

**ARKAY UNITY**

***March 2022 Newsletter***



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**“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.”**



**Just a  
Friendly  
Reminder**

**Please remember we go out in the community daily so please do not bring anything that needs to be heated in your lunches. We do not have access to a microwave when out in the community. Also, please make sure that your consumers have an ice pack in their lunches to keep them cold. Thank You.**



## Bowling League is starting Again!!

Bowling will start on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and will run for 14 weeks. We will be bowling at Skore Lanes in Taylor, MI. Last day to sign up is March 16<sup>th</sup>. If you do not sign up by the due date, you will only be a substitute and will not be included in the banquet. All weeks must be paid even if you are absent.

Once you sign up, you are owing even if you are absent.

Cost: \$5.00 a week or \$70.00 in total

Bowling shoes will be included in league price.

The bowling banquet will follow the end of the league.

Any questions please contact Amanda or Tina at (734) 282-8055

Or

Amanda Barnum at

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***HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE WONDERFUL CONSUMERS!!!!***

**Michael O. 3/13, Susanne S. 3/8, Victor W. 3/5**

## BUSINESS DEVELOPER'S CORNER

As you may have seen on Facebook, Arkay has purchased a building for our Coffee Shop!! We are now working on setting up the building for our coffee shop and purchasing the equipment we need for it. We look forward to employing our Individuals who are enrolled in our program and teaching them new skills! So, keep an eye on our progress at the coffee shop through Facebook! We are currently working with MRS to find jobs for Individuals as we continue to support the Individuals, we serve at Arkay Inc. We are also currently working with Jo-Brighton School to find jobs for Individuals that attend Jo-Brighton.

If you know of an Individual that wants to work, please call the Arkay Business Development office: **734-258-8966**, and we will give you information to have a benefits analysis done so you will know how working will affect their benefits. Also, there is a **virtual Special Needs Trust & Estate Planning presentation on Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 6 -8 pm**. Please check out Arkay's Facebook to get more information.

Arkay Business Development team: Kyra, Kim, Mark, Megan, Tammy and Ken.

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Many of us are looking forward to Spring time when the days get longer, the weather gets warmer, & plants & flowers begin to grow. It's a nice time of the year in that we recognize new life growing again. Arkay is also growing in that we recently assumed a building in Trenton, Michigan. We will use this for a real Coffee Shop that will be run by our wonderful consumers. This will expand our services to the developmentally disabled & the cognitively impaired population. We are really looking forward to this new adventure & will keep you informed.

### Other News

1. MDHHS updates mask guidance as state enters a post-surge recovery phase in the COVID-19 pandemic. Based on current conditions, MDHHS is withdrawing the Public Health Advisory on Masking in Indoor Public Settings, including school settings. Please note that Arkay has not changed our policy on masks & continues to require it. MDHHS will continue to monitor the transmission of COVID-19 closely to assess risk across the state and adjust as conditions change. These changes could include the presence of a new variant that increases the risk to the public, or an increased number of cases that strains the health care system.
2. Michigan is still seeking to integrate behavioral health services by, among other things, creating so-called specialty integrated plans (SIPS). The bill package has been pending on the Senate floor since its passage out of the Senate Government.
3. Parts of a package of bills that seek to address purported fraud in Medicaid, among other things, passed out of the House Families, Children and Seniors Committee on Tuesday, February 22.
4. House Bill 5461 would allow the legislature to approve the waiving of work requirements for food assistance programs. Currently, federal guidelines require the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to approve waivers but the sponsors argue that if the guidelines at the federal level change and deference is given to the states, the legislature would be empowered to approve waivers.
5. House Bill 5464 would codify a current practice whereby MDHHS requires child support cooperation on the part of custodial parents as a condition of eligibility for food assistance through the SNAP unless there is good cause exemption.
6. The House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees continue to meet weekly to hear testimony regarding their respective budgets. The Senate Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee heard testimony this week from the Health Care Association of Michigan, PACE and others in the aging network who discussed the crushing staff losses they are facing. According to those testifying from the nursing home industry, state supports, and policy moves to continue helping the industry will likely be required to keep the industry afloat as it addresses the thousands of vacant positions.

Best Regards,

Kevin

Activity Checklist for March 2022

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Food, Decoration, and/or Monetary donations are welcome for the parties listed.

**\* Please turn in whole, Do not cut\***

Activity:	Price:	1. What activities would you like to participate in? 2. What (if any) donation(s) will you like to make towards a party?
3/1: CHOICE OUTING	FREE	
3/2: TAYLOR LIBRARY	FREE	
3/3: ICE CREAM SOCIAL	\$3.00	
3/4: PETTING FARM	\$5.00	
3/7: BREAKFAST/LUNCH AT IHOP	\$15.00	
3/8: CHOICE OUTING	FREE	
3/9: ARTS & CRAFT DAY	FREE	
3/10: GREEKTOWN CASINO	\$20.00	
3/11: MJR MOVIE THEATER	\$10.00	
3/14: ARTS & CRAFTS DAY	FREE	
3/15: PRIZE PIZZA BINGO	\$5.00	
3/16: ZUMBA CLASS	FREE	
3/17: ST. PATRICK PARTY	\$15.00	
3/18: CHOICE OUTING	FREE	
3/21: KARAOKE CLASS	FREE	
3/22: BOWLING LEAGUE	\$5.00	
3/23: CHOICE OUTING	FREE	
3/24: LUNCH AT GOLDEN CORRALL	\$15.00	
3/25: ZUMBA CLASS	FREE	
3/28: KARAOKE CLASS	FREE	
3/29: BOWLING LEAGUE	\$5.00	
3/30: PRIZE PIZZA BINGO	\$5.00	
3/31: BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION	\$5.00	

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Arkay Unity March 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>NO CHECKS ACCEPTED UNLESS 7 DAYS BEFORE THE EVENT!!!!</b></p>						
		<p>1 CHOICE OUTING: (Community Integration, Nature appreciation, fine motor skills)</p>	<p>2 TAYLOR LIBRARY: (Reading and comprehension, community inclusion, critical thinking skill)</p>	<p>3 ICE CREAM SOCIAL: (Social skills, fine motor skills, team building skills)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$3.00</p>	<p>4 PETTING FARM (Animal appreciation, fine motor skill, socialization skill)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$5.00</p>	5
<p><b>**ITEMS LISTED ON THE CALENDAR DO NOT INCLUDE REGULAR DAILY OUTINGS</b></p>	<p>7 BREAKFAST/LUNCH AT IHOP! (Social skill, team player skill, social conduct skill)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$15.00</p>	<p>8 CHOICE OUTING: (Community Integration, Nature appreciation, fine motor skills)</p>	<p>9 ARTS &amp; CRAFT DAY: (Coordination skills, optimal health, following instructions)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FREE</p>	<p>10 GREEKTOWN CASINO OUTING: (Community Integration, critical thinking skill)</p> <p>** Must bring \$20 spending money**Valid ID is required.</p>	<p>11 MJR MOVIE THEATER (Community Integration, fine motor skills)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$10.00</p>	12
13	<p>14 ARTS &amp; CRAFT DAY: (Coordination skills, optimal health, following instructions)</p>	<p>15 PRIZE Pizza Bingo - (math skill, working together, social conduct skills)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$5.00</p>	<p>16 ZUMBA CLASS (coordination skills, optimal health, following instructions)</p>	<p>17 ST. PATRICK PARTY! (Social skill, arts appreciation, community integration, team building)</p> <p>** FOOD &amp; DRINKS** WEAR GREEN COLOR!!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$15.00</p>	<p>18 CHOICE OUTING: (Community Integration, Nature appreciation, fine motor skills)</p>	19
20	<p>21 KARAOKE CLASS (coordination skills, optimal health, music therapy)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">** HALF DAY</p>	<p>22 BOWLING LEAGUE: (Social skills, fine motor skills, team building skills)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$5.00</p>	<p>23 CHOICE OUTING: (Community Integration, Nature appreciation, fine motor skills)</p>	<p>24 12 LUNCH at Golden Corral Buffet. (Social skill, team player skill, social conduct skill)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$15.00</p>	<p>25 ZUMBA CLASS (coordination skills, optimal health, following instructions)</p>	26
27	<p>28 KARAOKE CLASS (coordination skills, optimal health, music therapy)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">** HALF DAY</p>	<p>29 BOWLING LEAGUE: (Social skills, fine motor skills, team building skills)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$5.00</p>	<p>30 PRIZE Pizza Bingo - (math skill, working together, social conduct skills)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$5.00</p>	<p>31 BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: (Socialization skill, team building)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$5.00</p>		