



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

What's New at UDS?

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All-Stars at the Alley Returns July 20



Are you ready to *strike* up some fun? All Stars at the Alley 2024 arrives **July 20**! This year's event aims to be the best one yet thanks to our new location at **Clutch Lanes and Sports Center** in Cuyahoga Falls. Join us for a night of bowling, raffles, food and fun benefiting the All-Star Training Club!

Last year was so much fun raising money for our all-stars, and we can't wait to have everyone back for another fantastic night. We'll be announcing details soon, so stay tuned for more information about this exciting event!

Summit DD Lends UDS a Hand



Thank you to the employees of the Summit County Board Of Developmental Disabilities for spending their time and effort at UDS! On Tuesday, April 29, fifteen individuals volunteered throughout our facility. Spreading themselves between SociAbilities, CHAMPS, the Toy & Resource Center and our grounds, our staff and participants were excited for the energy brought to the campus!

Throughout the day, the group invested their time laying down new mulch, completing puzzles with our friends, playing games and participating in exercises. The new mulch looks fantastic and everyone had so much fun. We can't wait to have the volunteers back already!

Thank you to all of the volunteers who made this possible. If you have an interest in volunteering your time with UDS, please visit our [Volunteer page](#).

UDS Helps Celebrate a Thirty-Year Milestone



Break out the cake--UDS has a milestone to celebrate! We would like to congratulate director of adult day services **Lana Stryker** on thirty years of dedication to our agency. Since Lana is phenomenal at responding to any crisis, coworkers cheekily "reported" one, leading her directly to a welcoming surprise! She was absolutely enamored with her gift of a custom-made card and a large selection of stylish UDS gear she hand-selected.

Lana has been instrumental in the development the Adult Services programs at UDS, and her dedication to our services has shown true commitment to our mission and the people we serve. Thank you for everything you do, Lana! You're a gem!

Welcome to the Team!



We'd like to take a moment to welcome two new members to the UDS team. **Brian Gorman** and **Lisia Short** are our new full-time drivers in Transportation, and we're so excited to have them aboard!

Brian joins us after working as a driver for North Canton City Schools for three years. Not only does he have a passion for helping others, he also coaches the Blue Jays: a baseball team for children with disabilities. John lives in North Canton and has three children. In his spare time, he enjoys woodworking.

Lisia joins us after being the owner and driver of Wisely Connected Transportation for eight years, where she provided non-emergency transportation. An Akron

resident, Lisia has four children and six grandchildren. Her interests include music, family time and spending time in the yard. Welcome to the team, you two!

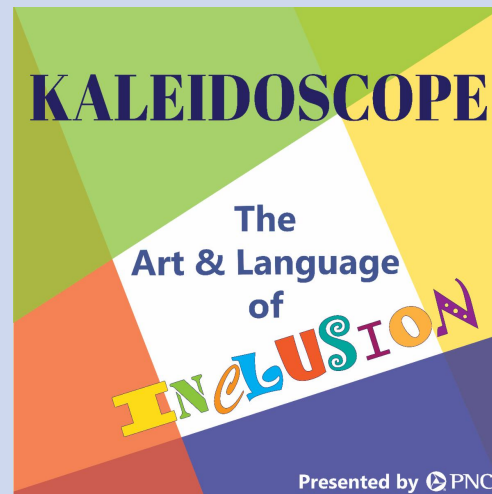
If you or someone you know has an interest in working with UDS, please visit our [Current Openings](#) page to learn more.

Episode Seven of the *Kaleidoscope* Podcast Now Available

Episode seven of the *Kaleidoscope* podcast is now available on all major streaming platforms! You can also listen to it [directly on our website](#).

This time around, we're again exploring the ***Art of Living***. Within the finale of this two-part episode, host Nichols deCourville guides readers through selections from issue 88 of our magazine. Listen to readings from our contributing authors, including Ellen Zhang, Danielle Krikorian, Emmy D. Wells, Connie Herold, Claire Ibarra and Rhonda Zimlich.

Download and [listen to part two today!](#)



UDS Celebrates Administrative Professionals Day



April 24 was Administrative Professionals Day and we have the greatest team! We'd like to take a special moment to thank our administrative staff for everything they do here at UDS.

Standing: **Kathy Warren** (General Administration), **Lorraine Abbott** (Community Employment Services), **Amy Tubergen** (Community Relations), **Teri Mino** (General Administration) and **Heidi Seymoure** (Low Vision Services). Seated: **Brie Bair** (SociAbilities), **Derek Mitchell** (Transportation) and **Lynn Hopkins** (CHAMPS/Prevocational Services).

Thank you for continued dedication to UDS and the community we serve.

Still Shining Bright: UDS Celebrates 75 Years

Join UDS as we celebrate our 75th anniversary! Continue to follow us for all the ways you can help us celebrate this milestone year.



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