

UNITY MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER

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The Staff That Proudly Serves Our Individuals:

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Geri Loree, James Medaris, and Marcelline Williams



Mission Statement

“Our Mission is to assist the Developmentally Disabled and the Elderly Disabled to achieve community inclusion that enhances personal potential, employment opportunities and/or volunteerism”

***If you would like a digital/emailed copy, please let Amanda or Jared know.**

Business Developers' Corner:

We are looking forward to the warmer weather and the new opportunities that are around the corner. At this time, there are a lot of job opportunities but, we are carefully choosing the opportunities that will also keep our Individuals safe during these unprecedented times that we are in.

We also are continuing to assist Individuals in getting the Covid vaccination. If you have any questions, feel free to call the Arkay Administration Office at 734-284-2929.

You can also check us out on our Arkay Facebook page to see the great things that all Arkay locations are doing!

Happy Spring! Stay safe!

Your Business Development Team:
Kyra, Kim, Mark, Megan, Tammy & Ken

**Psssssst its someone's
Birthday! Please wish:**

**Stephen Curtis 05/19, Linda
Harter 05/23, Michael Manning
05/09, Tiffani O'Bryant 05/28**

Amanda Witchelhouse 5/10

A Happy Birthday!



We are coming to the month of May & Spring flowers. The birth flower for May is Lily of the Valley also known as the Mayflower. In the language of flowers, it represents the return to happiness. It also denotes purity, joy, good fortune and modesty. By the time May comes around, the spring flowers are blooming, birds are chirping, and life is starting to seem a little more joyful day by day! But as the seasons change from spring to summer, it's the perfect time to review & reflect on how the Pandemic has brought many challenges to Arkay.

As we continue through the pandemic, the future is looking better for all of us due to the vaccine. At this point in time, Arkay has had approximately 45% of our staff receiving the 2nd COVID vaccine. We really would like to get back to normal; however, April has been a challenging month both for Michigan & Arkay. Michigan has seen a rise in COVID cases & Arkay has dealt with COVID among staff & consumers. The past year has transformed nearly every aspect of our world. Seemingly overnight, Zoom has become a popular tool in communications. Meanwhile, our friends, family, colleagues, and communities have had their lives changed in critical ways that promise to have much longer-lasting effects. Living through a global pandemic has driven dramatic shifts in our jobs, eating habits, and even our collective sense of time. Virtually no one has been left untouched after 13 months of such dramatic disruption. A generous dose of empathy and understanding of that truth will make us all stronger as we rebuild and remake our world in the year ahead.

Virtual Skill Building & Supported Employment

Again, if you have a loved one who can't attend in person, Arkay has virtual skill building (VSB) which can really assist your loved one. I want to emphasize VSB because it would be so good for your loved one to interact & learn with others during this time period. We have a great team who has put together a great curriculum for the people we serve. I really think you would enjoy being part of this program. These sessions have been very welcomed by our participants. Our team is very dedicated to helping our consumers to connect with others using technology. Please make note: Arkay has received funding to work on a new curriculum for our consumers.

Coffee

What's new at Arkay is COFFEE. Almost everyone drinks coffee to a certain degree. Most folks buy coffee usually at a retailer. Why not buy the Arkay Brand Coffee? Arkay Inc. is proud to announce our partnership with Charity Roaster. Arkay is now able to provide you and your loved ones with delicious bags of coffee available in an assortment of flavors. All proceeds go toward furthering Arkay's mission to service the developmentally disabled and to support our consumers. This is Arkay Brand Coffee. Pre-order Today by Calling (734) 284-2929.

<https://www.miarkay.org/arkay-coffee>

Lastly, consider setting aside part of your budget to support the work of Arkay with a tax-deductible charitable donation. We've simplified the donation procedure, allowing supporters to donate online or by mail. Visit www.miarkay.org to make a gift using a credit card or send a check to Arkay. Every gift matters. We thank you in advance for responding to this need.

Very Sincerely,

Kevin McGuckin Arkay CEO



UNITY MAY 2021 ACTIVITY CALENDAR

SU N.	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT.
						01
040 2	03 Hygiene Class Hygiene skills, Cleanliness Free	04 May the 4th be with you (Star Wars Day) Pop Culture, Trivia Free	05 Cinco De Mayo Party Heritage lessons, social skills \$7 (lunch included)	06 Outing of Choice Community Integration, Public Safety Free	07 Working With Money Money Handling, Math Skills Free	08
09	10 Nature Walk Exercise, Nature Facts Free	11 Outdoor Exercise Building Stamina, Health and Wellness Free	12 Pizza BINGO Number/Letter Recognition, Listening Skills \$7 (lunch included)	13 Outdoor Games Team Building, Exercise Free	14 Ice Cream Social Social Skills, Kitchen Safety \$3	15
16	17 Game Tournament Social Skills, Taking Turns (Free)	18 Tie-Dye Creative Freedom, Following Directions \$8	19 Public Safety Class Safety Skills, Listening Skills Free	20 Outing of Choice Community Integration, Public Safety Free	21 PJ Movie Day Social Skills, Pop Culture \$2 (snack included)	22
23	24 Dairy Queen Money Handling, Decision Making \$5 31 Closed in Observance of Memorial Day	25 Picnic in the Park Nature Facts, Public Safety Free (Bring lunch that doesn't need heating)	26 Pizza BINGO Number/Letter Recognition, Listening Skills \$7 (lunch included)	27 Baking Class Kitchen Safety, Hygiene Skills \$2 (snack included)	28 Memorial Day/Birthday Celebration \$7 (lunch included)	29

***Items listed on the calendar do not include regular daily activities. *The activities may change without notice.**



UNITY MAY 2021 ACTIVITY CHECKLIST

Name: _____

Activity:	Price:	What activities would you like to participate in?
05/05: Cinco De Mayo Party (lunch included)	\$7.00	
05/12: Pizza BINGO (lunch included)	\$7.00	
05/14: Ice Cream Social	\$3.00	
05/18: Tie Dye	\$8.00	
05/21: PJ Movie Day (snack included)	\$2.00	
05/24: Dairy Queen	\$5.00	
05/26: Pizza BINGO (lunch included)	\$7.00	
05/27: Baking Class (snack included)	\$2.00	
05/28: Memorial Day/Birthday Celebration (lunch included)	\$7.00	

Amount enclosed:

Take from account:

