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Upcoming Events

6th Annual STAR Gala
Saturday, **Feb. 3, 2024**, 5:30 p.m.
The Ritz-Carlton Naples, Tiburón



Social Security Benefits Series
Next sessions:
Feb. 13 and June 11,
10:30 a.m. to noon via Zoom



Visit starability.org/events or scan the
QR code for a full event listing!

*Our mission is to transform the lives of people
with intellectual and developmental disabilities.*

Stay Connected!



PARTICIPANT NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2024



February Social Event *Valentine's Day Party*

Saturday, Feb. 17 | 4-7 p.m.
St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
625 111th Ave. N.
Naples, FL 34108
\$25 per guest
RSVP by Friday, Feb. 9

RSVP to Connor Nehls and Karla Faxas
at starconnect@starability.org or 239.594.9007.

Happy Birthday to Our January STARS!

1/2 Bruce I.	1/10 Elise C.	1/19 Taylor Q.	1/27 Yesenia V.
1/3 Andrew D.	1/12 Mason M.	1/20 Griffin S.	1/28 Walter E.
1/7 Harihar J.	1/13 Joseline A.	1/21 Jennifer D.	1/29 Ernest W.
1/9 Terence B.	1/15 Brittney V.	1/23 Jake R.	1/31 Gregory B.
1/9 Tamitha C.	1/16 Mark B.	1/23 Peyton A.	
1/9 Kaylin D.	1/17 Billy P.	1/25 Susan B.	
1/10 Lauren J.	1/18 Scott M.	1/26 Isabel L.	

Shining Stories: Happy Holidays at the STAR Store & Studio

The artists and artisans of the STAR Studio made many people merry this holiday season! With the launch of quite a few new products—ornaments and calendars and tea towels, oh my!—and participation in a whopping six community events, they enjoyed their most successful season to date. Close to 50 Trailblazers, Jr. Trailblazers and Studio employees contributed to the magic.

Their talents didn't go unnoticed! In December, NBC-2 invited the STAR Store & Studio to be on their Stories2Share segment. Store & Studio Assistants Liv D. and Caitlin R. spoke beautifully on behalf of their team, sharing their personal stories and the mission of STARability. You can watch their fun spot at [nbc-2.com](https://www.nbc-2.com).

Visit the STAR Store & Studio for great gifts year-round at 106 10th St. N. in the Naples Design District. All proceeds benefit STARability Foundation.



STAR Connections

For more information on offerings and class sign-ups, contact Connor Nehls or Karla Faxas at starconnect@starability.org or 239.594.9007 x104.

MONDAYS

Bowling (League #1)
12 p.m.
Bowland Beacon Bowl
Volunteer Stacy Bolesky

Musical Theater
1:45-2:45 p.m.
Naples United Church of Christ
\$10 each class
RSVP required

Life Enrichment Class
3:30-4:30 p.m.
STARability office
New lesson plan each month!

TUESDAYS

Yoga Class
1:45-2:45 p.m.
STARability office
RSVP required

Art Class
3:30-4:30 p.m.
STARability office
\$10 each class
RSVP required

WEDNESDAYS

Soccer Club
10-11:30 a.m.
Paradise Coast Sports Complex
\$10 per month

Tennis Club
12:30-1:30 p.m.
Eagle Creek Country Club

Game Room
2-3 p.m.
STARability office

Computer Class
3:30-4:30 p.m.
STARability office

THURSDAYS

Bowling (League #2)
10:30 a.m.
Headpinz, Naples
Volunteer Diane Van Horn

Bowling (League #3)
1 p.m.
Headpinz, Naples
Volunteer Kathy Crevier

Game Room
3:30-4:30 p.m.
STARability office

Garden Club
First and third Thursday of the month
3:30-4:30 p.m.
THRIVEability Garden

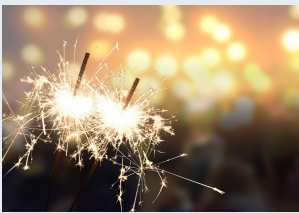
SATURDAYS

Baseball League
10 a.m.
Osceola Elementary School

Cooking Class
Dates and locations vary.

Bowling League - \$2.50 per game due at time of play; maximum two games. To register, please contact us at starconnect@starability.org or 239.594.9007.

Social Events



Annual New Year's Party

Jan. 11
5:30-8:30 p.m.
Paradise Coast Sports Complex

\$15 per guest
On the menu: Subs, chips, brownies, cookies, and assorted drinks

Trivia Night
Jan. 9
5-6 p.m.
on Zoom
Theme: Elf

Club STAR
Jan. 23
5-7 p.m.
on Zoom

Save the Dates!

FEB.
Valentine's Day
Social Event
Details on cover

MAR.
St. Patrick's Day
Social Event
Details to follow!

New Website

STARability is thrilled to introduce our new website! Enjoy browsing the photo-rich pages with a more intuitive navigation experience for all users. Whether you're seeking information about our programs, upcoming events, or ways to get involved, you'll find it effortlessly.

Explore more by visiting starability.org today!

Spotlight: Tony Andrade

Each month, we spotlight a staff member, participant or volunteer. You could be next!

Five years ago, Tony relocated with his family from Connecticut to Naples, where he quickly immersed himself in community service. In September 2021, he joined STARability Foundation, dedicating his time to our Trailblazer Academy and extending his support to monthly social events and fundraisers. While his daughter, Deandra, shines as one of our STAR participants, Tony's commitment to the special needs community spans both Naples and his previous home in Connecticut.

A sports enthusiast, Tony brings an infectious positive energy to his volunteer work. Tony cherishes the acceptance and valuable life lessons he learns from our STARS, emphasizing the importance of patience and savoring every moment in life.



Virtual STAR Connections

View all offerings at: starability.org/virtual-star-connections
Please contact starconnect@starability.org or 239.594.9007 with any questions.



STARStore&Studio
UPSCALE RESALE ★ ARTISAN GIFTS
106 10th St. N. | 239.263.1894

This month in the STAR Studio, get **15% off** "STARS in the Arts" desktop calendars and **25% off** holiday candles while supplies last!

Out with the Old!

We're looking for donations of furniture. Consider the STAR Store as you freshen up your space this New Year, and shop for fun new pieces!

