



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

What's New at UDS?

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What a Spectacular Summer!



Summer is winding down and we are savoring every moment! Thanks to the Jill Marsey Recreation Fund, individuals from UDS were able to attend three weekday Akron RubberDucks games at Canal Park over the summer. For some individuals,

this was their first time attending a game.

Everyone who participated arrived safely thanks to UDS Transportation Services. Once there, they cheered for the hometown team and had the opportunity to enjoy the concessions offering a variety of ballpark treats. Thank you to everyone who helped make this possible. We're already looking forward to next year!

UDS Joins the Akron Equity March



The City of Akron recently hosted the annual Equity March and Pride Festival in downtown Akron and Team UDS came out in full force! UDS was one of 135 groups that participated in this popular event. Our group sported temporary tattoos, colorful necklaces and rainbow sunglasses as they enjoyed music, entertainment, food and more! We appreciate everyone who participated in helping to promote inclusion in our community.

Toy & Resource Center Back-to-School Special!



The UDS Toy & Resource Center is having a Back-to-School Special **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 the minds of children 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, including hours of operation, is 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.

BraVo! Picnic in the Park



The end of August saw BraVo! hosting their annual picnic at Firestone Metro Park. The BraVo! team enjoyed food, games, corn hole, karaoke and entertainment by President/CEO Brian Thomas. Everyone had a wonderful time!

BraVo! stands for Building Relationships and Volunteer Opportunities and is where participants can explore their community, develop new skills and enhance personal abilities through a variety of volunteer experiences. Are you interested in becoming a member of the BraVo! team? Visit the [UDS website](#) to learn more.



Welcome to UDS!

UDS welcomes **Carroll Brown** back to our Transportation team as a full-time driver. Carroll says, "I like working with people with developmental disabilities." Welcome back! If you or anyone you know is interested in working for UDS, visit the [Current Openings](#) page on our website for more information.



Summer Showers Bring Beautiful Sunflowers!

Strong late summer storms may have knocked down some trees near our Firestone Park location but it didn't stop our sunflowers from growing!

These beautiful flowers were planted by participants in our CHAMPS program in the spring. They spent the summer learning about how plants benefit our environment and act as a home for a variety of bees and insects. Over time, the seeds from these sunflowers will help feed the local birds. Great job, everyone!

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