



Metzenbaum Center

Helping People Live, Learn, and Earn

Spring 2024

GeaugaDD.org

**DISABILITY
DOES NOT
MEAN
INABILITY**



METZENBAUM CENTER
The Geauga County Board
Of Developmental Disabilities



Developmental Disability Awareness Month

Spring has Sprung! March kicked off disability awareness month. This gives the individuals we serve, the community and Metzenbaum staff the opportunity to reflect and celebrate National DD awareness month. To start the month, Metzenbaum Foundation held its annual community carnival where over 700 people enjoyed the festivities. They also offered free T-shirts to all the people we serve with the phrase "DisAbility does not mean InAbility!" Even the Geauga County Commissioners got in on the action by passing a resolution recognizing March as disability awareness month. Thank you to everyone who participated by putting signs in your yard or ordering a shirt. Thanks for doing your part to raise awareness by promoting inclusion in all aspects of life and a community where everyone feels valued.

Night To Shine Prom

Night To Shine Prom is a free event held just for adults to have an amazing evening of fun, dancing, singing, friendships, and much more. Many Geauga individuals attended as honored guests and walked the red carpet where they were celebrated and reminded of their value and worth. Plan ahead and come to the next one on Feb. 5, 2025!



Volleyball Vibes

The Geauga Blue Streaks Special Olympics Volleyball season is underway! This group of first-rate athletes loves to serve up a storm to display their abilities, teamwork, and sportsmanship. The team puts in rigorous training and dedication at practice so that they are ready to spike the competition game day. Do not pass up a chance to watch them play and cheer them on!



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Developmental Disabilities**
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Chesterland, OH 44026

Upcoming Events and Happenings

- **May 22nd** - RockAbility Concert
6:30pm
- **June 14th** - Metzenbaum Center Golf
Outing
- **June 18th** - Great Geauga Fair Band
Concert
- **August 8th** - Talent Show
- **September 21st** - 1 Mile Fun Walk &
Scavenger Hunt
- **November 14th** - Art Show

Be sure to check out our partner agencies
for further activities and happenings:

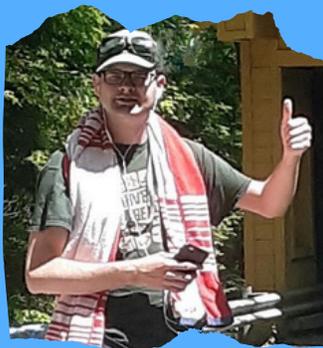
- Metzenbaum Foundation
- NPower Services
- Empower Sports

For the latest info on upcoming events, visit
GeaugaDD.org or **Facebook: GeaugaDD**



Got A Grumble?

The GCBDD understands it is important for individuals to have an official channel to follow should a dispute or complaint arise. You may file a complaint if you are dissatisfied with a program, service, policy, or practice of the Geauga DD. You may file an appeal of adverse action if your request for services is denied or if services you have been receiving are being taken away. For more details, go to: geaugadd.org/complaints-and-appeals. If you have questions, please call us at 440-729-9406.



And now... Jokes from Andy

I have a friend named Michael. His favorite food is jello. Put them together and you have Michaelanjello!

I enjoy telling jokes. That's how eye roll.