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Shine light on ability, not disability, by donating to STARability Foundation:

- Give online: STARability.org/donate
- Mail a check to our office:
5125 Castello Drive, Naples, FL 34103
- Become a monthly donor, the easiest way to give
- Leave a legacy for our future with a planned gift

Learn more by contacting Miriam Pereira, Chief Philanthropy Officer, at 239.594.9007 or miriam@STARability.org.

STARability Participant Name Badges for Sale!

STARability participants can now purchase a name badge for \$11, including tax. Order yours today at STARability.org/name-tag-order-form
Questions? Please contact Laurie Sullivan at 239.594.9007 x101.



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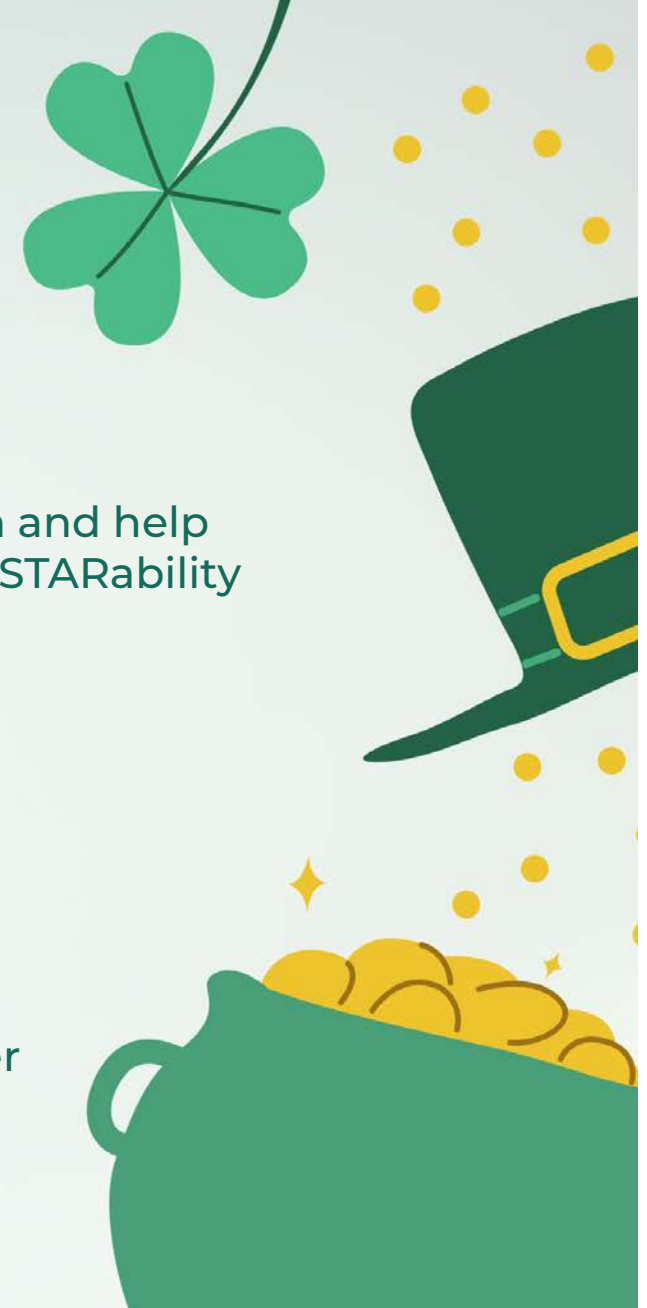
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PARTICIPANT NEWSLETTER
FEBRUARY 2022

St. Patrick's Day Party!



Beware of getting pinched! Wear green and help us celebrate St. Patrick's Day with your STARability family and friends.

Saturday, March 19, 4-7 p.m.
RSVP by Friday, March 11

Venue: New Hope Ministries
7675 Davis Blvd., Naples, FL 34104

Cost: \$25

Host: STARability Foundation

Menu: St. Patrick's Day-themed Dinner

To RSVP, please visit STARability.org/monthly-socials. To learn more, please email connor@STARability.org or call 239.594.9007 x104.



Something sparkly for that special someone

10% off all jewelry, accessories and STAR*Made Studio bracelets!



Donations welcome

Consider a donation of gently used furniture or home goods.

106 10th St. N., Naples, FL 34102
Naples Design District
STARability.org/STAR-store

Tuesday - Friday
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Register for free at: STARability.org/gala

OUR MISSION

To transform the lives of individuals with disabilities through social, vocational and educational connections to the community, while strengthening awareness and respect for individual abilities.

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Heather D.	2/01	Jacob M.	2/13	Laura K.	2/22
Joel S.	2/01	Arthur A.	2/15	Diego D.	2/23
Matthew G.	2/05	Lance R.	2/17	Eva P.	2/25
Spencer E.	2/05	David Y.	2/18	Alejandro P.	2/28
Stephanie M.	2/05	Frank M.	2/18	Anna G.	2/28
Leslie G.	2/07	Olivia D.	2/19	Patricia G.	2/28
Rosa R.	2/09	Jacob D.	2/20		
Gina G.	2/11	Kristin M.	2/22		

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STAR SPOTLIGHT



Jacob R.

Meet Jacob! Jacob was born and raised in our Southwest Florida community and now living in Naples. Jacob's favorite thing about where he lives is that he can ride his bike around an old golf course in his backyard. Jacob has been loving STARability ever since he joined in August of 2021. He participates in our virtual programs, like Bingo; joins our weekly Art Class and Bowling League; and is a Garden Bud at our THRIVE*ability garden alongside his mom. These STARability programs have helped Jacob make new friends and try new things! A fun fact about Jacob is that he shares the same birthday as his mom. His favorite vacation spot is anywhere with a hotel with elevators and breakfast. Some other favorites are pizza, the color yellow, an Arnold Palmer and the movie The Greatest Showman. In the future, Jacob would love to learn how to drive a golf cart.

STARability programs have helped Jacob make new friends!

Shining a Light on Your STAR Qualities!

- Traveling
- Coloring
- Being a great teammate at bowling

VOLUNTEER FOCUS



Henrietta Renninger

Meet Henrietta "Henri"! Henri is new to the STARability family. She loves volunteering with her son Jacob at our weekly Art Class and at the THRIVE*ability garden. Henri's favorite part about volunteering is that she sees Jacob not only enjoying new materials and opportunities, but also socially connecting with staff and volunteers. She also enjoys all the friendships she and Jacob have made within STARability thus far. As a parent, Henri believes that our goal is to make progress, not perfection, in our daily lives.

"Something I learned while volunteering is that everyone has value, is wanted, is missed, and has a place no matter what set of skills each may have. This is a safe place to grow and be known."

SHINING STORIES

Celebrating STAR participants and programs



Welcome to the Job Training Room! Trailblazer Academy participants spend time daily in the newly renovated space where participants work on tasks that further prepare them for future employment opportunities. Upon arrival, participants find their nametag on the board and their coordinating task and/or bin with their supplies. Focus areas include: restaurant, clerical, custodial, food preparation and tasks to promote independence. Thank you to Sweet Heart Inc., who gave their time to paint and transform the room!

VIRTUAL STAR CONNECTIONS

Each bundle is \$35 per month. For questions, email Virtual Program Manager Francesca MacAlister at francesca@STARability.org. All times listed are EST.

Arts & Expressions:

Musical Theater: Monday 12 p.m.
Photography Exhibit: Monday 2:30 p.m.
LOL: Improv Fun Thursdays: Thursday 12 p.m.

Health & Wellness:

SPIRIT Club Fitness: Tuesday 10:15 a.m.
Health Matters: Tuesday 2:30 p.m.
Yoga: Friday 3:30 p.m.

Life Enrichment

Health & Safety: Wednesday 9 a.m.
Garden Club: Wednesday 10:15 a.m.
Nutrition: Thursday 9 a.m.

Plus, our free bundle:

Bingo: Monday 1:15 p.m.
Computer Class: Wednesday 2:30 p.m.
Next Chapter Book Club: Thursday 10:30 a.m.

Visit STARability.org for more information.

2022 SOCIAL CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

Valentine's Day Party

- Friday, Feb. 25, 6-9 p.m.
- RSVP by Friday, Feb. 18
- Venue: St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
- Host: Naples Civitan Club
- Menu: Classic Italian buffet
- Cost: \$30 for guests



- Theme: Valentine's Day
- Friday, Feb. 4, 5-6 p.m.
- Zoom
- Receive your invitation by emailing connor@STARability.org.



- Friday, Feb. 18, 6-8 p.m.
- Zoom
- Receive your invitation by emailing connor@STARability.org.

MARCH

St. Patrick's Day Party

- Saturday, March 19, 4-7 p.m.
- RSVP by Friday, March 11
- Venue: New Hope Ministries
- Details on cover

APRIL

Baseball Awards Picnic

- Saturday, April 9
- Game starts at 10 a.m. and Picnic starts at 11:30 a.m.
- RSVP by Friday, April 2
- Venue: Osceola Elementary School
- Cost: \$10 for guests

THANK YOU!

Huge shoutout to Paradise Coast Sports Complex for giving us a great start to 2022! Our participants and families absolutely loved every minute of the event and showed off their skills playing all the games.

To RSVP, please visit STARability.org/monthly-socials.

STAR CONNECTIONS

At this time, masks are required for all indoor events and activities unless eating or drinking.

ART CLASS

Join us Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at the STARability office. Cost of \$10 is due each class. Spots are limited, so RSVP weekly to connor@STARability.org or by calling 239.594.9007 x104.

BASEBALL LEAGUE

Games will be held at Osceola Elementary School on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon; arrive at 9:45 a.m. for check-in and warm-ups. Cost is \$40 for the season and you can register at STARability.org. For any questions, please email connor@STARability.org.

BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Join us Fridays from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the North Collier Regional Park gym. Cost is \$10 per month. Spots are limited, so please RSVP weekly to connor@STARability.org or by calling 239.594.9007 x104.

BOWLING LEAGUE

LEAGUE 1: Mondays at noon | Bowland Beacon Bowl | Stacy Bolesky
LEAGUE 2: Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. | HeadPinz, Naples | Diane Van Horn
LEAGUE 3: Thursdays at 1 p.m. | HeadPinz, Naples | Kathy Crevier
Payment of \$2.50 per game due at time of play; maximum two games. Registration and RSVP information: STARability.org/bowling-league.

COMPUTER CLASS

Join us Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at the STARability office. For more information and signups, please email connor@STARability.org or call 239.594.9007 x104.

GARDEN CLUB

Join us Thursdays on a bi-weekly basis from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at River Park Community Center! Help grow our new THRIVE*ability Garden with Halley and Jason! Cost is \$5 per session. Please RSVP by emailing to connor@STARability.org or calling 239.594.9007 x104.

MUSICAL THEATER

Musical Theater is being held at The Naples Players (TNP) on Mondays from 1:45 to 2:45 p.m. TNP is located at 701 5th Ave. S., Naples. Cost is \$30 per month. For registration, please email connor@STARability.org or call 239.594.9007 x104.

For more information on STAR Connections, visit STARability.org.