

STAR Store & Studio

The STAR Store & Studio, STARability Foundation's upscale resale shop, is open for business.

The store reopened Nov. 8, thanks to caring volunteers, staff and others who repaired water damage from Hurricane Ian.

Five STAR participants employed at the store, our Trailblazers and Jr. Trailblazers are excited to be back in the studio, handcrafting products that are sold at the store, online, with retail partners and at community events. Our STARS are developing vocational skills as they make candles, bracelets, greeting cards and more.

Meet our STARS and check out their handiwork from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, March 1, during the Naples Centennial Celebration. We'll unveil our spring-inspired scented candles and a special Naples Centennial candle at the event. Spend \$25 or more and receive a hand-beaded bracelet and coupon. Learn more about the STAR Store & Studio at starstoreandstudio.square.site.



Participant Reach

EXPERIENCES

8,596

STARability Transformative Experiences
(Trailblazer Academy /Jr. Trailblazer Academy
& STAR Connections)

6,362

In-Person Experiences

2,234

Virtual Experiences

INDIVIDUALS

300

STAR Enrollees

Trailblazer Academy

64

TRAILBLAZER
ACADEMY

17

JR. TRAILBLAZER
ACADEMY

81

Total In-Person & Virtual Enrollees

73

Individuals On The Wait List



32
Individuals Served by Vocational Services

12
Job Seekers

4
New/Additional Placements

34
Jobs Filled

60
Partners in Vocational Services Network
and/or Providing Job Training Sites

Programs

We call our participants STARs because they brighten our lives, our community and the world. They are at the center of everything we do.

Trailblazer Academy

Our pioneering outreach program offers community-based skill development experiences for adults, whether they are on a path to life enrichment or have vocational aspirations. We use an evidence-based model to assess Trailblazers' mastery of eight life skills as they work toward their goals.

Virtual Trailblazer Academy

This outcomes-driven program enables Trailblazers to connect with one another, engage in meaningful classes and activities, and work toward their individualized goals from anywhere.

Jr. Trailblazer Academy

Modeled after the Trailblazer Academy, this structured after-school program is offered to 14 to 21 year olds.

STAR Connections

From monthly dinners and dances to creative expression experiences and sports leagues, our largest program offers an array of social connections and life-enriching opportunities both in person and online for our STARs.

Vocational Services

This growing program helps individuals explore employment options, supports them through job searches and long-term volunteer opportunities, and provides on-the-job support.

OUR MISSION IS...

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.

Community Support

29 Trailblazer and Jr. Trailblazer participants were awarded \$20,000 in scholarships, thanks to the support of our donors.

Trailblazer Academy and Jr. Trailblazer Academy participants contributed 922 volunteer hours to the community!

123 volunteers donated 1,200 hours of their time to support STARability's mission



**Volunteer or support
our STARs today!**

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