



People with disabilities want the same opportunities as everyone else:

- to be respected and valued
- to have a job
- to volunteer in the community
- to have a safe place to live
- to be able to make friends
- to be all they can be

With our **60 years of experience** and **your help**, we can continue to open these windows of opportunity!

Contribute through our website:

[www.udsakron.org](http://www.udsakron.org)

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## MISSION:

To enhance the quality of life for people with disabilities and their caregivers by providing the highest quality, client-focused programs and services.

**Vocational Services** providing meaningful work opportunities in a workshop setting

**Buckeye Baskets** providing creative employment through UDS's popular gift basket business

**Taste Buds** providing employment opportunities in the food service & catering industry

**VRP<sup>3</sup> (Vocational Rehabilitation Public Private Partnerships)** serving people with visual impairments, developmental disabilities and students with disabilities transitioning from school to work

**Community Employment** supporting individuals with disabilities in finding employment in the community

**SociAbilities** providing social/recreational/educational opportunities for adults

**BraVo!** award-winning program where adults with disabilities contribute thousands of volunteer hours in the community

**Respite Care** providing relief to caregivers

**Residential Services** establishing safe, comfortable living arrangements in the community

**Low Vision Services** assessing the low vision needs of children and adults

**Transportation Services** providing safe, reliable transportation

**Toy & Resource Center** lending thousands of toys and other developmental resources for children

**Kaleidoscope Magazine** featuring the work of writers & artists with disabilities from around the world

**Community Awareness** increasing awareness through tours and presentations

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For more information on services provided by UDS visit us at [www.udsakron.org](http://www.udsakron.org)



*Experience.*

*Quality.*

*Innovation.*

*Here's your opportunity to make a difference in the life of someone with a disability by participating in our annual tuxedo and tennis shoes fundraiser, the Basket Ball!*



**United  
Disability  
Services**

*Providing windows of opportunity  
since 1949*

# Making a difference.



Jonathan was labeled with a learning disability at an early age and struggled with even the simplest tasks his whole life. After graduating from high school, he was referred to United Disability Services to help him make the transition from high school to work when it was discovered that his disabilities were far more significant than anyone had ever imagined. Previously unidentified issues with memory and cognitive skills, along with a variety of other health issues, made it nearly impossible to find appropriate employment. Jonathan had once hoped to combine his love of reading with a job working in a bookstore but his disability eventually prevented him from reaching that goal. Determined to find a job, Jonathan worked with staff members at UDS to come up with a plan.

Jonathan now has a job he loves with a local retailer where his infectious smile and positive attitude have proven to be a great asset as a customer service representative and as an inspiration to other employees.



Your contribution can help someone discover talents and acquire the skills necessary to **successfully transition from high school to work.**

When Alexis was a third-grader she participated in special education classes for children with multiple disabilities. Her mother indicates, "We simply had no idea what Alexis was actually able to see and didn't know how to go about finding out." Things turned around after she was referred to Dr. Cheryl Reed of UDS Low Vision Services. "Thanks to the assessment she received at the low vision clinic, there is no more guessing. I have learned a lot about her vision, especially depth perception, and have gained a much better understanding of how to help her."

According to Dr. Reed, "It is not unusual for low vision needs in children to go unaddressed, especially in children with multiple disabilities. Often parents and teachers are unaware of what help is available and many times, even when a need is identified, there is precious little or no funding available to pay for costly assessments and optical aids."

The generous donations of people in the community helped Alexis to receive optical aids that enlarge her schoolwork to a point size she can read on her own and that has made a world of difference.

Alexis completed the fifth grade with a 4.0 grade point average in her general education classes and actively participates in cheerleading, Challenger baseball, horseback riding and swimming.

You can make the world a little brighter for children with visual impairments and help them be all they can be. Your donation could **enhance the vision for one child** and give him/her the opportunity to thrive.

## Basket Ball 2011 Sponsor Opportunities

### \$7,500 - Hall of Famer

Listed as Hall of Famer (larger type), name on invitations, program book, printed signs, big screens, web site, Facebook, press releases, UDS community newsletter (all subject to printing deadlines)

One table for ten with signage

Gift certificates for Buckeye Baskets

### \$5,000 - Most Valuable Player

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One table for eight with signage

Gift certificates for Buckeye Baskets

### \$2500 - All Star

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One table for eight with signage

Gift certificates for Buckeye Baskets

### \$1,800 - Dream Team

Listing in program book (subject to printing deadline)

One table of eight with signage

### \$1,500 - First Round Draft Pick

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Half table of four seats with signage

### \$1,000 - Franchise Player

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