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## What's Fresh with UDS?

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### All Stars at the Alley - Save the Date!



This year's All-Stars at the Alley will be held on July 29, 2023! Get ready for a night of family-friendly bowling, prizes, food and fun! Registration begins soon and for those looking to become a sponsor, please [contact Evelyn Burkhart](#), director of development.

### The Girl Scouts 'Pop' In to Help CHAMPS

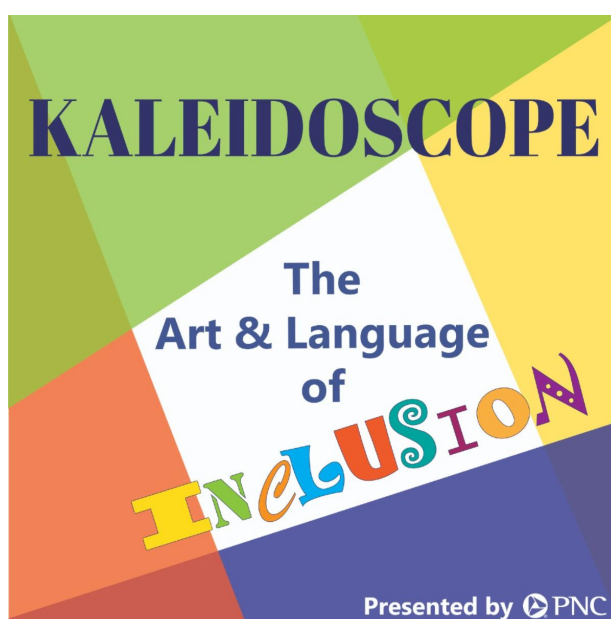


Members of Girl Scout Troop 90187, led by our very own **Lauren Presutti**, a direct support professional with our CHAMPS senior program, provided collection containers while also helping to collect additional soda tabs.

During the month of April, it was finally time to cash in with CHAMPS and the Girl Scouts bringing in a whopping 27 pounds of tabs for the Ronald McDonald House! It's great when two groups are able to join together to better their community. Fantastic work!

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## *Kaleidoscope: The Art & Language of Inclusion*



We are incredibly excited to announce that Episode 3 of ***Kaleidoscope: The Art & Language of Inclusion*** podcast has officially launched! [Listen now](#), or tune in on iHeart Radio, Spotify, or Apple Podcasts.



In this episode, we talk with Bryan R. Monte, a poet, writer and anthropologist residing in the Netherlands. The interview focuses on his writing career, his thoughts on poetry as well as navigating the world while managing multiple sclerosis.

## Welcome to Our Team!



We have lots of new faces at UDS this month and we're excited to have them aboard! This month, we say hello to full-time driver Aileen Schwarz and part time-drivers Wilford Lane and John Greco.

We also welcome our morning receptionist Kathy Warren and our afternoon receptionist Vera McNair. Deanna Burkett joins us as our new HR generalist. Welcome everyone!

## April 2023 Employee of the Month



Congratulations to Traci Range for being nominated for April Employee of the Month. Traci has worn many hats during the past 20 years at UDS and in her current position works directly with customers to coordinate in-house jobs in our prevocational program. Well done, Traci!



### ***Happy Cow Brightens the Halls of UDS***

UDS has a new addition to its art collection. *Happy Cow* is a work by California mouth painter and business owner Alana Cienia Tillman. Describing her style as "abstract impressionistic," Tillman says the drips are a street art influence she adopted in college. See more of Tillman's art in Issue 85 of [\*Kaleidoscope\*](#).

Since 2019, the Gail Willmott Art Award allows UDS to purchase one piece of art from an artist with a disability every year. This is all made possible thanks to our generous contributors. If you would like to support the work of artists with disabilities, visit our website to [donate online](#).

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