

CELEBRATE ABILITY

Celebrate DD Awareness Month this March

The greater Akron area is thriving! It provides an ideal living and working environment for just about everyone. Known for innovation, top notch higher education, and cultural diversity, its leaders are invested in economic development and job growth.

Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board, or Summit DD, is the area resource that connects more than 4,000 children and adults with disabilities to right-fit resources throughout their lifetime. We engage the region's business, religious, education, advocacy, and government leaders in conversations to help greater Akron flourish for all residents, regardless of ability.

Summit DD firmly believes that people should be treated equally. Everyone deserves the opportunity to set goals and reach for their dreams. We are convinced that communities are richer when they welcome everyone. This March, we invite you to join us in celebrating people of all abilities during National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month (DD Awareness Month). All over the county, you'll find messages of empowerment and people leading amazing lives – on billboards, online, in the paper – please share them with others! Here are some additional ideas to help celebrate DD Awareness Month...

330-634-8000 SummitDD.org 89 E. Howe Rd., Tallmadge, OH 44278



Take part in one of our events:

Facebook photo contest: Submit a photo (March 1-14) or vote (March 22-28) during our "Best Part of Your Day" Facebook photo contest to celebrate all kinds of abilities. [Visit Facebook.com/SummitDD](http://VisitFacebook.com/SummitDD) for the details.

Advocacy Day: Come listen to self-advocates talk about what advocacy means to them – in their own words – on March 3rd at 11:30 a.m.

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Parent Mentor Discussion: On March 10th at 5:30 p.m., meet and learn from other parents as they talk about important transitions and lessons learned along the way. **Summit DD's Administration Building • 89 E. Howe Rd. • Tallmadge**

RePlay for Kids Workshops: Join us for a FREE hands-on workshop as you learn to adapt your toy – making it accessible for a child with special needs! Great for parents, therapists and caregivers. Call 330-634-8878 to register for one of two dates available, March 24th from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and March 25th, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. **Summit DD's Administration Building • 89 E. Howe Rd. • Tallmadge**

Dream Out Loud Studio Art Show Reception: Looking to quench your creative side? Stop by the Mustard Seed Market in West Akron on March 26th for an art reception from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Meet the talented artists behind the work.

Mustard Seed Market & Café • 3885 W. Market St. • Akron



Get involved online:

Read and share stories about greatness, like Henry, inclusive kids, like Ethan and Rachel, and communities that embrace the superstars of all abilities, like Kenny! You can find these stories and more at SummitDD.org/blog.

Post a video from our YouTube channel (Summit DD Board) to your Facebook page to dispel myths about people with disabilities.

Join the conversation on our Facebook page – Facebook.com/SummitDD

Sign up for our eNewsletter informDD to be a leader of change here in Summit County! (SummitDD.org)