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- 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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PARTICIPANT NEWSLETTER
MARCH 2022



Baseball Awards Picnic

Come join us in celebrating yet another great baseball season with all of our STAR players and coaches!

Saturday, April 9

Game starts at 10 a.m.

Picnic starts at 11:30 a.m.

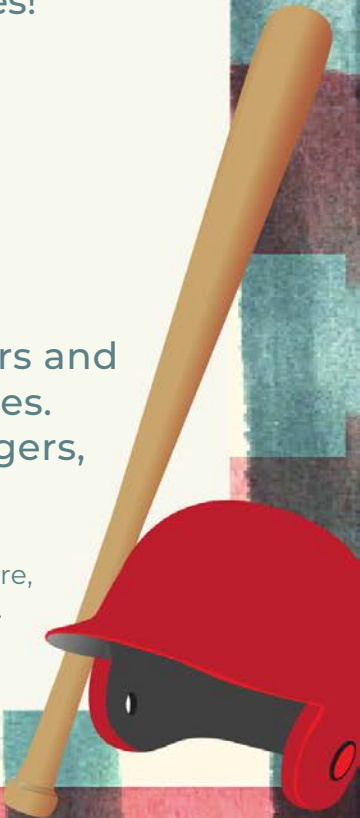
RSVP by Friday, April 1

Venue: Osceola Elementary School
5770 Osceola Trail, Naples, FL 34109

Cost: Free for baseball families, players, volunteers and other participants. \$10 for non-baseball families.

Menu: Classic game day grilled lunch (hamburgers, hot dogs and traditional picnic sides)

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



We're lucky to have you!
Enjoy 15% off your purchase at the STAR Store all month long.

Excludes STAR Made Studio products.

Spring Launch!

Check out our STARs' fresh spring candle fragrances and brand-new floral notecard collection!

Donations welcome

Consider a donation of gently used furniture or home goods.

Scan me!



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.

Shop & Share

10% of sales will be donated back to STARability Foundation.

Friday, March 4, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Lilly Pulitzer at Waterside Shops

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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Tori G.	3/01	Jeremy P.	3/08	Jacob W.	3/22
Michael M.	3/01	Mary V.	3/08	Shiloh N.	3/23
Michael T.	3/02	Chloe K.	3/11	David S.	3/25
Stevi F.	3/04	Nicole C.	3/14	Daniel C.	3/26
Felipe D.	3/05	Devin S.	3/15	Hollis L.	3/27
Alison M.	3/06	Robert C.	3/16	Sonya A.	3/28
Alexia D.	3/07	Jonathan E.	3/17	Tiffany W.	3/28
Tierney K.	3/07	Brooks A.	3/17	Kevin K.	3/29
Craig C.	3/08	Marie B.	3/22	Brain T.	3/30
Clara M.	3/08	Preston J.	3/22	Jack H.	3/31

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STAR SPOTLIGHT



Samuel S.

Meet Sammy! Sammy recently moved to Ave Maria in August 2021 from Rochester, New York, and joined STARAbility soon after that. Sammy is one of six boys in his family and loves living near two of his brothers and 11 of his nieces and nephews. His favorite way to vacation is visiting family, wherever they are, and he loves traveling by plane and staying in hotels. Since joining STARAbility, Sammy has participated in Bowling and Basketball League, Cooking Class and monthly social events, and he hopes to continue to get even more involved. Some of Sammy's favorites are hamburgers, pizza, Diet Coke, Disney songs, Disney movies, the TV show Law & Order, and spending time with his new friends from STARAbility. His favorite thing to say is, "Hi, buddy," and he is also very good at getting others to smile. Outside of STARAbility, Sammy would love to learn how to ride horses.

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Shining a Light on Your STAR Qualities!

- Making others smile
- Traveling
- Being social

VOLUNTEER FOCUS



Maureen Maconaghy

Meet Maureen! Maureen started volunteering with STARAbility shortly after her husband, Jeff, joined our Board of Directors in April 2021. She was interested right away when she learned of STARAbility through her friends Ken Gilman, STARAbility's board treasurer, and Sammy Callari. When living in Philadelphia, Maureen volunteered with an organization called SPIN and taught dance with

their participants. She currently volunteers in our Art Class and Cooking Class but would also like to start teaching a dance class soon. Maureen's favorite part about volunteering for STARAbility is that she always learns something new about the STAR participants. She looks forward to seeing them every week!

SHINING STORIES

Celebrating STAR participants and programs



THRIVE*ability: A Community Garden Project celebrated its Grand Sprouting event in January at River Park Community Center. The Garden Buds, THRIVE's dedicated group of

volunteers, gave community members tours of the garden, led activities, and demonstrated their duties by filling our two new garden beds with florals and sensory-friendly plants! The event showcased additional recent developments, including the installation of the wheelchair-accessible Mobi-mat, the sprouting of this season's edibles and the hanging of solar-powered string lights. In the neighborhood? Our gate is open for you to stop by and check it out!

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

MARCH

St. Patrick's Day Party

- Saturday, March 19, 4-7 p.m.
- RSVP by Friday, March 11
- Venue: New Hope Ministries 7675 Davis Blvd., Naples, FL 34103
- Menu: St. Patrick's Day-themed dinner
- Cost: \$25



- Theme: Dreamworks Movies
- Friday, March 11, 5-6 p.m.
- Zoom
- Receive your invitation by emailing connor@STARAbility.org.



- Friday, March 25, 6-8 p.m.
- Zoom
- Receive your invitation by emailing connor@STARAbility.org.

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 1
- Venue: Osceola Elementary School
- Details on cover

MAY

Cinco De Awards Picnic

- Friday, May 13, 6-9 p.m.
- RSVP by Friday, May 6
- Venue: St. Leo's Catholic Church, 28290 Beaumont Road, Bonita Springs, FL 34134
- Cost: \$20
- Menu: Tacos, beans and rice

THANK YOU!

Big thank-you to the Naples Civitan Club for hosting our Valentine's Day Party! There was love in the air as our participants had smiles on their faces all night seeing their STARAbility friends and family.

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.