



*"We provide and support inclusive, life-enriching options through person-centered programs and advocacy."*

## What's Fresh with UDS?

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### All-Stars at the Alley 2022

United Disability Services (UDS) hosted its signature All-Stars at the Alley bowling fundraiser on Saturday, July 30, at Spins Bowl located in Akron. The sold-out event, with 130 bowlers in attendance, raised more than \$50,000 benefiting the [All-Star Training Club](#) integrated sports program where children and adults of all abilities throughout Summit County and surrounding areas can play together competitively.

Attendees grooved to a variety of music videos on large screens throughout the night while bowling backward, on one foot and in slow motion during a silly game of wacky bowling. The lights went down and the evening concluded with an out-of-this-world round of cosmic bowling. Lucky Draw and 50/50 raffles raised additional funds at the event.

UDS is grateful to presenting sponsor **Huntington**, and sponsors **CliftonLarsonAllen**, **Buckeye Corrugated**, **C. Massouh Printing Company**, **Mutual of America Financial Group**, **Oswald Companies**, **Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board**, media sponsor **Special Needs Living**, and many other sponsors, athletes and friends of UDS who helped make this event a win for the inclusion of people of all abilities. Interested in participating or volunteering? [Learn more](#) about All-Star Training Club today.





## Kaleidoscope Issue 85 Available Now



**Did you hear? Issue 85 of *Kaleidoscope* is out now!** In the pages of this issue, you'll find nuggets of contentment and acceptance, along with examples of how our actions, and reactions, ripple outward, intersecting the lives of those around us.

In our featured essay, "My Mother's Geranium," author **AnnaLee Wilson** takes us on a journey in which she is desperate to learn more about her family's history and the mystery disease impacting many of the women in it.

The creative nonfiction piece "Naked Facebook Friday," is a first-person narrative of the thrill of mania in all its boldness and how social media provided an avenue for the author, **Nancy Deyo**, to engage in risky behavior during one euphoric episode.



Above is a photo of Alana Ciena Tillman in action.

You won't want to miss a page of this issue that includes the beautiful work of artist and entrepreneur **Alana Ciena Tillman**, powerful poetry and more stories of strength, connection and contentment. Summer is here for us to delight in, along with the insightful pieces we've selected for you. [Read \*Kaleidoscope\* now!](#)

The second episode of our podcast, *Kaleidoscope: The Art & Language of Inclusion*, will be available soon. Did you miss the first episode? **Tune in now!**

## New Hire Spotlight



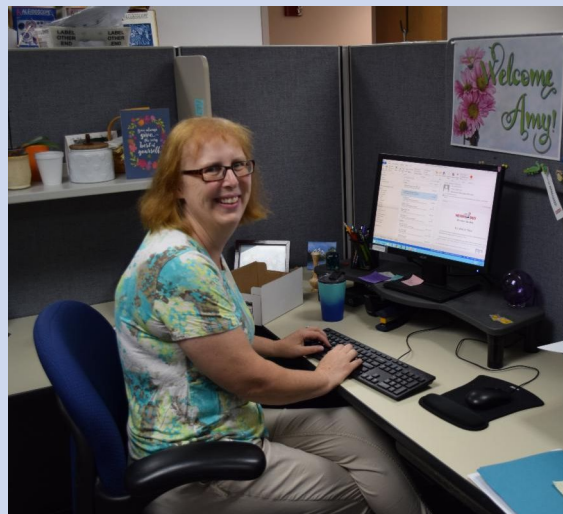
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## July Employee of the Month



Join us in congratulating administrative assistant, **Amy Tubergen**, on earning the title of Employee of the Month for July! Amy supports Community Relations and Development activities (fundraising, *Kaleidoscope*, outreach) and coordinates volunteers for the agency. She displays a high level of dedication to the work we do and takes pride in the appearance of our workspace. Thank you for all you do, Amy!

## Sailing into Retirement





**Laurie Freedman** began her career as a part-time training coordinator and was promoted shortly thereafter to full-time. She also held a variety of other respite and residential positions at UDS before ultimately being promoted to director of **respite and community living services**, which also included the supervision of the **All-Star Training Club** and the agency's **Toy & Resource Center**. Over the years, Laurie has also helped with the organization of several fundraisers.

Her compassion and dedication to the mission of UDS are evident in everything she has done on behalf of UDS and we will miss the energy she brings to the office each day. Thank you for your service and dedication to UDS for the past 27 years, Laurie. You will always have a home here at UDS!



Congratulations to Low Vision Services office coordinator, **Heidi Seymoure**, on celebrating her 15-year anniversary with UDS! Above, Heidi is pictured with her husband, Larry, volunteering at this year's All-Stars at the Alley bowling fundraiser. Heidi's favorite part of working at UDS is "no two days are the same but I always in some way get to help someone each and every day. Whether that be helping a patient with a simple magnifier or a complicated piece of technology like OrCam or problem solving with a coworker."

Thank you, Heidi, for everything you do to help keep everything running smoothly in **Low Visions Services**.



Mark your calendars, **August 26** UDS programs will be closed for staff in-service.  
Enjoy your weekend!

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