

August 2025 Narrative Report

Department Name: Commission for the Disabled (JTCDH)

Budget: In addition to registration fees, the Commission's monthly budget covers standard operational expenses, including salaries for Helping Hands staff, supplies for the Challenger programs and Ceramics, food, snacks, and decorations for events, as well as office supplies and other routine administrative needs.

Personnel:

- Karen Lundgren
- Voucher employees
 - Alison Defort
 - Diane Brown

Commission Highlights for August:

- JTCDH made the cover of the Jackson Times Newspaper for the 5th time this year - Vol. 22 No.5
 - The story showcased our annual Prom event
- Bocce season started at the Johnson Park Bocce Court and will run until September 4th
 - Elaine Westgate, Special Olympic Trainer, has volunteered to be our instructor
 - She is a Certified Official for State, National and World Bocce with 20 years' experience
 - Families and friends are encourage to participate with our clients
- Challenger Bowling season ended with a celebration at Howell Lanes
- Dance Lessons are being offered to choreograph a dance routine for Jackson Day at 11:30am
- The DPW created a professional JTCDH sign for the rear door of the Senior Center
 - They also installed shelving in the Commission closet for better storage solutions

Ceramics: a program to meet the need of accomplishment while exploring our clients' creativity.

- Registration is now open for their October return every other Monday night

Challenger Soccer: one of the most popular outdoor Challenger sports

- Registration is now open for their September return on Saturday mornings

Medical equipment swap: Our community service continues to thrive, thanks to the generosity of local residents. We accept gently used medical equipment. These items are loaned out to those in need, free of charge. When they're no longer needed, we kindly ask that they be returned so others can benefit. Together, we're building a stronger, more caring Jackson—one piece of equipment at a time.

Upcoming Events:

- Helping Hands is getting ready to resume their program on Thursday nights in the Senior Center
- We are collaborating with the Jackson Rotary Club to organize a BBQ event on October 4th or 5th.
- The annual Halloween party will be held October 26th from 1-4pm at the Senior Center building
- Our largest event: The Holiday Party will be at the AmVets Hall on December 7th from 1-4pm

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Lundgren, Commission for the Disabled / Handicapped