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### What's Fresh with UDS?

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## It's Time for All-Stars at the Alley!



There's still plenty of time to register! Don't miss out on a fabulous night of family-friendly fun! There'll be bowling, prizes, raffles, food and so much more! Register online at www.UDSAIIStars.org. All proceeds benefit the UDS All-Star Training Club inclusive sports program. The event sold out last year so don't delay, registertoday!

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Interested in supporting competitive sports for everyone? All-Stars at the Alley sponsorship opportunities are still available. Contact Evelyn Burkhart, director of development, by calling 330-762-9755 or at eburkhart@udsakron.org.

# All-Star Training Club Takes the Gold at the Special Olympics Game

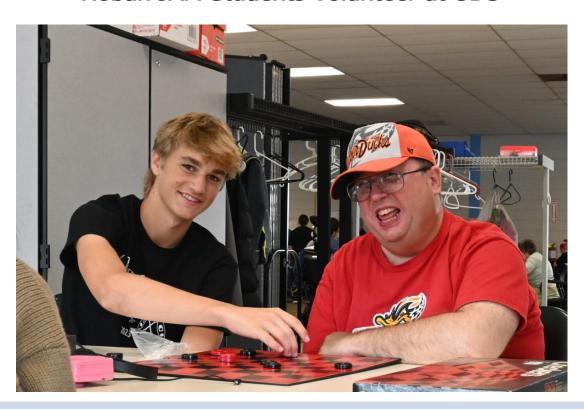
All-Star Training Club recently took a trip to Columbus to compete in the 50th anniversary of the State Special Olympics held at The Ohio State University. Our group of 70 athletes and coaches took part in track & field, bowling, bocce, gymnastics, unified volleyball, and unified soccer. Athletes took home 52 medals out of 62 possible events. Half were gold! Congratulations to all our athletes!

**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 selfesteem, promote sportsmanship, encourage healthy living/physical fitness,



and develop long-lasting friendships. For more information, contact **Jeff Campano** at **330-762-9755** or at **jcampano@udsakron.org**.

#### Hoban JAM Students Volunteer at UDS



Students from Archbishop Hoban High School volunteered at UDS for three days in June as part of the Hoban JAM (Justice Akron Ministry) Summer Service Project. Six students and their parent leader spent time with participants from the **SociAbilities** social/recreational program, **BraVo!** volunteer program and the **CHAMPS** senior program. Volunteers also spent time in the Toy and Resource Center where they helped clean, test and organize toys. A great experience was had by all. Thank you for all your hard work!

If you or your group are interested involunteering with UDS, contact **Amy Tubergen**, Community Relations administrative assistant, at **330-762-9755** or **atubergen@udsakron.org**.

## **UDS Welcomes Our Newest Employees**



There are a lot of new faces at UDS! We recently welcomed three new part-time drivers, Mike Jones, Sylvester Upshaw and Andre Williams, who are all ready to hit the road for our consumers! Brianna Bradley was also hired as a direct support professional with SociAbilities. Welcome all to the UDS team! If you or someone you know would like to help make a difference in the lives of individuals with disabilities, check out our current openings today!

BraVo! Team Learns All About Flight!

Our BraVo! team is having a busy summer! In addition to taking trips to





MAPS Air Museum, Springfield Lake, Cracker Barrel and more, participants have also started a new summer volunteer assignment helping to clean the Christian Life Center. Additionally, many from BraVo! have also signed up to participate in the Akron-Summit County Public Library's Mind, Body and Sole program.

BraVo! helps adults explore community resources, develop community integration and social skills, and enhance personal abilities with a sense of accomplishment gained through a variety of volunteer experiences. Contact Heidi Imhoff, program supervisor, at 330-762-9755 or email himhoff@udsakron.org.

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