



## G & G Living Centers, Inc. Receives Grant from Dubuque Racing Association

G & G Living Centers, Inc. is the recipient of an \$8,000.00 grant from the Dubuque Racing Association (DRA). Funds from the grant will be used to purchase items for a sensory integration area and additional activities for individuals with autism.

Lorrie Meier, Chief Executive Officer for G & G Living Centers, Inc. says, “The demand for providers that provide services for individuals with autism has increased and will continue to do so. G & G Living Centers, Inc. is committed to meeting this need. With this grant from the Dubuque Racing Association, we will be able to purchase equipment and better meet the needs of individuals with autism.”

A majority of funds from the grant will be used to purchase items for a sensory integration area at the Activity Center in Guttenberg. A large sensory wall will be the focal point of the sensory integration area. Additional sensory items will also be purchased such as balls, brushes, weighted blankets, pillows, and music to allow individuals a wide variety of sensory activities to choose from.

The remaining funds will be used to purchase additional activities for the Autism Activity Program. This program provides a structured environment for individuals with autism including activities to encourage communication, socially acceptable behavior, sequencing, and increase attention spans. The additional activities will allow individuals to learn new skills, including vocational skills. The vocational kits meet the vocational needs of individuals at different skills levels and allow individuals to progress to additional kits as their skills increase.

G & G Living Centers, Inc. would like to express our gratitude to the Dubuque Racing Association. DRA, you have made DRA-matic results in the lives of individuals with autism at G & G Living Centers, Inc.

Casey (front) tries out the new sensory wall purchased with funds from the Dubuque Racing Association.

