

Asotin County Community Services Newsletter

Serving the Lewis-Clark Valley Since 1973

All people living, working, learning and playing in a community that values diversity before labels and strengths before barriers

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Ring in the New Year 2023



Clarkston's chapter of Washington's People First participated in the Chamber of Commerce's annual Christmas Parade with a great looking float. Members of the Chapter and the great team from ACCS together with leadership from Elizabeth Beddingfield, People First Advisor, and Michelle Wilks, Office Assistant, put together a float that delighted the community.

Peoples First Mission Statement:

We are PEOPLE FIRST and our disabilities are secondary. We are equal citizens in our communities.

January Happenings

New Years Day—Day off for staff and federal program crews.

Monday January 16—Day off for staff and federal program crews to celebrate a great leader, Martin Luther King, Jr.





INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES



International Day of Persons with Disabilities on December 3, is a day to help everyone become more compassionate and understanding of the challenges faced by people with disabilities. The day doesn't discriminate between mental and physical disabilities, and the spirit of the day is to ensure that all people in the world have equal opportunities for work, play, health and success. People with disabilities can be and very often are contributing and valued members of society, and International Day of Persons with Disabilities is all about appreciating them.



On January **16th** ACCS will be closed to celebrate **Martin Luther King, Jr Day**. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a social activist and Baptist minister who played a key role in the American civil rights movement from the mid-1950s until his assassination in 1968. King sought equality and human rights for African Americans, the economically disadvantaged and all victims of injustice through peaceful protest.

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that," Martin Luther King, Jr.