

### *Message from the Executive Director*

Dear Tavon Community,

I am thrilled to share some exciting updates from Tavon! We are proud to announce that our grant from the Veterans, Seniors & Human Services Levy has been extended for another year, a testament to the impactful work we are doing.

In April, we held a highly successful auction at the Bellevue Hyatt, raising an incredible \$300,000! The venue proved to be perfect for our event, and we are delighted to announce that we have already secured it for **next year's auction on April 12, 2025**. Please mark your calendars for another memorable evening.

During this past legislative session, Sabah and I had the opportunity to testify in Olympia in support of a bill for day habilitation. Although the bill did not pass, it drew significant attention from our legislators, highlighting the importance of our cause. I have been collaborating closely with the Arc of Washington State, Bridge of Promise, and other dedicated advocates to present crucial information to our legislators, aiming to enhance their understanding of our community's needs.

Our volunteer program is flourishing! We are excited to welcome new TIPS (Teens in Public Service) interns, along with three Masters level occupational therapy students who will be with us full-time for the next 12 weeks. This infusion of talent and energy is sure to enrich our programs.

Perhaps the most exciting news is that our staffing shortage has come to an end, allowing us to welcome five new members from our waitlist! We are thrilled to expand our Tavon family and continue making a difference in more lives. I extend my deepest gratitude for your unwavering support over the years. Together, we are moving Tavon's mission forward and making a lasting impact in our community.

With heartfelt thanks,

***Therese Vafaezadeh***  
***Executive Director***





# Member Highlight

We welcome one of our newest members to the weekday program, **Amber!** Her jokes and bright smile bring positivity and joy to Monday afternoons. She fits right in with our fellow jokesters Sarena, Joanne, and Olivia! Looking forward to many more days of fun and laughter!



## Downtown Site Summer Update

We are out and enjoying being outdoors and in nature! We have lots of great summer outings planned and themes include: fine arts and music, brain games, theater, and outdoor water activities. It's recommended that members always bring a spare change of clothes, a hat and sunscreen with them as we gear up to soak up the sun! Questions? Email [andie@tavoncenter.org](mailto:andie@tavoncenter.org) or call our site at **425-240-0044**.



## Black Nugget Site Update

Start your engines--July's theme is planes, trains, and automobiles. In August, it's all about vacations. We will explore different destinations such as Spain, Italy, and China. We are all ready for a summer full of laughter and adventures! You can reach me at [weezie@tavoncenter.org](mailto:weezie@tavoncenter.org) or call my work number at **206-482-2232**.



# Caring Community Award!



Tavon is honored to have received the 2024 Caring Community Award from Life Enrichment Options for “creating a caring community for those with developmental disabilities”. Thank you LEO for recognizing and supporting our mission! (pictured on the right)



## Saturday Program

Saturday Program's second quarter has been off to an incredible start with our first parade ride at Fall City Days! (photo to left) This summer, with help from Haley the Garden Manager, we are creating Tavon's first "Pizza Garden" with some classic veggies and herbs you might find on your favorite slice. We will also visit a few food-related summer events including Chomp! at Marymoor Park and Oxbow Farm & Conservation Center's Discover Day.



## Resource Corner

Protected Tomorrows is a website that provides educational webinars on financial issues, future planning, Social Security, Guardianship and more related to individuals with disabilities. They offer webinars on a variety of topics, some are state specific and others more general. Join the mailing list or visit [protectedtomorrows.com](http://protectedtomorrows.com) to learn more.



**Save the Date!**  
**September 28th**  
**12pm - 4pm**  
**Tavon's Fall Festival**

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