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Mission
Statement

*The mission of
the 2nd Story is
to enhance the
quality of life
for adults with
developmental
disabilities
through social,
educational and
recreational
activities.*

*Thank
You*

Newsletter

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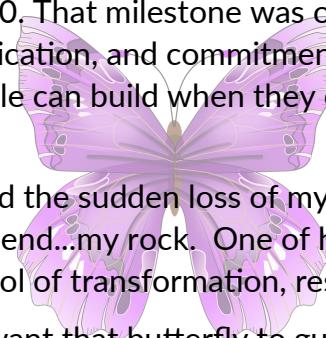
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Sponsor of the Month

BNSF Railway Foundation

Reflecting on 2025

In 2025, the 2nd Story celebrated its 50th anniversary, growing from 35 members to more than 350. That milestone was only possible because of the community's support, dedication, and commitment. Together, we showed the strength of what people can build when they come together with purpose.



In October of 2025, I faced the sudden loss of my wife, Michelle. She was always my support, my friend...my rock. One of her favorite things was purple butterflies—a symbol of transformation, resilience, and hope.

As we move into 2026, I want that butterfly to guide the club's mission. Just as a butterfly represents change and renewal, the 2nd Story can embrace growth, adapt to challenges, and continue to lift each other up. Carrying Michelle's spirit forward, our focus will be on creating deeper connections, celebrating life, and turning hardship into strength. The purple butterfly will remind us that even after loss, there is beauty in transformation and purpose in moving forward together.



Christmas Dance

Our Members Christmas Party was an absolute delight — a cozy, joy filled evening packed with laughter, treats, and the kind of holiday spirit that makes 2nd Story feel like home. From festive treats to cheerful conversations, it was the perfect way to wrap up the season together.

Most importantly, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of the volunteers who make celebrations like this possible. Your time, energy, and kindness bring these moments to life. Every treat, every warm welcome, every behind the scenes detail — it all happens because of you. We're endlessly grateful for the magic you help create.

Here's to community, connection, and a beautiful year ahead.



Christmas Cards

This month, our members gathered for a Christmas-card craft day, filling the room with laughter, creativity, and holiday cheer. Everyone made heartfelt cards to share with their loved ones, adding a little sparkle and warmth to the season.



Mardi Gras March 14th 2026

Get ready to let the good times roll! Our annual **Mardi Gras Fundraiser** is coming up on **March 14, 2026**, and we can't wait to celebrate with our incredible community. This vibrant evening will be filled with color, Silent Auction, Bingo, and the joyful spirit that makes 2nd Story events so special.

To make the night truly shine, we're gathering items for our Silent Auction baskets. If you're able to contribute, we'd be grateful for donations of themed items, gift cards, experiences, or specialty goods. Every contribution helps us create unforgettable baskets and directly supports our mission.

If you'd like to donate, please reach out — your generosity helps keep our community thriving.



Contributions—Prizes, Activities & Gifts

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Kay Haugen	Lori & Jimmie Jones	Malisa Bliss	Jan Shipman
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Thank you!

*In Loving Memory of**Ann Morano**Dennis Endreson**Aunt Milly**Marty Myhra**Marty Myhra*

Memorials

*From**Lee & Cal Clouse**LaVone Endreson**Bruce & Michelle Jones**Alayne & Ron Oakland**Greg Gordon*

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