



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

What's New at UDS?

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UDS Imagines a Holiday Wonderland



UDS is building something *magical*! Employees from every department have been hard at work redesigning a space on our second floor to create the ultimate holiday experience. Just like the good old days when Akronites could walk past the holiday

displays in the Polsky building, our friends will be able to take a short walk while "window shopping" through our various displays.

We have big plans coming soon for this project and we're so excited to share it with you! A special thank you to everyone who helped bring the second floor to life with holiday magic. Be sure to keep your eyes on our social media to see what transpires!

'Tis the Season for Giving



Not sure what to get someone for the holidays? The **Toy & Resource Center** can help! This season, the Center is offering membership gift certificates. Children learn through play. It's an ideal gift for families, grandparents, teachers or anyone who works with young children. Pick one up today so that children will be happy little elves when they receive the gift of play all year round. Stop by the Toy & Resource Center or call **(330) 762-9755** to learn more.

For those with low vision needs, **Judith A. Read Low Vision Services** has a variety of items that make fantastic stocking stuffers, including a variety of flashlights, booklights, cleaning cloths, weighted bookmarks and more! Stop by today or call **(330) 762-9755** to learn more.

Welcome to the Team!



UDS welcomes **LaShorea Brown**, our new on-call driver with Transportation!

A resident of Akron, LaShorea is a former school bus driver who loves helping people. In her free time, she enjoys cooking and spending time with her four children, one dog and six cats.

Glad to have you at UDS!

BraVo! Delivers Compassion

With the holidays just around the corner, our friends in BraVo! are spreading cheer by decorating beautiful holiday bags for Compassion Delivered. This organization focuses on delivering high-quality meals at no cost to those with terminal or life-threatening conditions.

While BraVo! helps with crafting bags year-round, they made sure to add a little extra love this holiday season.

Thank you, BraVo!



CHAMPS and SociAbilities Save Room for Dessert

Friends in SociAbilities and CHAMPS had a wonderful surprise just before Thanksgiving: pumpkin pie!

Thank you to the Marsey family for this tasty treat enjoyed by all. We'd also like to say thank you to staff members **Lee Hargett, Heidi Young** and **Tanya Nicholson** for passing out the dessert (and looking good doing it).



Donate to Our Amazon Holiday Wish List

This season, why not spread some holiday cheer by donating to UDS through our [Amazon Wish List](#)? We have a wonderful selection of essential and fun items that will help us thrive in 2025. Your generous contribution will provide engaging activities for everyone we serve here at UDS. Thank you for your support!



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