



JULY 2026



Welcome to the new all-Arkay newsletter!

Mission Statement: To empower individuals with intellectual and other disabilities to achieve sustainable independence through personalized support, meaningful employment opportunities, and active participation in their communities

Vision Statement: Arkay will be a leading provider of innovative, evidence-based services that advance dignity, independence, and full community inclusion for individuals with intellectual and other disabilities.



*** Crossings, Unity, and Oakland will be CLOSED
7/3/26 AND 7/31/26 ***

Exciting news!

Arkay has secured a new home. We are in the process of purchasing a building in Wyandotte, just north of downtown, which will serve as our new headquarters and house the Crossings program.

We are currently evaluating future plans for the existing Crossings and Unity properties.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

Staff Updates and Moves

Welcome to the new members of the team: Lauren, Marla, Keisha, Kris, Mikala, Carson, and Jason

🎉 Congratulations on your promotion 🥳

Assistant Program Manager at Java Junction- James M.

Job Coach II- Taquilla, Don, Dameka, Ann

Skill Building Supervisors- Ishah, Kolondra, Kim G

● Arkay is hiring! Applicants can contact Kim G at (734) 284-2929 ●

Program Updates

Crossings, Unity, and Oakland will be closed Friday 7/3/26 and Friday 7/31/26 for an all-staff meeting. (Java Junction will remain open both days.)

We are continuously working to improve our skill-building activities to promote growth, learning, and new experiences. Our participants have been having fun learning new things together as a team alongside our dedicated skill-building specialists, previously known as job coaches.

Many of our facility-based activities will now be donation based. (see letter)

Champions Brownstown lunch/dinner Fundraiser will be 7/22/26! (see flyer)

On July 23rd, Unity Participants will be going to Tiffany's Pizza to make pizzas from scratch. Unity will have a visit from Flat Rock police and Fire Department July 24th for First Responders Day.

Check out your activities calendar for more fun activities happening this month.

★ The 2nd Annual ARKAY CARNIVAL is coming up July 17th ★

This event is FREE for participants and (1) guest!

All activities will take place at the Unity location; Crossings will be CLOSED.

Donations are greatly appreciated.

Java Junction

We will be OPEN 7/3/26 & closed Saturday 7/4/26.

Prices for "Lunch at Java" days and employee meals have changed (see flyer).

Several local businesses have added us to their lunch order rotation.

Let us make lunch for your next meeting or small event. (734) 301-3738

Stop in and see us for new fresh baked goods. Check out our paintings made by The Arc Downriver and Arkay Participants. 🍷

Employment Services

Maryann has shifted positions from Java Junction back to the Employment Services team. She'll be helping participants run their micro-businesses and using her skills to guide them through outdoor supported employment opportunities like gardening and yard work. 🌸

Any participant who is interested in working with Arkay or at an employer paid job should have a benefits analysis done before seeking employment. Please contact Kyra and Kim M for more information.

(734) 258-8966

Take a look at the "Working Wednesdays" feature on our Facebook for stories of Arkay employment success.

REMINDERS:

IMPORTANT: program hours are now 8am-230pm
Please plan drop-offs and pick-ups accordingly
so that we are able to plan for everyone to enjoy activities.

Lunch and Weather

Ice packs or frozen drinks are required for packed lunches.

Food will spoil quickly without them.

Please remember, we do not have access to microwaves while out in the community.

Be prepared for various weather conditions-

You may need a sweater 🧥 umbrella ☔ sunscreen 🧴 etc.

July is going to bring HOT weather. Please use caution and stay cool.

💧 Stay hydrated...Don't forget your water bottle! 💧

One on One Assistance

1:1 job coaching depends on staff availability. While we strive for consistent support, staffing or scheduling issues may affect service.

If changes or disruptions occur, we will notify you as soon as possible and share next steps.

Donations

The upcoming Arkay Carnival is FREE to all Arkay Participants.

However, we need YOUR HELP to make it a success!

We are seeking monetary donations and donations of items for prizes.

Please contact Monica at (734) 782-3999 if you can help.

An Amazon wish list is now available.

Click the link on our website or scan here :



All programs are happy to accept items like crafts, party tablecloths, and items for our Christmas raffle baskets throughout the year.

You can donate money to Arkay by scanning this QR code with your phone:



THANK
YOU

Our pizza fundraiser is happening now : 7/1 -7/31!

(Order forms and flyer attached)



Little Caesars
Fundraising



Crossings:

Damika Ballard 7/13, Shantel Caldwell 7/6,
Boushra Khaireddine 7/20, Kari Meininger 7/25,
Maria Meza 7/30, Porchia Coleman 7/21,
Steven Dalton 7/16, Lee Ann Heasley 7/29, Devin Hussey- 7/5,
Ivory Johnson 7/25, Theresa Krejci 7/15, Tracy Labadie 7/5,
Lori Lorimer 7/16, Alexis Lyon 7/22, Chelsea Speagle 7/31,
Dekjana Veizaj 7/28

Unity:

Carson H 7/14, Tammy G 7/26, Dwayne S. 7/02,
Karen R. 7/02, Darshankumar P. 7/05, Dominic G. 7/06,
Kelly R. 7/07, Christopher D. 7/10, Curtis T. 7/10,
Mohamad B. 7/18, Nicolas C. 7/19, Michael T. 7/27,
Todd S. 7/28

Oakland:

Tyleshia 7/17
Roderick 7/12



Megan Garcia 7/19/2011 & Emmanuel Edeani 7/14/2021
from Crossings

Thank you for your years of dedication!



New Arkay Meal Pricing

1 Hotdog- \$7

2 Hotdogs- \$9

Sandwich or Salad- \$10

Each meal includes
chips and a pop

*Prices are for Arkay participants
and employees only



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15221 Eureka Rd., Southgate, MI 48195 (734) 282-8055 / (734) 282-7986 FAX

We want to share our plan for activities and costs so things are clear.

This is a simplified version of the letter that recently went home to families and caregivers:

Activities at Our Building

Activities that take place inside our building will now be free.

Arkay will pay for the supplies needed for activities like crafts and parties.

Sometimes, if an activity costs a lot, we may need to limit how many people can join.

Please continue to fill out the monthly activity sheet and turn it in so we can get an accurate count.

Activities in the Community

For trips outside our building (community outings, lunch, movies, etc.) families will pay the costs.

We will always tell you ahead of time about the trip and how much it will cost.

Be sure to turn in your activity sheet early in the month so we are able to plan.

Donations

Donations are always appreciated!

If you want to help, you can give money or supplies for activities. This helps us do more fun things.

No one is required to make a donation. We are thankful for any help.

Our newsletter, website, and facebook page will keep sharing updates about activities, costs, and supplies needed.

If you have questions, please call or email us.

The Arkay Leadership Team



You are invited

to the 2nd annual

Arkay
Incorporated

Free!

Carnival at Unity Flatrock

Friday July 17, 2026

Music - Games - Dunk Tank - Prizes - Food

For Arkay participants & 1 guest

Drop off & Pick up at Unity

All day activity: 8am - 2pm

Drop off and pick up- 27600 Hall Road, Flatrock
The Crossings location will be **CLOSED** 7/17/26

If you have not already turned in this sheet, please give it to your program director
by Friday 7/10/26.



Arkay's Carnival is happening Friday, July 17th !

This will be an all-day activity at the Flatrock location.

Games, prizes, and lunch provided.

FREE for all Arkay participants and 1 guest.

Please return this paper as soon as possible.

☐ Yes, _____ will attend

☐ participant will be bringing 1 guest

I would like to donate: _____

Check out our Amazon Wish List for donations →



The weather is getting
warmer...

July will have weather in the
90's !

Remember your
water Bottle & Ice
pack



STAY HYDRATED AND COOL

Fundraiser Date:

7/1/26-7/31/26

Fundraiser ID: 50696

Delivery Date:

8/17/26



Ask your friends & family if they would like to purchase Pizza Kits, Meal Deal Codes, or Cookies!

Each purchase donates \$6
to Arkay Incorporated.

Clickable links to order online will be available on the
Arkay website and Facebook.

Contact Amanda with questions: (734) 282-8055



Little Caesars®
Fundraising



FUNDRAISER

WEDNESDAY JULY 22, 2026



2212 SIBLEY RD. BROWNSTOWN

(734) 284-7000

11AM-9PM

Mention "Arkay"
when you order in or take out
to have a portion of your bill donated
to our organization!

Stay up to date-

Follow Arkay & Java Junction



www.facebook.com/miarkay.org
www.facebook.com/JavaByArkay

Check the website!



www.miarkay.org

Contacts:

Administration Office

15221 Eureka Road
Southgate, MI 48195
(734) 284-2929
Fax: (734) 281-3921

Java Junction

2230 West Road
Trenton, MI
(734) 301-3738

Unity (Wayne/Monroe County)

27600 Hall Road
Flatrock, MI 48134
(734) 782-3999
Fax: (734) 782-3110

Crossings (Wayne County)

(734) 282-8055
Fax: (734) 282-7986

Employment Services

(734) 258-8966

Oakland (Oakland County)

19990 Farmington Road
Livonia, MI 48152
(248) 474-9973
Fax: (248) 474-4581



Leadership Team:

CEO: Edward Steinberger
VP of Operations: Alics Dillard
Director of Quality: Cherie Stangis

Program Managers:

Crossings- Kierra Jones
Unity- Monica Martinez
Oakland- Tiffany Jenkins

Case Coordinators:

Crossings-
Amanda Barnum (A-Ed)
Tammy Affholter (Ex - L)
Lashay Hurn (M - R)
Boushra Khaireddine (S -Z)

Unity- Tammy Gaetner & Maria Garza

Oakland- Jamie Pike

Employment Services- Kyra, Kim, Mark,
Ken, Veronica, Toni, Caryn, Ron, Maryann



The Staff That Proudly Serves Our Individuals:

Damika Ballard, Nichole Barry, Sade Jackson,
Suane Thomas, Shantel Caldwell, Laura Lichy,
Kianna Wimberly, Dawn Palumbo, Don Cisco,
Terry Prickett, Emmanuel Edeani,
Michael Iwuagwu, Katie Sprinkles, Ishah Aranda, Leslie
Cook, James Medaris, Windie Underwood, Brenda Capps,
Kris Kirk, Keisha Drake, Jason Walloot

Madina Gunn, Taquilla Irvin, Allen Smith,
Nichole Lucas, Mikala Dugeo, Kolondra Holloway



Kimberly Gardner, Lisa Green, Dea Laitis,
Kendra Ringger, Riara Bell, Ann Kisandi,
Barbara Greenhill, Sarah Lynch, Dennesa Girvin,
Carissma Hurn, Carson Huddleston,
Marla Peltier