!

We started a GoFundMe page for a new wheelchair accessible van! We use three wheelchair accessible vehicles, but one of them is drastically old and on its last legs. We use these vans to make our residents' lives more fulfilling and to take them to various doctor's and health appointments. It would be incredible if we could receive some donations to purchase a new van. If willing to donate, please click here or visit: [gofundme.com/hhftd](https://gofundme.com/hhftd)

If you'd like to learn more about us or our residents, please check out our website at [hhftd.org](http://hhftd.org). Thanks for your time! We appreciate all donations, big and small! So, forego your latte and donate \$5!



# Thank you to all who've donated

- **Joesph Oliva**
- **Robert Dinmore: Dedicated to Susan and Nelson Schmitz**
- **Cheryl and Marty Jordan: In honor of Eva Robinson's 33 years with Helping Hands**
- **Santoshkumar Sheth: For my father, my mother, and my family. Well wishes.**
- **Fernanado Colombo**
- **Anonymous**
- **Microsoft Matching Program**
- **Alma Baker**
- **Jeanine Perez**
- **Barb Stevenson: In honor of Barbara Barger**
- **Robert Shingleton and Nina McGinnis**
- **Deanna Shifton**
- **Joseph Strecker**
- **John and Mary Costello**
- **Leann Garza**
- **Eric and Kelly Jaeger**
- **Barbara Barger and Eva Robinson: In memory of friends and family.**
- **Eric and Sachiyo Dinmore**
- **Claudia Bean McIntosh**
- **Jeffrey Ressler**
- **Gail Provo**
- **Sandra Wood**
- **Gary Morgan**
- **Rosalyn Arntzen**
- **Beverly Allen**
- **Pha Nguyen**
- **Betty Keys: In honor of Robby Keys.**
- **Kenney and Lois Mallory: For Halcyon enrichment programs.**
- **Barbara Barger and Eva Robinson: In memory of Alice Robinson.**
- **Al Krush**

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