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*"The best way to
predict your future is
to create it."*

- Abraham Lincoln

Car Show Fundraising Event

On June 13, at the Carbon County Senior Center, Active Re-Entry hosted the first of two car shows planned for this year. We had 37 vehicles registered, showcasing an impressive variety of amazing rides. A large group of our consumers attended the event and enjoyed the opportunity to vote for their favorite cars.

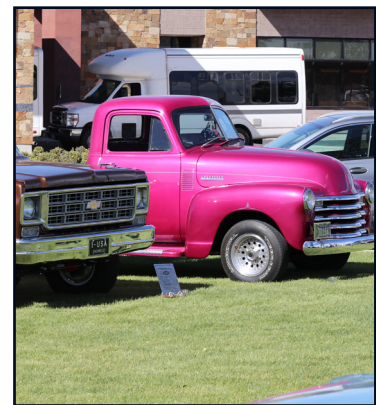
We also held a community raffle that many people in the community purchased tickets for knowing that the proceeds would directly support our programs. The raffle, along with T-shirt sales and car entry fees was a tremendous success.

Our consumers played a role in the event by selling T-shirts and helping

with registration.

They were also able to engage with the people who attended the event, sharing what Active Re-Entry means to them while learning about the participants' vehicles and building meaningful connections within the community.

The second car show will be held July 25 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Cleveland Park.





Volunteer of the Year

Randi Mecham

Randi Mecham was named Volunteer of the Year for the Emery County School District. The superintendent presented Randi with her award at Huntington Elementary. He spoke of Randi, saying she shows what true service looks like—always giving, always showing up, always making a difference.

Uintah Basin Outing



Active Re-Entry consumers took a three-day trip to Vernal and the surrounding area in April. They got to visit and explore Dinosaur National Monument, the Quarry Hall, Red Canyon at

Flaming Gorge, the Flaming Gorge Dam, Dutch John, Museum of Uintah County and the Utah Field House Museum State Park. At Dinosaur National Monument, consumers watched the work of

an active dig site and discovery of bones. The group also explored the Josie Morris Ranch and learned about an amazing woman that lived in the Utah backcountry by herself for many years.



Activities & Events Carbon & Emery Counties

Please call 435-637-4950 for more details.

Support Groups		
Grief Support Group @ Active Re-Entry For more information contact Terri at 435-637-4950	July 8 August 12 September 9	1:30 PM
Caregivers Support Group @ Active Re-Entry For more information contact Terri at 435-637-4950	July 22 August 26 September 23	1:30 PM
Active Access Support Group @ Active Re-Entry For more information contact Derek at 435-637-4950	August 14	1:30 - 2:30
Low Vision Support Group @ Active Re-Entry For more information contact Tracy at 435-637-4950	July 15 August 19 September 16	1:30 PM

ADVOCACY IN ACTION

When Huntington's new senior center opened in mid-2025, seniors quickly discovered that accessing the facility from the parking lot was difficult due to the placement of the curb cuts.

Arven H., a longtime Active Re-Entry consumer, recognized the problem and began advocating for a ramp to provide safer, easier access to the building entrance. He made it his personal goal to improve accessibility for all seniors who use the center.

Arven spoke with Active Re-Entry staff, senior center staff and administration, the Emery

County Commission, and other community members about the issue. Through months of persistence and advocacy, he continued to raise awareness and promote a practical solution.

As a result of his efforts, a new ramp was constructed, significantly improving access to the senior center for everyone.

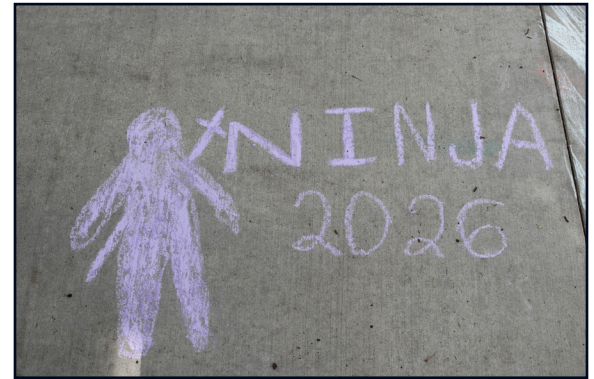
Active Re-Entry would like to thank Arven for his dedication to advocacy and his commitment to improving his community. His efforts demonstrate how one person's determination can create positive change and benefit many others.



NINJA YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

This year, Active Re-Entry had three youth attend the NINJA conference at Utah State University in Logan. This conference is designed to teach youth with disabilities from across Utah to become leaders in the disability community. Youth also learn skills that will help them gain employment, live independently, and give

them a feel for college life. This year, Lily and Hunter completed their third year and received their NINJA star at the banquet. Active Re-Entry would like to encourage youth ages 16 – 24 to apply for this conference and get involved with your IL Center. If you have questions, please reach out to Chris at 435-637-4950.



WHEELCHAIR WASH



On May 19, Active Re-Entry hosted a free wheelchair wash for community members who use mobility equipment to access the community.

The event was all about helping people get their wheelchairs cleaned, sanitized and checked to make sure they're safe to use.

Active Re-Entry also brought in Wes Smith, a safety technician from the Utah Assistive Technology Program, to check over the equipment and fix any issues.

We would like to thank Packard Wholesale for sponsoring all of the cleaning supplies.

SELF-ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR



Kelly received her award for “self-advocate of the year” and she was nominated by her peers and people close to her. She is always advocating for herself as well as those that might not have a voice to speak up. Kelly is always finding a way to better things for those around her and always making sure that needs are met.



Terri Yelonek Honored with Heart and Character Award

By Stephanie Olsen,
ETV News Reporter

PRICE – The Carbon County Commission met on March 18 for the monthly Commission meeting. During the meeting, Terri Yelonek, Executive Director of Active Re-Entry, was awarded the Heart and Character Award.

Sponsored by the C.A.R.E. Coalition, the award recognizes local individuals who lead with integrity and strengthen community connections. McKenna Terry joined by Rachelle Blanc, presented the award and spoke highly of Yelonek, calling her not just a leader but a “lifeline” for those navigating the challenges of independent living and mental illness.

Blanc also emphasized Yelonek’s leadership and her ability to stay professional and treat staff and consumers like family. “I’ve witnessed the depth of her care and compassion,” stated Blanc. “She not only supports and cares for her staff, but more importantly, she shows genuine kindness, respect, and dedication to the individuals that we serve.”

Before handing over the award, Blanc read moving testimonies from those served by Active Re-Entry, giving the audience a glimpse at how Yelonek has changed lives. One individual described Yelonek as an “absolute lifeline.” Before meeting her, they

felt they had completely run out of options and were struggling heavily with their mental health.

Yelonek accepted her award with humble gratitude. She praised her colleagues and the community, stating, “I’m the luckiest person in the world. I have the best work team,” Yelonek said. “But not only that, I get to work with the most amazing people in our communities. I’ve always believed that you’re only as good as the people you surround yourself with.”

In a room full of local leaders, it was Yelonek’s humble dedication to the “people who need her most” that stood out, leaving a lasting impression on all in attendance.



**Congratulations
to Cody and
Stacy on their
wedding on June
3, 2026!**

**Wishing you a
lifetime of love
and happiness.**

Satellite Office Updates

Moab

Amy set up a resource booth and distributed swag on behalf of Active Re-Entry at several community events, including the Green River Senior Health Fair in April, the Thrive Moab Community Mental Health and Wellness Festival in May, and the Kite Flying Festival hosted by the Grand County Family Support Center, also in May.

Amy Farr 435-355-0683

Vernal

In April, Jamie assisted with transportation from Roosevelt to Vernal for the three-day trip attended by Active Re-Entry consumers and several staff members. Jamie also participated in some of the activities and sightseeing. It was a fun and memorable experience for everyone involved.

In June, Active Re-Entry partnered with the Disability Law Center to host a community meeting. Consumers and community members attended to discuss the needs of individuals with disabilities and share ideas on how to improve resources and support within our community. We appreciate everyone who participated and contributed to the conversation. Also in June, Tracy and Jamie attended the Safe Kids Bash, where they helped set up a resource booth. The event brought together many organizations that provide valuable services and information to families and community members.

Active Re-Entry is excited to participate in Vernal's Passport to Summer again this year. Jamie is helping represent Active Re-Entry as part of this fun community program. Passport to Summer encourages children and families to explore local businesses throughout Vernal during the summer months. Participants receive a passport book featuring 104 local businesses, each offering a unique activity or experience. To earn a stamp from Active Re-Entry, children are encouraged to complete an act of kindness or service for someone with a disability.

Jamie Batty 435-789-4020

Roosevelt

With summer approaching, we see the conclusion of the school year and great progress for Ryan's youth consumers. He challenged several students to advocate for themselves and begin applying for jobs over the summer and several youth consumers took the leap of faith and have begun applying for jobs and for higher education. The Duchesne County area has seen a surge in advocacy efforts with the recent Disability Law Center event and the upcoming Independent Living Council meeting in July to aid in bringing new opportunities to disabled individuals in Duchesne County. Lastly, we received support from local consumers and the Roosevelt Mayor in building the new learning center for Active Re-Entry.

Ryan Crozier 435-630-0500

Blanding

Roxanne has been traveling throughout her area in southeastern Utah, conducting outreach, assisting individuals with paid Assistive Technology applications, and ensuring that ramps and other accessibility equipment are being delivered and installed correctly. She has also been coordinating with Wes Smith from UATP during his visits from Vernal to provide wheelchair repair clinics throughout the region.

Roxanne Whitehorse 435-820-0900

Stay tuned for more updates as we continue to engage and support communities across the region!

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