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# Family Forum

Date: Wed. April 19  
Time: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Location: Collier  
Community  
Foundation

## Save the Date!

Check our website for registration details.

During the month of April, we will be celebrating World Autism Awareness Month. Join us in shining a light on individuals with autism and be sure to Light It Up Blue on April 2! Learn more at [autismspeaks.org/world-autism-month](http://autismspeaks.org/world-autism-month).



# Cinco de Mayo Fiesta

Date: Friday, May 5, 5:30-8:30 p.m.  
Location: St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church  
625 111th Ave. N., Naples, FL 34108  
Menu: Tacos, beans, rice, chips and salsa, and drinks  
Cost: \$20 for guests  
RSVP by Friday, April 28, to [connor@STARability.org](mailto:connor@STARability.org) or 239.594.9007 x104.

## Get Social With Us!

@STARabilityFdn



## 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.



Meghan E.	4/1	Molly K.	4/10	George S.	4/19	Maria S.	4/23
Vinny T.	4/1	Judith I.	4/10	Ryan B.	4/19	Cole B.	4/23
Daniel P.	4/5	Nicole M.	4/11	Tim W.	4/20	Nathan S.	4/24
Sarah D.	4/5	Shawn D.	4/13	David F.	4/22	Christopher H.	4/25
April P.	4/7	Taylor M.	4/16	Adam G.	4/23	Haley C.	4/27
Brett B.	4/7	Caitlin R.	4/16	Gabriella D.	4/23	Nicholas L.	4/27
		Peter B.	4/17	Lucinda S.	4/23	Michael P.	4/28
						Jax W.	4/29



## STAR SPOTLIGHT

# Meghan E.

Meet Meghan! Meghan is originally from Chicago, Illinois and moved to Estero, Florida just a few years ago. Meghan has been a part of STARability since September of 2021 and has been loving it ever since. Her favorite STARability activities are the monthly social events, Trailblazers, and our Basketball League. Participating in these STARability programs have helped Meghan make new friends and continue taking steps forward to finding a job. One of the places she would like to work is Chick-fil-a. Meghan loves to take her dog, Beau, out on walks, color, and hang out with family any chance she can. Her favorite vacation is to visit her family and 2 brothers in Chicago. Some of Meghan's favorites are: meat lovers pizza, hot cocoa, the color red, Disney music, and the movie Frozen. One goal Meghan has is to learn how to cook on her own.



"Hello!" is her favorite thing to say to people.

### SHINING A LIGHT ON YOUR STAR QUALITIES:

- Tidy
- All-STAR Basketball Player
- Greeter

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

# Dani Cohen



Meet Dani Cohen! Dani is our Program Specialist here at STARability and has been working here since August of 2020. Originally from Boca Raton, Florida, Dani moved to Naples in October of 2020 after graduating from Florida Gulf Coast University in with a degree in Child & Youth Studies with a concentration in Special Education. Dani found STARability by volunteering with Best Buddies and her "buddy" was a STAR participant. Her favorite part about working at STARability is getting to know the fellow staff members and helping our STARS accomplish their personal goals.

#### Fun facts about Dani:

- I have over 50 snow globes from different places I've visited
- I'm scared of snakes
- My favorite place to visit is New York to visit my grandma

## STAR CONNECTIONS

### ART CLASS

Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
Location: STARability office  
Cost: \$10 each class  
Spots are limited.

### BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Fridays from 1:30-2:30 p.m.  
Location: St. John Evangelist Catholic Church (Pulte Life Center) 625 111th Ave. N., Naples, FL 34108  
Cost: \$10 per month

### BOWLING LEAGUE

LEAGUE 1: Mondays at 12 p.m. | 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.

### TENNIS CLUB

Tuesdays from 12:30-1:30 p.m.  
Location: Eagle Creek Country Club  
Spots are limited!

### MUSICAL THEATER

Mondays from 1:45-2:45 p.m.  
Location: STARability office  
Cost: \$10 per class

### LIFE ENRICHMENT CLASS

Mondays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at the STARability office. These classes will have different lesson plans each month.

### COOKING CLASS

Dates and locations vary, so please contact [connor@STARability.org](mailto:connor@STARability.org) or 239.594.9007 x104 if you are interested.

### GAME ROOM

Thursdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
Location: STARability office

### COMPUTER CLASS

Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
Location: STARability office

### GARDEN CLUB

April 6 & 20 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.  
Location: THRIVEability community garden  
Cost: \$10 per class

For more information and sign-ups, please reach out to [connor@STARability.org](mailto:connor@STARability.org).

## SOCIAL EVENTS

### APRIL

#### Trivia Night

Friday, April 7  
From 5-6 p.m. on Zoom  
Theme: US History



#### Club STAR

Friday, April 28  
from 5-7 p.m. on Zoom



### MAY

#### Cinco de Mayo Fiesta

Friday, May 5  
from 5:30-8:30  
See front cover for details



#### Trivia Night

Friday, May 12  
from 5-6 p.m. on Zoom  
Theme: TBD



#### Club STAR

Friday, May 26  
from 5-7 p.m. on Zoom

### JUNE

#### Luau Party

Friday, June 16  
from 5:30-8:30 p.m.  
RSVP by Friday, June 9  
Venu: New Hope Ministries  
Menu: TBD  
Cost: TBD



For more information or RSVPs, please reach out to [connor@STARability.org](mailto:connor@STARability.org).

## SHINING STORIES

STARability Foundation has received proclamations from Collier County and the City of Naples declaring March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. These proclamations will support STARability in its efforts to increase public awareness about developmental disabilities.



## STARStore&Studio

UPSCALE RESALE ★ ARTISAN PRODUCTS

• To celebrate International Customer Loyalty Month, we are offering 15% off all resale items in-store through April 28!

• Receive 20% off all STAR-illustrated cards in-store and online April 20-26 during National Stationery Week!

• We are seeking your donations! Please call the store or email [carriejo@STARability.org](mailto:carriejo@STARability.org) to donate gently used interior and outdoor furniture, home decor, art, jewelry, purses, books and dishware.



## VIRTUAL STAR CONNECTIONS

### ART & 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.  
Movement Matters: Thursday 1:15 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 a.m.

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

## THANK YOU

Thank you to the Naples Civitan Club for your generosity and helping us plan our St. Patrick's Day Party!  
And, another thank you to Frisco's for providing the delicious food!

