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ENHANCING
THE QUALITY
OF LIFE FOR
PEOPLE WITH
DISABILITIES.

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ROCK FOR A CAUSE WITH UDS

Join us this **Saturday, February 29th** at **Musica** in Akron for a rock 'n' roll show to benefit UDS.



Akron artists come together to give you a night of local rock 'n' roll in support of the life-enriching programs and advocacy provided by United Disability Services.

The Twanglers, with band member UDS President/CEO Brian Thomas, will be performing, along with local musician **Marc Lee Shannon** and the band **Peep**.

Doors open at 7 p.m. and music begins at 8 p.m.

We hope to see you there!

Check out our [Facebook event](#) for more information.

SPREADING LOW VISION AWARENESS

February is **Low Vision Awareness Month**. More than five million individuals in the U.S. alone are affected by low vision. Low vision occurs when a person has difficulty seeing and the vision cannot be corrected by conventional glasses, contact lenses, medication or surgery.



Low vision assessments are a critical step in identifying the patient's challenges, educating them on the right technology and helping them find the aids to meet their individual needs.

UDS' [Judith A. Read Low Vision Services](#) can help an individual use their remaining vision more effectively through the use of specialized glasses, magnifiers and telescopes, computer software and other low vision technology.

If you or a loved one have low vision needs we may be able to help.

Call Low Vision Services today at 330-762-9755.

THE GAIL WILLMOTT ART AWARD

The Gail Willmott Art Award was created in 2018 to celebrate the contributions of retired *Kaleidoscope* Editor-in-Chief Gail Willmott by helping to support the work of artists with disabilities.



The newest piece of artwork, purchased through the generosity of our donors, is entitled *Bermuda Sail Away*. This is a beautiful canvas print of a heavily-textured and vibrantly-colored scene painted by artist Jeff Hanson, who was featured in [issue 78](#) of *Kaleidoscope*.

The artwork is on display at the agency's 701 S. Main St. location along with an eclectic collection of art by individuals with disabilities.

[Read more](#) about The Gail Willmott Art Award.

EMPLOYMENT TRAINERS NEEDED

Employment Trainers provide one-on-one job site assessments and training at employment locations throughout Cuyahoga, Medina, Portage, Stark, Summit and Wayne counties.



Employment trainers have flexibility in choosing the short-term assignments they want to work. Assignments range from 5-25 hours per week, with each assignment lasting 1-5 weeks.

For more information about this position, call **Kristen Campagnano** at 330-762-9755 or [visit us online](#) for more information.

MARCH IS DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

March is **National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month**. National Developmental Disabilities (DD)



Awareness Month officially began in 1987 with a proclamation from President Reagan to help bring awareness and acceptance for people of all abilities. March is the perfect time to celebrate how far we've come and continue to show the importance of inclusion.

Be sure to wear orange on **Monday, March 2** to show your pride for Inclusion Day!

Check out what [Summit DD](#) is doing to spread awareness and celebrate inclusion all month long.

FACEBOOK FUNDRAISING

You can now create Facebook fundraisers in support of United Disability Services!

When you create a Facebook fundraiser for UDS, we receive the donations directly from Facebook and **no fees** are charged when donations are made to nonprofits. This is a safe, secure and easy way to raise money online while engaging your friends and family to join you!



On your next birthday, anniversary or special occasion, make it that much more meaningful and [create a Facebook fundraiser for UDS!](#)

Need help getting started with Facebook fundraising? We're happy to help navigate you through the process.

For questions about Facebook fundraising,
contact Jayne Romanchuk at

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