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Thank you!

This year's All-Stars at the Alley is taking place on **Saturday, July 20!** Last year was

nothing short of cosmic and we can't wait for everyone to see our new location at **Clutch Lanes and Sports Center** in Cuyahoga Falls!

Registration is \$65 and bowlers can have up to four or five individuals per team (smaller groups will be combined).

Registration fee includes:

- 3 hours of bowling (including cosmic bowling)
- Shoe rental
- Pizza and wings
- Soft drinks
- Raffles (with additional ticket purchase)

Visit **UDSAIStars.org** and sign up today or for more information call (330) 762-9755, ext. 243. Be sure to sign up before **July 8** to join in the fun! All proceeds benefit the All-Star Training Club. Last year was a huge success, so don't miss out on your chance to fill the alley and *strike* up support for inclusive sports!

It's not too late to become a sponsor of All-Stars at the Alley. For more information, contact **Evelyn Burkhart, director of development** at **330-762-9755 ext. 222**.

UDS Takes a Walk for Step into Autism



Recently UDS teamed up to support the Step into Autism event sponsored by the Autism Society of Greater Akron. Team UDS gathered in beautiful downtown Cuyahoga Falls to take part in the 14th annual Summit County Walk & Resource Fair.

Everyone had so much fun and the weather was beautiful for this fantastic time outdoors! UDS is a proud sponsor of the event that helps raise acceptance and support for the Autism community.

Thank you to our employees, friends and families for participating and everyone who stopped by our booth to say hello. UDS is looking forward to next year!

Transportation Finds Motivation with New Cameras



Our drivers care about the safety of their passengers, which is why all buses at UDS are equipped with Motive cameras. Motive cameras help monitor the behavior of each driver, providing a base score that deducts points based on speeding, hard braking, hard accelerating, hard cornering and speeding.

Since implementing the cameras, hard acceleration has decreased by 77%, hard braking is down 81%, speeding by 60% and hard cornering has decreased by 94%. In the future, the goal is to also decrease the idle time of the entire fleet to help reduce fuel consumption and costs.

To further motivate our drivers, the Transportation department runs a monthly contest where the winner with the best score receives a \$25 gift card. **Cathy Turner** (pictured above) is our winner for April and May. Past winners include **Tony Elton** for February and **Barb Bryant** won the top prize in March. Thank you for keeping our passengers safe!

Welcome to the Team!



Join us in welcoming four new members to the UDS team.

De'Aire Lusane, on-call driver, decided to work for UDS because he wants to "make a difference in someone's life." A former truck driver for a motor freight company, De'Aire also worked as a machine operator for A.I. Root Company.

Brenda Sandoval, on-call driver, previously lived in Honduras before moving to the U.S. in 2004. She says, "I feel that this job will give me the opportunity to serve my neighbors." Brenda and her husband **Hever Sandoval**, also a driver for UDS, have two children and five grandchildren.

Alex deCourville, consumer outreach specialist, has a master's degree in marketing and sees this job as an opportunity to help people. As an actor, he's appeared in the movies *Science Boy's High School Reunion* (which he also directed) and *Gemini*.

Last, but certainly not least, UDS welcomes **Yolanda Walker** back to UDS Community Employment Services as an employee trainer. Yolanda loves working with individuals of all ages and abilities, and her hobbies include biking, hiking and traveling. She recently celebrated her 45th wedding anniversary with her husband.

If you or someone you know is interested in working for UDS, visit our **Current Openings** page to learn more.

We're Swinging into Summer

Summer is here and our friends are getting into the swing thanks to the wheelchair-accessible swing that was once at our Firestone Park location.

UDS also again thanks the Lehner Family Foundation for the grant money originally used to purchase this swing.



Still Shining Bright: UDS Celebrates 75 Years



Join UDS as we celebrate our 75th anniversary!
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help us celebrate this milestone year.

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