



Community Connections Newsletter

Activities and opportunities to help you gain friendships, grow independence and be included in your community!

Learn & Serve

Bring Payment Activities

Free Activities

Special Olympics Activities

Please note the change to our color key, as we work to improve digital accessibility and readability for our documents.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Please join us in congratulating Community Connections Manager **Patrick Kilbane** on being nominated for the Special Olympics Local Coordinator of The Year Award by Special Olympics Ohio. Patrick was nominated by Regional Coordinator Paul Fellingner for his collaboration and efforts to work with other counties to increase efficiencies and opportunities for all athletes.

Please also join us in congratulating **Lindy Schaffnit** on being promoted to Community Connections Facilitator-Special Olympics & Aktion Club from her previous position as Community Awareness & Opportunities Administrative Assistant. Lindy has been filling in as a facilitator for 2 years as we worked to fill vacant positions, and she did such an amazing job we didn't want her to stop doing the work. As a CCF, Lindy is focused on Special Olympics and Aktion Club activities. We are thankful for Patrick and Lindy and are so glad they are on our team!

Activity Information: Dec. 2025-March 2026

Please note the lower amount of activities offered in this month is due to **increased Special Olympics** demand. We recently started Basketball season with 3 teams, plus Cheerleading, and we also began our Swim season with a significant increase in athletes. Our Community Connections Team will be busy over the next several months running practices and games and supporting swimmers at tournaments, with the support of our amazing volunteers.

We will still host popular activities that give everyone a chance to grow friendships, independence and inclusion in our community! For fun ideas of activities to do on your own with family, friends or providers, check out ThisLocalLife.com.

Date	Event	Time
Tuesday, December 2	Bingo Night Come play a fun game of Bingo with friends and win prizes at MCBDD.	5:30-7:00pm
Tuesday, December 2	Game Night Join us to play a variety of online and board games at MCBDD.	7:00-8:30pm
Thursday, December 4	Magic vs. Champaign Co. HOME Basketball Game (Division 5)	6:00-7:00pm
Friday, December 5	Karaoke Night Join us for a fun night of singing and being with your friends at MCBDD.	4:30-6:30pm
Tuesday, December 9	Aktion Club We will wrap the gifts for the Giving Tree recipients we shopped for. Meet at MCBDD.	9:30-11:30am
Tuesday, December 9	Karaoke Night Join us for a fun night of singing and being with your friends at MCBDD.	5:00-6:30pm
Tuesday, December 9	Bingo Night Come play a fun game of Bingo with friends and win prizes at MCBDD.	6:30-8:00pm
Wednesday, December 10	Cooking A-Z Learn to cook a delicious meal after shopping, picking out ingredients, then returning to MCBDD to follow a simple recipe using the microwave. The group will vote on what meal they want to cook. We will also make holiday cookies. Take your leftovers and the recipe home to try again later. Bring \$20 for ingredients. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 4.	4:30-7:00pm
Wednesday, December 10	Open Gym Pickup Basketball Come play basketball with friends in the MCBDD gym.	7:00-8:30pm
Thursday, December 11	Sensory Friendly Movie at Wayne Theatre in Greenville Enjoy watching Zootopia 2 on the big screen with friends. Bring \$8 for tickets and extra money to purchase snacks. Movie starts at 10:15am. Van leaves MCBDD at 9:15am. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 8.	9:30am-12:30pm
Friday, December 12	Karaoke Night Join us for a fun night of singing and being with your friends at MCBDD.	4:30-6:30pm
Friday, December 12	Bowling and Dinner at Troy Bowl Have fun bowling and eating dinner with friends. Bring \$30 for dinner while bowling. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 8.	6:30-9:30PM
Monday, December 15	Adventures in Advocacy Learn how to stay safe and avoid exploitation and misappropriation. Meet at MCBDD.	10:00-11:00am
Monday, December 15	Magic vs. Darke Co. HOME Basketball Game (Division 5)	6:30-7:30pm
Tuesday, December 16	Game Night Join us to play a variety of online and board games at MCBDD.	5:30-7:00pm

Tuesday, December 16	Karaoke Night Join us for a fun night of singing and being with your friends at MCBDD.	7:00-8:30pm
Wednesday, December 17	Cooking A-Z Learn to cook a delicious meal after shopping, picking out ingredients, then returning to MCBDD to follow a simple recipe using the microwave. The group will vote on what meal they want to cook. We will also make holiday cookies. Take your leftovers and the recipe home to try again later. Bring \$20 for ingredients. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 4.	4:30-7:00pm
Wednesday, December 17	Open Gym Pickup Basketball Come play basketball with friends in the MCBDD gym.	7:00-8:30pm
Friday, December 19	Winter Holiday Dance Come out to the MCBDD gym and dance with friends and get into the holiday spirit.	5:30-7:30pm
Saturday, December 20	Dinner and Christmas Lights with Santa Enjoy eating dinner with friends and seeing the pretty Christmas lights in Eaton. Bring \$40 for dinner and a donation for the Christmas lights. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. LIMIT 8.	5:00-9:30PM
Monday, December 22	Magic vs. Madison Co. HOME Basketball Game (Division 3)	6:00-7:00pm
Tuesday, December 23	Dinner & Movie Enjoy dinner and movie with friends. Bring at least \$45 for dinner and movie tickets. Car leaves at 4:30pm and will return around 10:00pm. LIMIT 8 PEOPLE OR MEET THERE WITH PROPER SUPPORT.	5:00-10:00pm
Monday, December 29	Magic vs. Pickerington Co. HOME Basketball Games (Games at 6:15 & 7:30)	6:15-8:30pm
Monday, December 15	Magic vs. Montgomery Co. HOME Basketball Games (Games at 6:30 & 7:30)	6:30-7:30pm
Tuesday, December 30	Dinner & Movie Enjoy dinner and movie with friends. Bring at least \$45 for dinner and movie tickets. Car leaves at 4:30pm and will return around 10:00pm. LIMIT 8 PEOPLE OR MEET THERE WITH PROPER SUPPORT.	5:00-10:00pm

A Note About Supervision Levels In Our Activities

To ensure that everyone can fully participate and benefit from Community Connections activities, it's important to note that participants need to be able to complete certain tasks independently. This may include being alone in the community for brief periods of time (i.e. staff need to assist someone else with finding the restroom or making a purchase at concessions), following instructions, managing personal funds and belongings, interacting with others, seeking help when needed, using the restroom, navigating through public spaces, purchasing items with minimal assistance in the community, and ordering and eating food at local businesses. If the participant requires additional support with these tasks, please have a caregiver or provider accompany them. This will help ensure they have the best experience possible. Community activities typically take place with a ratio of 1 staff to 4 people served. Activities taking place at MCBDD may have a ratio of 1 staff to 15 people served. If you have any questions or need further clarification, please contact Patrick Kilbane.

How to Register for Activities:

1 - Contact us at cc@miamicountydd.org (PREFERRED) or 937-440-3014 and leave a message. Only contact once. Do not email AND call as it slows down our processing time.

2 - Wait for an email or call confirming your activities.

You MUST call to cancel if you cannot make it to a "Bring Payment," limited registration activity that you are confirmed to attend. We often have a waiting list for events and activities. Too many no-call/no-show activities risks your ability to register for future events.

MCBDD Code of Conduct

Participation in MCBDD's Community Connections and Special Olympics activities are a privilege, not a right. Those who participate in any activity are expected to follow our Code of Conduct (below), aimed at ensuring a safe, healthy and enjoyable environment for all.

- I will exhibit agency core values of Respect, Integrity, Teamwork and Accountability while engaging in MCBDD programs.
- I will respect the dignity of all.
- I will act in ways that bring respect to me, MCBDD staff, volunteers and my peers.
- I will practice good sportsmanship.
- I will not use bad language.
- I will not swear or insult other people.
- I will not fight with anyone.
- I will not attempt to intimidate, manipulate, harass or fight with others.
- I will not make inappropriate or unwanted physical, verbal or sexual advances toward others.
- I will not misuse or attempt to damage MCBDD property or equipment.
- I will display appropriate behaviors at all times.
- I will not have a firearm, knife or other dangerous object on my person.
- I will report any illegal or unethical behavior observed during a program to MCBDD staff.
- I will hold myself accountable for my actions.
- I will not willfully interfere with, disrupt or prevent the orderly conduct of any supervised program being conducted by MCBDD staff or volunteers.
- I will obey all laws and MCBDD and Special Olympics rules.

Those who fail to follow the Code of Conduct while attending a MCBDD event will be subject to disciplinary action, which could include: verbal warning, written warning, immediate ejection and/or suspension based on the severity of the offense.