

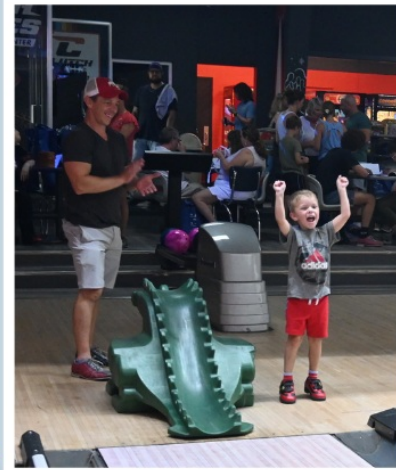


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What's New at UDS?

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All-Stars at the Alley a Striking Success



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ALL-STARS AT THE ALLEY



Thank you to everyone who supported this year's All-Stars at the Alley bowling

fundraiser, benefiting the UDS All-Star Training Club's sports program. We had so much fun at the event and we can't wait to see you all again next year! Thanks to everyone's support the event raised **\$45,000** to help keep our athletes in the game! You can check out our **photo gallery** to see all the photos from the event.

UDS All-Star Training Club is a unified sports program where children and adults of all abilities are invited to participate in competitive sports that help build self-esteem, promote sportsmanship, encourage healthy living/physical fitness and develop long-lasting friendships. For more information, contact **Jeff Campano** at **330-762-9755** or jcampano@udsakron.org.

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ALL-STARS AT THE ALLEY

Thank you!

Thank you again to all our generous sponsors who made this event possible. If you missed out on all the fun, it's not too late to donate. If you would like to support the UDS All-Star Training Club, please contact Evelyn Burkhart, director of development, at **330-762-9755 ext. 222**, or **visit us online** for more information on how you can help ensure everyone has the chance to participate.

Toy & Resource Center Summer Spectacular



The UDS Toy & Resource Center is having a back-to-school special **now through September 30**. New members can sign up for an **annual family membership** for only \$45--that is 25% off the regular membership fee! Membership to the Toy & Resource Center opens children up to a world of discovery with more than 4,200 toys that help promote a love of learning through play.

The Toy & Resource Center carries a large assortment of toys including games, STEM items, fidget and sensory toys and more! Remember, this offer is only good through September 30 so don't delay, stop by the Center and sign up today! More information and hours of operation are available by [visiting our website](http://www.udsakron.org).

The Toy & Resource Center is grateful for the generosity of Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board, GOJO Industries, Inc., GPD Group Employees' Foundation, Millennium Fund for Children of Akron Community Foundation, RePlay for Kids, The Mary and George L. Demetros Charitable Trust, and R.C. Musson and Katherine M. Musson Charitable Foundation.



Welcome to the Team!

We have two new hires and a familiar face returning to UDS!

Heather Kress is a new direct support professional for SociAbilities. Heather has prior experience as a DSP through her work with Siffrin and Stellar Support Services. She recently married her husband, Philip, and they live in Barberton with their dog, a bearded dragon and some fish.

Kimberly Rambo is a returning workstation specialist working with our crew at the Akron-Canton Airport. Kimberly's hobbies include hiking, camping, weekend trips and spending time with her fiancé, Patrick, and her three children.

Jeanelle Tolbert is our new on-call driver. Before retiring Jeanelle worked with the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center for 29 years. During her tenure, she helped provide supplies and services. She lived in San Diego, California for several years and in her free time enjoys fishing.

Welcome to the team!

If you or someone you know is interested in working for UDS, visit our [Current Openings](#) on our website to learn more.

Lucynt Brings Interactive Play to UDS

UDS recently got a new technology upgrade! SociAbilities and CHAMPS recently had two **Lucynt Interactive Systems** installed within their program areas.

These fantastic devices hang from the wall or ceiling to create a fun and relaxing experience through visuals and sound. For example, folks can play a

rousing game of whack-a-mole by swatting at the moles as they appear on the projection.

With a focus on dementia, the Lucynt also aids our friends in CHAMPS who are beginning to exhibit symptoms of the disease. The device also helps promote physical fitness and activity, which has been shown to be worse in those with a cognitive impairment.

Thank you so much to The Mary S. and David C. Corbin Foundation for providing funding for this new tool. Participants in Adult Services will be having fun learning and interacting for years to come!



Still Shining Bright: UDS Celebrates 75 Years

Join UDS as we celebrate our 75th anniversary! Continue to follow us as we continue to celebrate this milestone year.



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