

# volunteer FOCUS

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## Supported Living holidays full of love and joy

Supported Living had a full and fun holiday season thanks to many friends, old and new. Malone Advertising, a firm in the Akron area, reached out to adopt Broadview, Bailey and Florida homes for the holidays. Malone merry-makers visited the homes to give presents personally selected for each resident. Volunteers from Malone said they not only enjoyed giving the gifts to individuals, but enjoyed shopping for the many presents as well. We are thankful for their new friendship and look forward to our continued relationship in the New Year.



In addition to Malone, many friends answered the call to decorate at several homes including Northampton, Bailey, Keystone and Yerrick. Volunteer families also visited Norton on two occasions to give gifts. Mandy brought scarves, gloves and more, and Becky and Rachel delivered surprise gifts to the ladies they have grown so close to this year. Mandy and her family also joined us at the annual Holiday Party hosted by volunteers from Boy Scouts and Emmanuel United Church of Christ.

## Santa delivers gifts and smiles

Santa made his annual trip to Mantua on Christmas Eve, bringing along his crew of caroling elves and toy soldiers to visit with residents at the Center for Excellence. Children and adults were treated to the sounds of Jingle Bells and Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer as Santa made his way through the building, delivering gifts to every individual and wishing all a Merry Christmas. Volunteers helped to make the visit special by making sure that every person who wanted a photo with Santa and his elves got a turn.



We'd like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Bill Dieterle and all of the wonderful volunteers at Santa's Hide-A-Way Hollow for making our holiday merry and bright.

## Nutcracker night of magic

For a second year, Ballet Theatre Ohio hosted Supported Living at their dress rehearsal of The Nutcracker, the dazzling ballet performance that has become a holiday tradition. Volunteers from Manchester and Fletcher Halls at Kent State University joined us to help with arrivals, the cast meet and greet, and departures from a wonderful evening at the beautiful Civic Theatre in downtown Akron. It was truly a festive and special night for all.



## Dog show a delight for all



The Akron All Breed Club hosted a dog show just for Supported Living residents, after awesome volunteers Becky and Rachel Park introduced the idea to fellow club members. The All Breed Club hosted the show at the Summit County Fairgrounds. Residents were encouraged to judge, mingle, and even walk dogs through the agility course. All Breed members had an entire afternoon of furry fun planned with a hot dog lunch, trophies, a dog related craft and even judge ribbons for each guest. The All Breed Club truly made a remarkable day for many. They plan to host events again that will bring individuals in contact with dog training, care and of course playtime.



## Play Center grand opening

Families can start the New Year with a day of fun at The Play Center grand opening. Activities will be held noon to 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 2, and Saturday, Jan. 3. Admission is \$5 per person, and children under the age of one are free. All children in attendance will receive a special gift courtesy of Hattie Larlham.

The Play Center is part of the Hattie Larlham Life Achievement Center, which also includes a therapy pool, a resource library stocked with adapted toys for children with disabilities, an outpatient therapy clinic and a courtyard.



We are currently developing volunteer opportunities and activities for the new space, so look for updates in the coming months or contact the volunteer resources department to learn about ways you can help.

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## January and February 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
January				1 New Year's Day	2 Play Center Grand Opening noon-5 p.m.	3 Play Center Grand Opening noon-5 p.m.
4 Friendship Bible Service 2-3 p.m.	5	6	7	8 Open Activity with PowerCorps 6:30-8 p.m.	9	10 Friendship Bible Service 1-2 p.m.
11	12	13	14	15 Group Activity at Oak & Wood 6:30-8 p.m.	16	17
18 Catholic Mass 1:30-3 p.m.	19 MLK Day Projects Autism Day Camp	20	21	22 Snow Festival 5:30-8 p.m.	23	24
25 SL Birthday Party noon-2p.m. Friendship Bible Service 2-3 p.m.	26 January Birthday Party 6:30-8 p.m.	27	28	29	30	31
<b>February</b>						
1 Friendship Bible Service 2-3 p.m. SL Super Bowl Party 5:30-7:30 p.m.	2	3	4	5 Open Activity with PowerCorps 6:30-8 p.m.	6	7 SL Birthday Party noon-2 p.m.
8 Larlham Love Notes 1-3 p.m.	9	10	11	12 Valentine's party with KSU students 6-8 p.m.	13	14
15 Catholic Mass 1:30-3 p.m.	16 Autism Day Camp	17	18	19 Group Activity at Solon & Aurora 6:30-8 p.m.	20 Masquerade Ball 5:30-8:30 p.m.	21
22 Friendship Bible Service 2-3 p.m.	23 February Birthday Party 6:30-8 p.m.	24	25	26 Open Activity with Bethel Baptist Church 6:30-8 p.m.	27	28

*All of the activities listed on our calendar are open to volunteers. If you would like to learn more about any of these activities or if you're ready to sign up, please contact a member of our volunteer resources department.*