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Upcoming Events

Lake Park Diner Gives Back
April 1-30
Scan below for more details

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

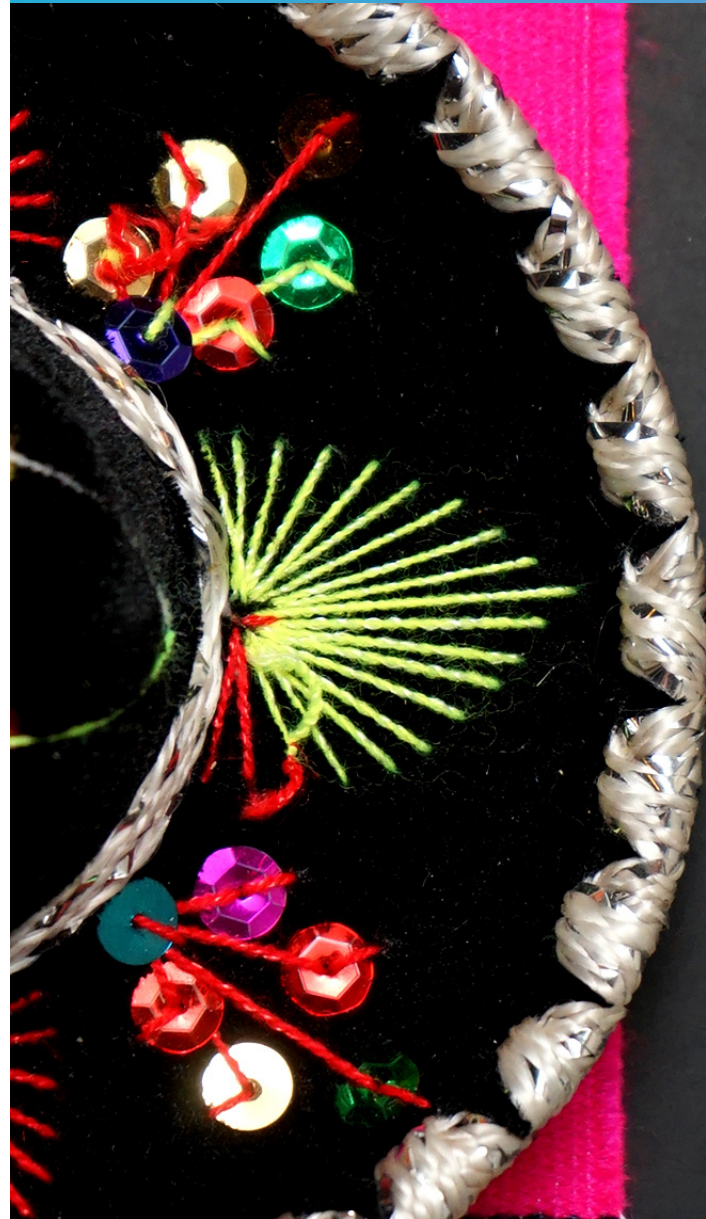


Visit starability.org/upcoming-events or scan the QR code for a full event listing!

Stay Connected!



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



May Social Event

Cinco de Mayo Fiesta

Friday, May 17 | 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
777 Mooring Line Dr.
Naples, FL 34102
Menu: Taco bar

RSVP by Friday, May 10

RSVP to starconnect@starability.org or 239.594.9007

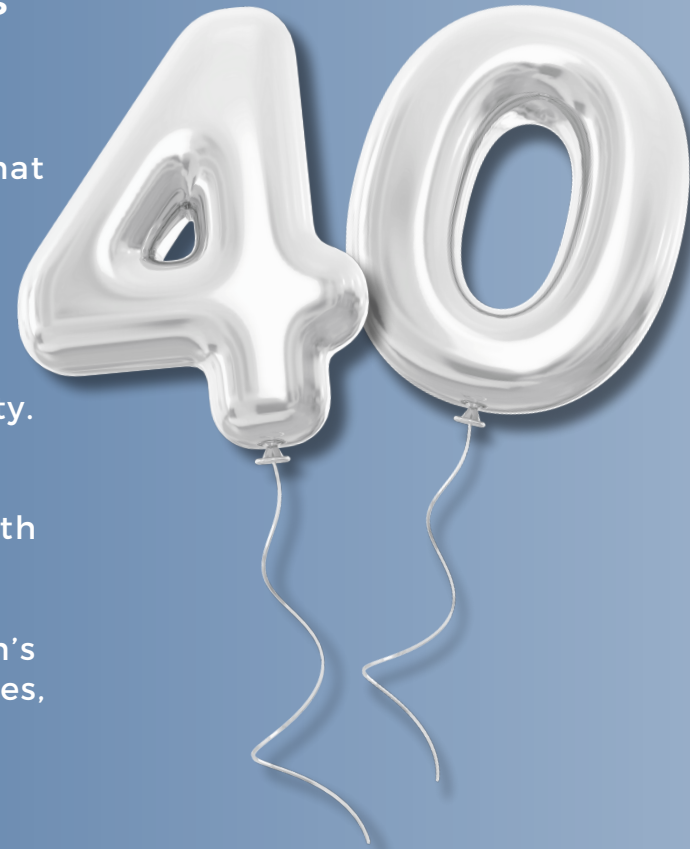
Happy Birthday to Our April STARs!

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| 4/1 Meghan E. | 4/8 Jack K. | 4/16 Jarrod P. | 4/22 David F. | 4/25 Christopher H. |
| 4/1 Vinny T. | 4/10 Judith I. | 4/17 Peter B. | 4/23 Adam G. | 4/27 Haley C. |
| 4/4 Brittany W. | 4/10 Molly K. | 4/19 Ryan B. | 4/23 Maria S. | 4/28 Michael P. |
| 4/5 Daniel P. | 4/13 Shawn D. | 4/19 George S. | 4/23 Lucinda S. | 4/29 Jax W. |
| 4/5 Sarah D. | 4/16 Taylor M. | 4/19 Nati V. | 4/23 Gabriella D. | 4/29 Shane P. |
| 4/7 Brett B. | 4/16 Caitlin R. | 4/20 Sephra P. | 4/24 Nathan S. | |

Shining Stories: STARability celebrates 40 years with a Family Fair event

STARability Foundation is excited to announce that 2023 marked 40 years of serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and their families, throughout Collier County. This milestone was reached through steady growth, innovative programs and an unwavering commitment to the Southwest Florida community.

Last month, the community joined STARability STARs and staff to celebrate this achievement with an open-house-style Family Fair. Over 100 people attended the free event and were provided the opportunity to learn more about the organization's program offerings, upcoming events and initiatives, volunteering and much more.



Spotlight: Justin Jaffry

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

Meet Justin! Justin has been volunteering with STARability since 2021, mainly for our STARability Baseball League.

Originally from St. Louis, Missouri, Justin grew up with baseball as a big part of his life. His dad coached his brother's team, and his brother coached his son's team. When looking for an opportunity to volunteer in Naples, he wanted to help provide the experience he was fortunate to have while growing up; a feeling he enjoys to this day when playing baseball with the STAR participants. Justin says his favorite part about volunteering with STARability is the raw enthusiasm he sees on the field every weekend.

His favorite memory is from his second season coaching: One of the players, who usually isn't very vocal with him, hit a line drive to the outfield. After skipping to first base, she turned to him and said, "I LOVE BASEBALL!" and ran to second base.

"One thing I've learned while volunteering," Justin says, "is that teamwork can be learned at any age and ability and goes a long way in the development of social skills."



Mark Your Calendar!

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**



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
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

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
RSVP required

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)

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.



Virtual STAR Connections

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

Social Events



Pottery Painting Party
April 16 6 p.m.
Cone 06 Pottery Painting Studio
Enrolled STARs only

On the menu: Light snacks and refreshments



Trivia Night
April 2 5-6 p.m.
on Zoom
Theme: St. Patrick's Day



Club STAR
April 19 5-7 p.m.
on Zoom

Save the Dates!

May
Cinco de Mayo
Fiesta
Details on cover

June
Luau Party
Details to follow!

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

April Sales
15% off furniture
25% off Mermaid, Lavender & Sea Salt

Thank you to our new retail partner, the world-class Naples Zoo!
Check out our Souvenir Collection candle in their brand-new gift shop.

