

OUT & ABOUT



TOGETHER

with Cuyahoga DD Community Partners

Access & Physical Space, Arts & Culture,
Recreation and Library Grant Winners

Dear Friend of Cuyahoga DD:

Cuyahoga DD supports and empowers people with developmental disabilities to live, learn, work, and play in the community.

We think that our community should be accessible and welcoming to people of all abilities, so everyone can participate the way they want.

We work to increase the number of accessible, adaptive, and inclusive places to go and things to do in Cuyahoga County.

We partner with recreation providers, arts and culture organizations, and libraries across the county to make their programs and physical spaces inclusive of people of all abilities.

This year, we introduced a new Access and Physical Space grant to help organizations change their spaces to be more accessible.

The programs and places in this catalog meet or are in the process of meeting Cuyahoga DD's ALL Means ALL standards for accessibility and inclusion. (See ALL means ALL standards inside.)

The organizations listed received financial support from Cuyahoga DD and are committed to helping us make Cuyahoga County a more accessible and inclusive community.

We look forward to seeing you out in the community taking advantage of these wonderful opportunities, TOGETHER!

Sincerely,

Amber C Gibbs

Amber C. Gibbs, Ed.D
Superintendent and CEO



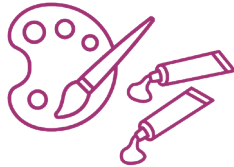
The photos in this booklet were provided by the organizations listed, unless otherwise noted.

ACCESS AND PHYSICAL SPACE



BAYARTS

28795 Lake Road
Bay Village 44140



BayArts.net
info@bayarts.net
440-871-6543

Offers high quality visual arts education for preschoolers to adults and free arts-based community events.

BECK CENTER FOR THE ARTS

17801 Detroit Avenue
Lakewood 44107

BeckCenter.org
info@beckcenter.org
216-521-2540

Provides arts experiences in dance, music, theater and visual arts for all ability levels and ages. Programs impact the lives of all ages—from early childhood to older adults, including those with disabilities—to develop important life and arts skills. *Photo by Wetzler Photography*



INDEPENDENCE RECREATION CENTER

6363 Selig Drive
Independence 44131

IndependenceOhio.org
wotowiecj@independenceohio.org
216-524-3262



Serves all age groups. Offers a wide range of activities including adaptive-inclusive programming. The center is always looking at ways to improve access to its physical space and programs.

LAKE ERIE NATURE AND SCIENCE CENTER

28728 Wolf Road
Bay Village 44140

Lensc.org
info@lensc.org
440-871-2900

Educates and inspires each of us to understand, appreciate, and take responsibility for the natural world.

Offers a unique combination of resources including live animal exhibits, wildlife rehabilitation services, a public access planetarium, and nature-based education programs.



THE CLEVELAND ORCHESTRA

Severance Music Center
11001 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland 44106

ClevelandOrchestra.com
boxoffice@clevelandorchestra.com
216-231-7300



Serves Northeast Ohio with world-class performances.

Inspires PreK-12 students with transformational school programs.

Reaches new audiences through innovative programs to expand accessibility and inclusion.

Engages and partners in community events. Offers digital programs.



NATURE CENTER AT SHAKER LAKES

2600 S Park Blvd.
Cleveland 44120

ShakerLakes.org
info@shakerlakes.org
216-321-5935

Conserves a natural area, connects people with nature, and inspires environmental stewardship.

Visitors spend time at the Nature Center each year, using the trails and paths.

PARMA AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY STEARNS HOMESTEAD

6975 Ridge Road
Parma 44129

StearnsHomestead.com
stearnshomestead@gmail.com
440-558-7212

A 48-acre historic and educational farm offering self-guided tours and farmhand-led group tours.

The property has two historic homes, a barn, and a variety of domestic farm animals.



SOLON RECREATION DEPARTMENT

35000 Port Parkway
Solon 44139

SolonOhio.org
440-248-5745



Provides recreation and fitness programs to people of all ages and abilities.

There is a large community center with two pools, gym, fitness center, climbing wall, aerobics rooms, banquet facilities, some of which require membership to use.

They manage numerous parks and city-wide special events.

UNIVERSITY CIRCLE INC.

10831 Magnolia Drive
Cleveland 44106

UniversityCircle.org
216-791-3900

Works to ensure the University Circle neighborhood and its attractions are welcoming to all people.

They produce numerous events and activate outdoor space to help build a sense of community and belonging to all those that live, work and visit.

ARTS AND CULTURE



ART OF ME PRODUCTIONS

16781 Chagrin Blvd, Ste. 184
Shaker Heights 44120

ArtofMe.org
info@artofme.org
216-282-7799

Works with youth and adults to create stories that challenge social norms.

Stories are aligned with study guides and distributed to schools and virtual outlets such as podcasts, digital magazines and film festivals.

Each year one story is made into a movie by local filmmakers for the world to see.

ARTFUL CLEVELAND

2843 Washington Blvd.
Cleveland Hts. 44118

ArtfulCleveland.org
contact@artfulcleveland.org

Establishes and nurtures affordable space that supports and educates artists in their work while making creativity and inspiration more accessible to the community at large.

Provides an inclusive, accessible and supportive environment for sharing experiences and knowledge.



BEREA ARTS FEST INC.

31 East Bridge Street, Suite 202
Berea 44017

BereaArtsFest.org
440-891-1102



Celebrating 34 years, Berea Arts Fest is a free one-day fully volunteer organized arts festival that attracts more than 10,000 guests.

The Berea Arts Fest promotes artists and the sale of their art, highlights diverse performers, and provides community engagement in the arts and appreciation of all forms of artistic expression.

BROADWAY SCHOOL OF MUSIC & THE ARTS

5415 Broadway Avenue
Cleveland 44127

BroadwaySchool.org
registrar@broadwayschool.org
216-641-0630

Enriches lives by providing access to high-quality, diverse arts and music instruction and programming.

Like other members of the National Guild for Community Arts Education, they provide these services to all, regardless of age, race, religion, level of ability, or financial means.





FUTURE INK GRAPHICS (FIG)

2937 W. 25th Street
Cleveland 44113

FutureInkGraphics.com
fig@futureinkgraphics.com
216-417-2523

Fosters the development and advancement of Cleveland designers, artists and youth, bringing economic opportunities and arts education.

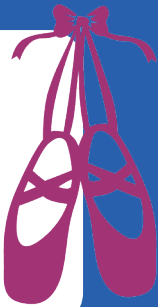
Programs are open to people in the Clark-Fulton neighborhood and the Greater Cleveland community.

NORTH POINTE BALLET

593 W. Bagley Road
Berea 44017

NorthPointeBallet.org
info@northpointeballet.org
440-973-4830

Works to make classical ballet accessible to everyone in our community by providing high-quality, professional ballet experiences to Northeast Ohio through performances and initiatives that are inclusive of audiences and performers of all abilities.



NPOWER SERVICES/ROCKABILITY

Locations around Cuyahoga County

NpowerServices.com
lori@npowerservices.com
440-479-1244

Offers music opportunities for people with disabilities to play alongside neurotypical musicians all over northeast Ohio.

Hosts weekly rehearsals and play 10-12 full band concerts per year, plus small ensembles go out for special appearances.

Demonstrates diversity in action.



OH SEW POWERFUL, INC.

Locations around Cuyahoga County

OhSewPowerful.org
info@ohsewpowerful.org
216-926-3391

Provides free hands-on programs of creating, sewing and crafting.

TALESPINNER CHILDREN'S THEATRE

1305 W. 80th Street Suite 214
Cleveland 44112



TalespinnerCle.org
admin@talespinnercle.org
216-264-9680

Offers productions, classes, workshops, camps and other performance and educational opportunities for young audiences and families.

Features a performance troupe for adults with developmental disabilities. Troupe members enjoy training and performing, plus access, engagement, and opportunity in the Cleveland theatre community.

THE DANCING WHEELS COMPANY AND SCHOOL

3030 Euclid Avenue, Suite 100
Cleveland 44115

Professional dance company comprised of artists with and without disabilities that travels the globe entertaining and enlightening audiences about inclusive dance.

Offers weekly in-studio classes and outreach programming in the community.

DancingWheels.org
info@dancingwheels.org
216-432-0306



THE LGBT COMMUNITY CENTER OF GREATER CLEVELAND

6705 Detroit Avenue
Cleveland 44102

Works to enrich the lives of greater Cleveland's LGBTQ+ community through advocacy, support, education and celebration.

LGBTCleveland.org
216-651-5428

VALLEY ART CENTER

155 Bell Street
Chagrin Falls 44022

Community art center with a mission of enriching and inspiring the community through visual art education, exhibitions, events and partnerships.

ValleyArtCenter.org
director@valleyartcenter.org
440-247-7507



Cuyahoga DD's ALL means ALL standards include:

- A simple process to register/order
- A visible inclusion or accommodation statement
- Customer service training on disability awareness and inclusion
- Universally accessible physical space and environment
- A strong interest in hiring people with developmental disabilities (or, they already hire people with DD)



Visit CuyahogaBDD.org/ORG to learn more and to find inclusive and accessible places, jobs and events.



RECREATION



BEDFORD PARKS AND RECREATION

124 Ellenwood Avenue
Bedford 44146

Bedfordoh.gov/departments/parks-recreation
recreation@bedfordoh.gov
440-735-6570

Serves residents and surrounding communities through enrichment programs, sports and fitness, human services, parks and recreational facilities, senior transportation, food pantry and special events **for families**.

CLEVELAND METROPARKS

Locations around Cuyahoga County

ClevelandMetroparks.com/InclusivePrograms
216-341-1704

Offers opportunities for people of all abilities to explore 18 reservations including trails, golf courses, nature centers, outdoor recreation programs and Cleveland Metroparks Zoo.

The Outdoor Recreation division offers paddlesports, cycling, climbing, backpacking, fishing, adaptive recreation, winter sports & more that promote a deeper connection with nature for people of all abilities.

Trained staff and equipment adaptations help make most programs accessible to anyone who would like to participate.



EMPOWER SPORTS

Locations around Cuyahoga County

EmpowerSports.org
tom@empowersports.org
216-400-8598

Offers inclusive sports and exercise programming for people with disabilities, including basketball, softball, soccer, flag football, pickleball, golf, and exercise classes.

All activities take place at several locations around Cuyahoga County.

JACOB'S LADDER SPECIAL NEEDS FITNESS

Locations around Cuyahoga County

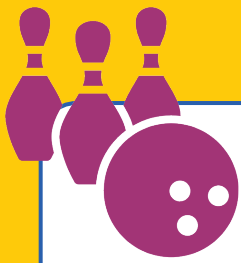
JacobsLadderFitness.com
tdorazio@att.net
440-225-2365



Provides regular fitness activities for the disability community.

Focuses on building strength and flexibility through a variety of regular and adaptive exercises using battle ropes, resistance bands, weighted balls, step hurdles and other equipment.

Offers periodic boxing classes.



REC2CONNECT

Locations around Cuyahoga County

Rec2Connect.org
admin@rec2connect.org
330-703-9001

Dedicated to developing life-long skills, promoting access to recreation, and increasing community inclusion for people with and without disabilities and their families to enhance their quality of life.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS OHIO

Locations around Cuyahoga County

Sooh.org
614-239-7050

Promotes inclusion through sports, health education, and leadership programs that empower people with intellectual disabilities.

Provides free sports training and competition for athletes and offers everyone the opportunity to develop physical fitness and experience joy!

YMCA OF GREATER CLEVELAND

1301 East 9th Street
Cleveland 44114

ClevelandYMCA.org
membershipdepartment@clevelandymca.org
216-781-1337

The YMCA is for all. It welcomes people of all ages, ethnic origins, religious affiliations, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic levels.

YMCA pillars are Healthy Living, Youth Development, and Social Responsibility.

Offers health and wellness facilities and youth programs.



YOUTH CHALLENGE

800 Sharon Drive
Westlake 44145

YouthChallengeSports.com
yc@youthchallengesports.com
440-892-1001

Brings together those with physical disabilities and peer volunteers for adapted sports, art, recreation, and life-skills programming.

Programs offer an outlet for exercise, artistic expression, educational experiences, and social interaction among peers.



LIBRARIES

Local libraries are partnering with Cuyahoga DD to host programs and help spread the message that we are more alike than different.

Cuyahoga DD Library Facilitators co-lead programs with library staff.

Library Facilitators are people with developmental disabilities who use their talents in a leadership role, gain work experience and earn income (provided by Cuyahoga DD).

We are working to create a more inclusive community, TOGETHER.

You can go to any library and get a library card if you have a valid State of Ohio identification. Use your library card to borrow new books, CDs, DVDs, e-books, audio books, search databases (including newspapers, magazines) and much more!



CLEVELAND HEIGHTS-UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Four locations in Cleveland and University Heights

Heights Libraries is a four-branch, independent public library system serving Cleveland Heights, University Heights, and surrounding communities.

Offers free programs for all ages, plus technology services like free access to WiFi, public computers, technology support, and classes.

HeightsLibrary.org
216-932-3600



WESTLAKE PORTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

27333 Center Ridge Road
Westlake 44145

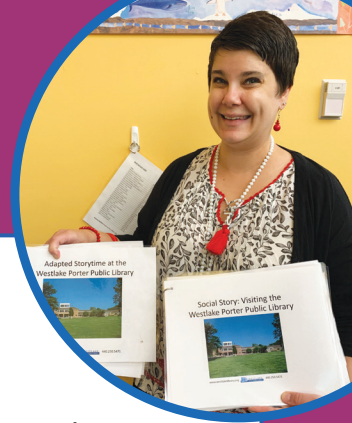
Independent public library serving the residents of the city of Westlake, western Cuyahoga County and eastern Lorain County.

Provides an inclusive environment that fosters learning, community growth, and connection in an ever-changing world.

WestlakeLibrary.org
440-871-2600



CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY - CCPL



CCPL - SOLON BRANCH

34125 Portz Parkway
Solon 44139

CuyahogaLibrary.org
440-248-8777

Offers community meeting space, programs, events, public computer stations and dedicated areas for children and teens.

Located near Solon Community Park.

Cuyahoga County Public Library provides opportunities for all to read, learn, create and connect.

CCPL - MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS BRANCH

16699 Bagley Road
Middleburg Heights 44130

CuyahogaLibrary.org
440-234-3600



Features public meeting rooms, a special sensory-friendly children's area, quiet study rooms and a full-service drive-up window.

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CCPL - PARMA SNOW BRANCH

2121 Snow Road
Parma 44134

CuyahogaLibrary.org
216-661-4240

Features the Sari Feldman Auditorium, a flexible venue for theater groups, recitals, concerts, meetings, presentations and other events.

It is also a Greater Cleveland Food Bank Kids Café location.

They have a full-service drive-up window and an Innovation Center with 3D printing, large format printing and equipment for home-based arts and crafts businesses.

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All three CCPL branches are volunteer partners and did not receive funds to work with Cuyahoga DD Library Facilitators.





C U Y A H O G A C O U N T Y
Board of Developmental Disabilities

1275 Lakeside Avenue East
Cleveland, OH 44114-1129

216-241-8230

www.CuyahogaBDD.org

Supporting and empowering people with developmental disabilities to live, learn, work and play in the community.

The organizations listed in this booklet received financial support through Cuyahoga DD's 2024 grant program and are dedicated to creating a more accessible and inclusive community for all!

Cuyahoga DD grant winners offer something for everyone. We are proud to partner with new programs and others that have been around for many years.

Our community is better when everyone has a chance to shine, **TOGETHER!**



To find more places to go and things to do check out Cuyahoga DD's Online Resource Guide of inclusive and accessible places, jobs and events.

Visit CuyahogaBDD.org/ORG or scan the QR code.



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