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Upcoming Events

STARability Family Fair
March 19
4-6 p.m.
at the STARability office

Social Security Benefits Series
Next session:
June 11
10:30 a.m. to noon via Zoom



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

Stay Connected!

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



April Social Event

Pottery Painting Party

Tuesday, April 16 | 6 p.m.
Cone 06 Pottery Painting Studio
3369 Pine Ridge Rd., #101
Naples, FL 34109
Menu: Light snacks and refreshments
ENROLLED PARTICIPANT EVENT ONLY!

RSVP by Friday, April 12

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

Happy Birthday to Our March STARS!

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| 3/1 Joanie D. | 3/7 Tierney K. | 3/14 Nicole C. | 3/21 Garrett P. | 3/28 Alex C. |
| 3/1 Tori G. | 3/8 Craig C. | 3/15 Devin S. | 3/21 William R. | 3/28 Tiffany W. |
| 3/1 Mike M. | 3/8 Clara M. | 3/16 Robert C. | 3/22 Jacob W. | 3/30 Brian T. |
| 3/2 Michael T. | 3/8 Mary V. | 3/17 Brooks A. | 3/24 Daniella G. | 3/31 Jack H. |
| 3/4 Stevi F. | 3/9 Scott K. | 3/17 Jonathan E. | 3/25 David S. | |
| 3/5 Felipe Del H. | 3/11 Chloe K. | 3/18 Derek R. | 3/26 Daniel C. | |
| 3/6 Alison M. | 3/12 Victoria B. | 3/21 Victoria P. | 3/28 Sonya A. | |

Shining Stories: The 2024 STAR Gala was an overwhelming and inspiring success!

STARability Foundation’s 6th Annual STAR Gala: The Adventure Begins raised more than \$2.8 million to support innovative, life-changing programs for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Collier County. Over 600 guests at the sold-out event enjoyed an inspirational evening at The Ritz-Carlton Naples, Tiburón celebrating the journey and stories of STARability’s STAR participants, their families and friends.

Inspired by the poem, “Welcome to Holland” by Emily Perl Kingsley, which describes the experience of raising a child with a disability as an unexpected journey, the Gala featured a thematic twist that transported guests from the iconic landmarks of Italy to the colorful landscapes of Holland – all of which was revealed the night of the fundraiser.



Frank and Jayna Alderman beaming with excitement after winning the live auction lot: Wake Up With The Sun.

 Read more at: starability.org/blog

Spotlight: Cath Branwood


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

As the Creative Specialist at STARability, Cath happily fosters creativity across the foundation, namely through the STAR Studio and weekly art classes.

Originally from Birmingham, England, Cath moved to the United States via Mexico in 2013. In 2018, she started her brand Artful Alternatives, through which her aim has always been to encourage creativity in everybody, she says, “because it took me many years to value myself as a creative person. Who better to encourage than our STARS, with the skills that they have and the goals they want to reach?”

Cath is currently leading the STARS to create for an inclusive group art show titled "Divergent Inspiration," on view at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center beginning **May 3**.

When she's not being creative, you can often find Cath boxing; walking her rescue dog, Bean, at Naples Botanical Garden; or chilling on the beach at sunset.

 Scan the QR code to learn more about “Divergent Inspiration”!



Save the Date

Join us **May 3** for the opening event of “Divergent Inspiration”, an inclusive art exhibit by STARability in the Grand Atrium of the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center. This exhibit will feature, and have available for sale, artwork created by our STARS, including pieces made in collaboration with local artists.

Exhibit opens
Friday, May 3

Exhibit closes
Thursday, May 30



Shining STAR Qualities: Being a leader, helper and great teammate

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
1:30-2:30 p.m.
STARability office
\$5 each class, *RSVP required*

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

Tennis
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

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

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
4-5 p.m.
THRIVEability Garden


FRIDAYS

Basketball
1:30-2:30 p.m.
St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church (Pulte Family Life Center)

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 today.

Social Events



Annual St. Patrick's Day Party

March 23
4-7 p.m.
New Hope Ministries
\$25 per guest

On the menu: St. Patrick's Day themed



Trivia Night
Mar. 5
5-6 p.m.
on Zoom
Theme: St. Patrick's Day



Club STAR
Mar. 25
5-7 p.m.
on Zoom

Save the Dates!

APRIL
Pottery Painting Party
Details on cover

MAY
Cinco De Mayo Fiesta
Details to follow!



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Lucky you!

All resale home décor is 15% off for the month of March.

Shop NEW artisan gifts at the Bayfront Art Show!

Join us at this new festival on 3/16 and 3/17 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

SCAN TO SHOP



Virtual STAR Connections

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