



# Flat Rock

Restoring Hope. Transforming Lives. Living Faith.

## Faith Connections March 2022



**“National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month (NDDAM)** is observed in March in the U.S. This class of disabilities can refer to impairments in learning and behavior, such as autism, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, and impairments in physical and/or intellectual functioning such as cerebral palsy, spina bifida, and Down syndrome. Click here for more information:

<https://nationaltoday.com/national-developmental-disabilities-awareness-month/>

We invite you to celebrate NDDAM by participating in our month-long donation drive at Bellevue Library. Our general needs list contains items that we use frequently and can be donated to Flat Rock by dropping them off at the Bellevue Library located at 224 E. Main Street, Bellevue. Click here for our needs list: <https://www.flatrockhomes.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Needs-List.pdf>

### Other ways you can donate to our mission include:

Kroger Community Rewards (MX346): <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>

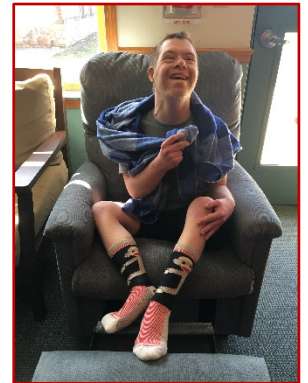
Amazon Smile: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/34-4433997>

Online Donation: <https://www.flatrockhomes.org/make-a-gift/>

### Rock Your Socks Day at Flat Rock!

Silly, odd, crazy, fun, or whatever you want to call your socks, it is a colorful way to participate in World Down Syndrome Day, March 21. Flat Rock individuals will celebrate by wearing mismatched, colorful, or other zany, fun socks! Wear your silly socks in celebration! Learn the history of this day by clicking here:

<https://www.worlddownsyndromeday.org/about-wdsd>



### Mark Your Calendars for The Dick Parks Memorial Race at the Rock

We look ahead to the warmth of May and the annual Race at the Rock! Because the risks of COVID-19 linger for our individuals, the race will once again be virtual. You may walk or run, jog, or skip your way to support this event when/where you can during starting April 4th. Pricing will remain the same as 2021. Watch for more details on the website, social media, and newsletter.

**Leave a Legacy:** Contact Jill at [JKinser@flatrockhomes.org](mailto:JKinser@flatrockhomes.org) for information!

### You Can Help Transform Lives!

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Phone: 419.483.7330 [www.flatrockhomes.org](http://www.flatrockhomes.org)



## Help Wanted

Employment Opportunities – Enjoy this short video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=6TCb15ThA-E>

Apply for positions here: <https://www.flatrockhomes.org/careers/join-our-team/>



**April Showers** might bring May flowers, but this year they bring a shower of paper towels, toilet paper, and more to Flat Rock. Would you set out a box to collect these items for our supply closets? Let Rose or Sherri know when they are ready to pick up and deliver to Flat Rock! Flat Rock Needs List: <https://www.flatrockhomes.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Needs-List.pdf>

## One thing to do in 2022—Join the Challenge!

Tie on your aprons and schedule a spaghetti supper, pancake breakfast, or soup and sub sale! Perhaps you would rather clean out the house and hold a rummage sale! Whatever your group would like to do, we are more than appreciative. We may even be able to come help! **Will you help us hit our**

**goal of 22 support events in 2022?** Contact our Church & Community

Engagement Coordinators Sherri [sbuehl@flatrockhomes.org](mailto:sbuehl@flatrockhomes.org) or Rose [rdarling@flatrockhomes.org](mailto:rdarling@flatrockhomes.org) for more information or to schedule your event.



## Welcome Alyssa Thompson, Our New Life Enrichment Coordinator!

"I have been blessed to work with people with disabilities since I was twelve years old, starting when I first volunteered at a Campfire Camp in Fremont. Since then, my journey in the field of special needs has taken me to classrooms, camps, care centers, home care, and supported living homes. My very first experience with the Care Center was when my campfire group ran an Easter egg hunt when I was in elementary school. In college, I joined the summer activities program team here at Flat Rock; we had a blast! Back then, most of the individuals on the campus were school-aged children. As the years have passed, I have greatly enjoyed watching each person grow and mature. I was so excited when God started opening doors and cleared a path that allowed me to come back to Flat Rock. What a tremendous joy to see many of the same smiling faces and warm hearts greet me again after so many years apart! I am thankful for the opportunity to serve here, and I look forward to seeing the Lord continue to work daily in the lives of those here at Flat Rock." Alyssa's new role will find her busy planning fun, exciting activities in the Care Center for hours when individuals don't attend their Adult Day Support Program and other activities. We are excited to have a brand-new program to enrich the lives of our individuals. We are so glad you are with us, Alyssa!

## In honor of...

Remember a pastor, Sunday school teacher, youth leader, friend, family member, or other significant people in your life with a special gift to **Flat Rock's Outdoor Therapeutic Center!** Click here to head to the website where you can view a colorful digital flipbook of the Prayer Labyrinth, memorial walking trail, upgraded playground/activity area, and information on available naming opportunities:

<https://www.flatrockhomes.org/trl-outdoor-therapeutic-center/>

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