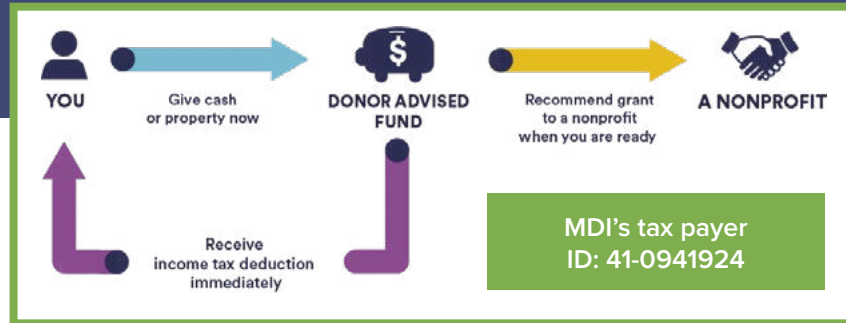
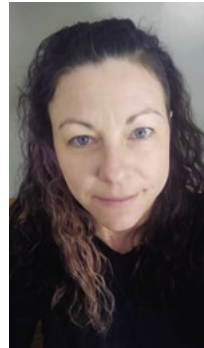


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Do you make your donations through a donor-advised fund? MDI would be happy to accept your gift, giving you an immediate tax deduction.



Spotlight on Supporters



LEAH BRIDGEFORD
Employment Support Specialist

I chose to work at MDI because I support the values and mission and enjoy being a part of a team culture. My position allows me to assist employees with eliminating barriers, offer support and connect people with resources. I work with fabulous coworkers in an inclusive environment while able to get to know employees on a personal level. My job is rewarding, fulfilling and I am learning every day.

PAT KAISER *Donor*

Supporting MDI makes sense to me because I see the strong work ethic and pride within the employees. This organization gives their employees a sense of purpose. Employees are confident and happy knowing they make a difference every day.



We at the Deluxe Foundation are proud to support the work of MDI. Real careers for people with disabilities provide financial independence and human dignity. The array of training provided by MDI's Unified Work program is empowering.



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Individuals who are 70 ½ can transfer as much as \$100,000 from their IRA to MDI or any nonprofit free from federal income tax. Your gift can satisfy all or part of your required minimum distribution for the year, allowing you to lower your income and taxes while supporting MDI.

VOLUNTEER!

Events & Fundraising Opportunities

Are you looking to volunteer? Would you like to join the Ability Bash Committee? **Join us to learn** how you can help serve our community. We have opportunities for a day, month, or a couple times a year.

You're Invited

Thursday, February 9th, 2023

Learn about MDI volunteer opportunities

5:00 – 7:00 P.M.

Twin Cities 400 Tavern
1330 Industrial Blvd NE, Mpls

FOR ALL INTERESTED

- Drawing for cool prizes
- Appetizers will be served



Scan to register or sign up at
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BENEFITS OF BEING A VOLUNTEER

- ✓ Provides professional experience
- ✓ Strengthens community
- ✓ Increases social and relationship skills
- ✓ Helps make new friends and contacts
- ✓ Promotes personal growth, self-esteem & reduces stress

Ability DASH MDI



Goes Beyond Mission Toward Our Vision

MDI is taking our soft skills trainings, formerly known as Career Skills, delivered in classrooms and on Zoom from 2016 - 2020, to now expanding our reach with two additional options under the umbrella of Unified Work. We're also working to support businesses establish internships for people with disabilities.

Unified Work fulfills MDI's mission and helps us achieve our vision, reaching people with disabilities where they are, helping them build skills and work towards employment.

Unified Work is free to participants, made possible by grants from the 3M Foundation, The Fred C. and Katherine B. Andersen Foundation, Deluxe Foundation, Johnson Scholarship Foundation, Old National Bank, Otto Bremer Trust, Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation, and Xcel Energy Foundation.

MISSION Serve people with disabilities by offering inclusive employment opportunities and services

VISION Meaningful employment opportunities for all people with disabilities

What's Next in 2023

In addition to offering Unified Work Academy classes, we will partner with businesses to become more accessible and inclusive places to work through consulting, training leaders, supervisors and peers.

- ▶ MOBILE ACADEMY: Deliver 12 Courses On The Road
- ▶ VIRTUAL ACADEMY: Bring 12 Sessions Via Zoom
- ▶ ONLINE ACADEMY: Develop 10 Modules Available On-Demand
- ▶ VIRTUAL REALITY: Create 3 Job Experience Videos
- ▶ BUSINESS CONSULTING: Place 6 Interns at Partner businesses

To learn about Unified Work contact Ryan Anderson at (651) 999-8206 or ryan.anderson@mdi.org



Ability Bash VII was held September 29, 2022 and raised a record \$122,000!

Proceeds will expand MDI's Unified Work program.

Guests enjoyed being in person again at the American Swedish Institute over cocktails, terrific food, fun auctions, and games. The night was made possible by our sponsors and vendors as well as all the generous donors, volunteers, Bash Chair Jennifer VanWyk, and Bash committee members Ruth Barnhill, Sarah Henke, Erin Hoeg, Kristine Hubbard, Brenda LaChance, Melissa McKeever, Peg McQuillan Porter and Sonya Yermishkin

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