



**Saturday, February 24, 2024**

**An interactive day of fun &  
acceptance for the whole family!**

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THE WORD** 



**Golisano** FOUNDATION  
Imagine the possibilities!

**A very special thank you to our Festival of Inclusion  
sponsors & partners**



A special thank you Common Threads Brews for providing refreshments to our participating agencies



# WELCOME!



Welcome to the third annual **Festival of Inclusion** – a day filled with fun, acceptance, and respect for everyone in the family! We are thrilled to unite our community for an afternoon of engaging games and interactive experiences. This event offers a wonderful chance to discover the numerous committed agencies in our area, highlighting their inclusive services and promoting acceptance, while encouraging respectful behavior in all aspects of life.

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**11 AM – 2 PM**  
**Golisano Training Center at**  
**Nazareth University**

80+ interactive Community Stations

Sports and Fitness Activities

Food Trucks

Sensory Friendly Activities

Adaptive Equipment Demos

Photo Booth

Virtual Reality

Therapy Dogs

Emergency Vehicles to Explore

Construction Vehicles to Explore

College Programs

Medical Specialists

AND MORE!!

Food trucks located outside the entrance



Snacks and beverages generously donated by Wegmans are available at no charge and distributed by LifePrep@Naz students in Cafe Nine, located in the hallway adjacent to the Training Center.



## List of Participants

Ability Partners – CP Rochester, Happiness House, and Rochester Rehabilitation Center  
ACEing Autism  
Al Sigl Community of Agencies  
Alzheimer's Association  
Arc Alliance  
AutismUp  
Bella's Bumbas LTD  
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GiGi's Playhouse Rochester  
Glove House  
Golisano Institute for DD Nursing St. John Fisher University  
Golisano Restorative Neurology & Rehabilitation Center/ Rochester Regional Health  
HealthPozitive  
Heritage Christian Stables  
Hillside  
Holy Childhood  
Homesteads for Hope  
Irondequoit Public Library  
LifePrep@Naz  
Lifetime Assistance  
Lollypop Farm  
Mary Cariola Center  
Miss Military Star Organization  
NavigateMD  
Nazareth University Art Therapy Clinic  
Nazareth University SOTA Club  
No Lemons Equine  
NYS Dept of Environmental Conservation  
Parent to Parent of NYS  
Parents Helping Parents Coalition of Monroe County  
People Inc  
Person Centered Services  
Pittsford Challenger Baseball  
Pittsford Rotary Interact Clubs  
Prime Care Coordination  
Rhino Chiropractic  
RocDog, Inc  
Rochester Accessible Adventures  
Rochester Hearing & Speech Center  
Rochester Rookies  
Rochester Rotary Sunshine Camp  
Rochester Special Hockey, Inc  
SAGE Rochester  
Seneca Park Zoo  
Special Olympics New York  
Special Olympics Young Athletes  
Spread the Word – Take the Pledge!  
Starbridge  
Syracuse University InclusiveU  
The Arc of Chemung-Schuyler  
The Arc GLOW NY  
The Arc of Monroe  
The Arc Ontario  
The Arc Wayne  
TIES (Together Including Every Student)  
Town of Perinton Recreation & Parks  
Town of Victor Parks and Recreation  
UR Medicine, Complex Care Center  
URMC, Strong Center for Developmental Disabilities  
WXXI Public Media / Move to Include

## Indoor Activities & Attractions

Time	Organization	Demonstration/ Activity	Location
11:00 - 12:00	AutismUP	Drum Circle	Turf (Near Sensory Room)
11:00 - 1:00	Seneca Park Zoo	Zoomobile - Small Animals	Front Hall
11:00 - 2:00	Special Olympics	Unified Floorball Demonstrations	Court 2
11:00 - 2:00	Special Olympics	Young Athletes Skills Drills	Turf
11:00 - 2:00	Rochester Special Hockey	Hockey Drills	Court 3
11:00 - 12:30	Endless Highway	Wheelchair Sport Demos	Court 1
11:00 - 2:00	ACEing Autism	Tennis Drills	Court 4
11:00 - 2:00	Community Services for Every I	Balloon Volleyball Skills Drills	Court 4
11:00 - 2:00	Nazareth Life Prep	Wegmans Snack Shack	GTC Café
11:30 - 12:30	Ashford Dance	Zumba	Between Court 2 & 3
12:00 - 2:00	AutismUP	Yoga Instruction	Turf (Near Sensory Room)
12:30-2:00	Rochester Accessible Adventures	Wheelchair Basketball	Court 1
1:00 - 2:00	AutismUP	Motion Dynamics & Dance	Turf (Near Sensory Room)

## Outdoor Attractions –Located in GTC Cafe Nine Side Parking Lot

ROC City Sammich	Food Truck
Eat Greek	Food Truck
Chef's	Food Truck
Kettle Corn	Food Stand
AP Enterprise	Construction Equipment
Monroe County Sheriff	Emergency Vehicles/Mounted Police
EquiCenter	Mini Horses

## Ability Partners—CP Rochester, Happiness House, and Rochester Rehabilitation Center

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Ability Partners connects and supports a community of leading human service organizations including CP Rochester, Happiness House, and Rochester Rehabilitation, in their pursuit of empowering individuals of all ages

and abilities to lead their best lives. Every day, we are guided by ensuring independence, equal opportunity, inclusion, respect, and dignity for all.

## ACEing Autism

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ACEing Autism is on a mission to help children with autism to grow, develop and benefit from social connections and fitness through affordable tennis programming, uniquely meeting individual needs while filling a national void for this growing and underserved population.

## AI Sigl Community of Agencies

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Community of Agencies is in every way rooted in Rochester and its surrounding communities. Over 60 years ago, parents and providers envisioned a bold new way for nonprofit agencies to share space while maintaining distinct missions and programs. Today, AI

Sigl Member Agencies serve over 55,000 children and adults with disabilities® and special needs on AI Sigl's six campuses.

## DIRECTORY

### Alzheimer's Association

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## ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION®

"We provide education and support to all those

facing Alzheimer's and other dementias throughout our community, including those living with the disease, caregivers, healthcare professionals and families. We are also committed to advocating for the needs and rights of those facing Alzheimer's disease and all other dementia and advancing critical research toward methods of treatment, prevention and ultimately, a cure.

Our Vision: A world without Alzheimer's and all other dementia®.

### Arc Alliance, The Arc of Monroe

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Arc Alliance is a self advocacy group organized by The Arc of Monroe that is comprised of people with disabilities. The group meets monthly to talk about the latest issues that people with disabilities face in their communities, as well as practical solutions to bring meaningful change.

### The Arc of Chemung-Schuyler

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The Arc of Chemung-Schuyler is a family based organization, providing supports to people with varying abilities. We create opportunities for individual growth, while emphasizing choice. Our passion for excellence is evidenced by our family and community partnerships, quality supports, education, and advocacy.



## The Arc of Monroe

[arcmonroe.org](http://arcmonroe.org)

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“The Arc of Monroe is an Adult Service Provider Agency for people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD). Offering the continuum of programs and services to support people with IDD throughout their lives and goals.



MISSION: To create an inclusive society where the people we support may live truly integrated lives and reach their full potential as a part of our

community.

VISION: A progressive community that welcomes diversity, fosters meaningful relationships, and cultivates a life of fulfillment for those we support.”

## The Arc Ontario

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The Arc Ontario is a resource for people with disabilities or other challenges and their families. With a focus on providing innovative service options, we are with you every step of the way!

## The Arc Wayne

[arcwayne.org](http://arcwayne.org)

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The Arc Wayne advocates for and serves persons of all ages with or without special needs. The Agency assists individuals in taking their full, independent, productive place in society through an array of quality individualized services.

## DIRECTORY

### The Arc GLOW

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We are a parent and family-driven organization that empowers and supports people of all ages with a broad spectrum of emotional, intellectual and developmental disabilities.

People with intellectual and developmental disabilities will be valued members of their communities, with the opportunity to realize their full potential and a future that is secure.

### AutismUp

[autismup.org](http://autismup.org)

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AutismUp is the leading, local autism support organization in the Greater Rochester and surrounding areas. Started in 2004 by four moms of newly diagnosed children with autism in a coffee

shop, AutismUp has grown to serve over 3,700 families living with autism. Providing help for today, and hope for tomorrow, our mission is to expand and enhance opportunities to improve quality of life for individuals with autism, and their families, via direct programs, support services, education and advocacy.

### Bella's Bumbas LTD

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Global Mobility is Our Mission ..... we provide toddler wheelchairs to children around the world, we have served approximately 2600 children and their families in 65 countries around the world.

## Best Buddies Club Nazareth University

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Best Buddies Club encourages involvement from Nazareth University students both with and without developmental and intellectual disabilities. The club creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, volunteer involvement both on campus and in the community as well as leadership opportunities for all involved! We are an international organization with an individualized chapter at Nazareth University.

## Best Buddies New York

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Offering One-to-One Friendship, Integrated Employment, and Leadership Development programs for individuals with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) in New York.

## Best Buddies Transitions

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Offering One-to-One Friendship, Integrated Employment, and Leadership Development programs for individuals with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) in New York.

## DIRECTORY

### Bivona Child Advocacy Center

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Bivona Child Advocacy Center delivers excellence in child abuse response, healing and prevention through collaborative service, awareness, education and leadership.

### Camp Puzzle Peace

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We are a grassroots non-profit organization created by a collaboration of educators and parents. Our mission is to provide traditional family experiences for families. We are an inclusive organization, and serve families dealing with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental delays as well as families without disabilities through three opportunities - ADK Family Camp, Community Connections, and programming on the Autism Nature Trail.

### Canalside Speech

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At Canalside Speech, we provide the tools for each child to build upon and improve their overall speech, language, and listening skills. Services are personalized for each client to ensure that

they are successful communicators across environments.

## Catholic Charities Family & Community Services

[fcscharities.org](https://fcscharities.org)

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Catholic Charities Family and Community Services provides housing, employment, and coordination of care to help people of all ages and all walks of life live independently with dignity, while facing the challenges of

addiction, aging, mental illness, HIV, poverty, developmental disability, and immigration. Our staff of 927 employees serves nearly 25,000 individuals across 12 counties, making CCFCS one of the largest human service providers in the Rochester and Finger Lakes region.

## Center for Allied and Unified Sport & Exercise (CAUSE)

[daemen.edu/cause](https://daemen.edu/cause)

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The Center for Allied and Unified Sport and Exercise (CAUSE) at Daemen University provides opportunities for people with disabilities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage

and experience the camaraderie and sportsmanship that comes with athletics participation. In addition, CAUSE provides a supported venue for caregivers to access athletic-based care, participate in health and wellness programs, or simply experience the joy of watching a loved one compete.

## DIRECTORY

### Center for Disability Rights

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The Center for Disability Rights, Inc. (CDR) is a not-for-profit, community-based advocacy and service organization for people with all types of disabilities. Incorporated as an all-volunteer organization in 1990, CDR began providing services and grew throughout the 1990s. CDR became an independent organization on September 1, 1998. Since 1998,

CDR has been recognized as an Independent Living Center by the National Council on Independent Living, making CDR part of a national network of Independent Living Centers that provide non-residential and non-medical services. CDR uses a peer model where people with disabilities show other people with disabilities how to live independently and advocate for themselves.

### Challenger Miracle Field of Greater Rochester

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Challenger Miracle Field of Greater Rochester provides people with developmental, physical or intellectual disabilities a barrier-free, safe, accessible place to experience the health benefits and joy of play through team sports and recreational activities.

### Community Services for Every 1

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**Community Services**  
FOR EVERY1

We partner with individuals of all abilities to reach their fullest potential, protecting their rights and promoting their independence and inclusion in our community. We empower individuals to reach their fullest potential by providing one-on-one support and a wide range of services to promote dignity, independence, and community inclusion. While we primarily serve those living with an intellectual or developmental disability, our services are also available to individuals who may have life circumstances requiring a little extra support. We offer a variety of housing options, employment services, care management, victim services and more – all designed to fulfill the individual's needs and goals.

## Complex Care Center University of Rochester Medical Center

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Complex Care Center was established in 2016, it is an outpatient clinic that is part of Strong Memorial Hospital and Eastman Institute for Oral Health, University of Rochester. Soon

after opening new Division of Transitional Medicine was established. The clinic is dedicated to improving the health and well-being of persons with pediatric-onset conditions growing into adulthood and beyond through comprehensive, multidisciplinary, patient-centered care and healthcare workforce education and development in Western New York and beyond. The main key is to support all persons with pediatric-onset conditions, to open access of care for multidisciplinary medical and community support to live happy and healthy lives as they grow into adulthood and beyond.

## Dancers with Diverse Abilities

[ashforddanceco.com/dwda](http://ashforddanceco.com/dwda)

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At Ashford, we believe that every child is a dancer. We offer a wide variety of classes for dancers who learn differently. All students are welcome to participate in our DWDA classes including those with physical disabilities, developmental disabilities, emotional needs, and those who may just need a

little bit more individual attention. Classes are taught by highly qualified experienced instructors, and curriculum is developed by a NYS Certified Special Education Teacher.

## David's Refuge

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At David's Refuge, our mission is to provide respite, resources and support to parents and guardians of children with special needs or

life threatening medical conditions where they will be refreshed, restored and renewed in their role as caregivers.

## **Disability EmpowHer Network**

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**DISABILITY  
EMPOWHER  
NETWORK**

“Disability EmpowHer Network is a non-profit run by and for girls and women with disabilities that connects, motivates, and guides disabled girls and women to grow, learn, and develop to their highest potential and have the confidence to lead.

Disability EmpowHer Network empowers girls and women with disabilities through mentoring and transformational learning experiences.”

## **Eastman Institute for Oral Health**

[urmc.rochester.edu/dentistry/patients/services/specialty-care.aspx](http://urmc.rochester.edu/dentistry/patients/services/specialty-care.aspx)

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At Eastman Dental, we believe in embracing your unique qualities, and if you have a special or complex

condition, you need a dentist who understands you. Eastman Dental Specialty Care is an inclusive dental program where you can get the care you need. Eastman Dental Specialty Care is a new program that offers tailored, coordinated care to people who have complex conditions. It is a welcoming environment, staffed with dentists who understand your unique needs. We take a team approach to give each patient comprehensive care. Our general dentists and dental specialists work with your medical doctor to ensure your treatment is precisely customized to you.



## Education Success Foundation: Student Success Project

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Student Success Project: We are parents experienced in helping families pursue their children's educational success.

Parents are the most important members of their children's educational team; they are the experts and champions. You and your child have educational rights, and we will provide you with knowledge, tools, and confidence to exercise those rights and secure the services your child needs to succeed in school.

Our support is tailored to your unique needs. We offer I-I coaching, resource connection, parent and community groups specific to your child's needs, CSE and school meeting preparation, resource mapping, and more. We can also directly connect you to The Norman Howard School and EnCompass: Resources for Learning.

## Empowering People's Independence

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EPI provides personalized care, education, training, advocacy, and support solutions to meet the needs of people with developmental disabilities, epilepsy, and brain injury. Our Epilepsy Services division provides seizure recognition and first aid training to families and caregivers, schools, daycares, workplaces, and

community organizations at no charge.

## DIRECTORY

### Endless Highway, Inc.

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Endless Highway is dedicated to ensuring children and adults who use mobility devices have opportunities to participate in adaptive and inclusive

sports, recreation, and arts. With the generous support of donors and community partners, we help individuals leverage their talents and interests in the pursuit of inclusion, independence, and success.

### EquiCenter

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EquiCenter fosters growth, wellness, and educational opportunities for people of all ages and abilities through the power of equestrian, horticultural and outdoor experiences. We offer a variety of programs and opportunities for children and adults of all ages and abilities.

### Erie Canal Boat Company

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Inclusive paddling and cycling center offering standard and adaptive kayak and bicycling rentals on the Erie Canal.

## Family Initiative

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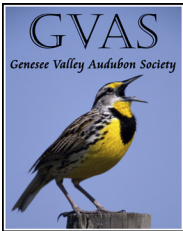


Family Initiative is Southwest Florida's leading Autism provider. As a nonprofit organization, our agency provides an array of innovative and compassionate supports and services to children, teens, young adults with autism and their families. We serve individuals from one year of age through mid-adulthood. We welcome families from across the country to join our community programs or learn about resources available when you visit Florida!

## Genesee Valley Audubon Society

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Genesee Valley Audubon Society (GVAS) serves the communities of Western NY in Monroe County and parts of Genesee, Livingston and Ontario Counties. The Vision of GVAS is to promote environmental conservation. Our Mission is to educate and advocate for protection of the environment, focusing on birds, wildlife and habitat.

## GiGi's Playhouse Rochester

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Rochester, NY

We are a Down syndrome achievement center that offers free purposeful programs to individuals with Down syndrome and their families. Our educational and therapeutic programs are researched based for individuals with Down syndrome but we are also inclusive to all abilities.

## DIRECTORY

### Glove House

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Since 1970, Glove House has provided community-based services providing hope and help for youth and their families.

We respect every person and believe that everyone has an innate ability to learn and transform. We are committed to do our best for children, their families, and our communities. We strive for excellence in our programs and services and try to provide services with integrity and compassion. We do our best to provide leadership in our advocacy role for protecting youth and families. We care about the communities we are proud to serve. We are changing the future, one child at a time.

### Golisano Institute for Developmental Disability Nursing

[sjf.edu/institutes/golisano-institute](http://sjf.edu/institutes/golisano-institute)

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The Golisano Institute transforms the quality of care and support for individuals with intellectual and

developmental disabilities (IDD) regionally, nationally, and internationally by training nursing professionals in field-specific skills and knowledge.

### HealthPozitive

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Health Pozitive is the sole vendor of MediTeddi, an inspirational electronic medication reminder bear

that helps people remember their medications. MediTeddi also tracks adherence so the owner can document their medication adherence to friends, family, and the support team. Since over 60% of people with disabilities are prescribed medications, of which over half are taken irregularly, MediTeddi can be of great service.

## Heritage Christian Stables

[heritagechristianstables.org](https://heritagechristianstables.org)

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Heritage Christian Stables provides inclusive equine-assisted programming to the community. We offer both riding and nonriding horse experiences to best meet participant's needs.

## Hillside

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Hillside provides community-based services, education and residential treatment to positively impact lives, in partnership with youth and families who have experienced trauma.

## Holy Childhood

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Holy Childhood is a non-denominational, non-profit agency. Our mission is to prepare children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities for maximum independence and integration in the community through individualized programs and services.

### Homesteads for Hope

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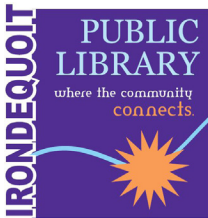


Homesteads for Hope is an inclusive community farm for individuals with and without disabilities to learn, work, live, and grow in nature's classroom. Our beautiful 55-acre farm is located 10 minutes outside of downtown Rochester directly on the historic Erie Canal, providing a peaceful, sensory-friendly environment. We have built "Ready Set" Programs, a CSA food share, memberships, social groups, and frequent events that welcome people together. We also offer opportunities for inclusive work at our on-site enterprises.

### Irondequoit Public Library

[irondequoitlibrary.org](http://irondequoitlibrary.org)

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The mission of the Irondequoit Public Library is to provide services and programs that meet individual and community needs for educational, cultural, recreational, and technological exploration and to promote collaborations among residents and groups to foster an engaged and literate community.

### Lifetime Assistance, Inc.

[lifetimeassistance.org](http://lifetimeassistance.org)

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At Lifetime Assistance, we offer a full spectrum of residential, vocational and support services throughout the Greater Rochester area and beyond to empower individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

## Lollypop Farm

[lollypop.org](http://lollypop.org)

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“Lollypop Farm, the Humane Society of Greater Rochester, has been helping animals and people since 1873. Support from the community enables around 115 staff members and more than 800 volunteers to care for around 10,000 animals each year and makes possible a variety of programs to address issues that contribute to the surrender of unwanted animals.

Lollypop Farm is not only a haven for pets in need but a safe place for people to exchange ideas and learn how they can be a catalyst for change in the community. It is a place where children are introduced to the world of animal welfare, and adults can come to make a difference. Here, guests of all backgrounds are welcome and best in care services are provided to help keep pets in homes during challenging times. Lollypop Farm is for people and pets in our community and the people who dedicate their lives to helping them.”

## Mary Cariola Center

[marycariola.org](http://marycariola.org)

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Mary Cariola Center, celebrating 75 years of educating and caring for children, youth and young adults with intellectual developmental disabilities and medical challenges.

## Miss Military Star Organization

[missmilitarystar.wixsite.com/official](http://missmilitarystar.wixsite.com/official)

Jordan Smith | [missmilitarystarny@gmail.com](mailto:missmilitarystarny@gmail.com) | 315-263-1219



Miss Military  
Star

New York/New Jersey

As the Empire State Teen for Military Star, I help support local veteran organizations. My personal platform is about sensory processing disorder along with behavioral disabilities. I myself have SPD and ADHD.

## NavigateMD

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We are developing an all-in-one online platform to help those with disabilities find resources relevant to them within the community. According to the CDC,

1 in 4 people in the U.S. have a disability (which is approximately 83,321,889 people nationwide). In Rochester, NY alone - there are over 34,000 individuals with at least one disability that could benefit from our platform. It shouldn't be a struggle to find the resources that you need, and with NavigateMD it doesn't have to!

## Nazareth University Art Therapy Clinic

[naz.edu](https://www.naz.edu)

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Nazareth University Art Therapy Clinic uses creative visual expression as a form of communication to expand self-awareness. We serve individuals and groups. We are licensed mental health

professionals trained in art and psychotherapy.

## No Lemons Equine

[nolemonsequine.org](https://www.nolemonsequine.org)

Katie Progno | [kprogno@nolemonsequine.org](mailto:kprogno@nolemonsequine.org) | 585-329-2196



**NO LEMONS EQUINE**  
Sometimes life gives you a second chance.

We are an adaptive horseback riding and horsemanship program that provides community classes to people of all abilities.



## NYS Dept of Environmental Conservation

[dec.ny.gov](http://dec.ny.gov)

Betsy Ukeritis | [Betsy.Ukeritis@dec.ny.gov](mailto:Betsy.Ukeritis@dec.ny.gov) | 585-226-2466



Department of Environmental Conservation

NYSDEC is the state agency charged with outdoor recreation, protecting NY’s public lands, making sure the state’s air, water, & soils are clean. We also work to provide lands and

opportunities for accessible recreation.

## Parent to Parent of NYS

[ptopnys.org](http://ptopnys.org)

Barbara Hoffman | [info@ptopnys.org](mailto:info@ptopnys.org) | 1-800-305-881



Parent to Parent of New York State builds a supportive network of families to reduce isolation and empower those who care for people with developmental disabilities or special healthcare needs to navigate and influence service systems and make informed decisions.

## Parents Helping Parents Coalition of Monroe County

[parentshelpingparentsmonroe.com](http://parentshelpingparentsmonroe.com)

Brittany Jencik | [Parentshelpingparentsmonroe@gmail.com](mailto:Parentshelpingparentsmonroe@gmail.com) | 585-490-3334



Our mission is to support families caring for children with intellectual and developmental delays and disabilities to navigate some of

the early challenges, including seeking and/or receiving a new diagnosis and securing crucial supports, such as early intervention and preschool special education services. It takes a village and no one should have to walk this journey alone. We are here for you.

### People Inc

[people-inc.org](http://people-inc.org)

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People Inc

People Inc. aims to support individuals with disabilities to thrive in society. The organization values improving lives, respect, integrity, excellence, diversity, inclusion, flexibility, and creativity. Founded in 1970, People Inc.

has expanded its mission to serve various populations, including individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, families, and older adults in Western New York and the Greater Rochester region. With nearly 4,000 staff members, they impact over 12,000 people across nearly 200 locations.

### Person Centered Services

[personcenteredservices.com](http://personcenteredservices.com)

Amy Albanese | 585-689-7459



PERSON  
CENTERED  
SERVICES

Person Centered Services is a Care Coordination Organization for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities of all ages. Our job is to help people and their families navigate a very complex system of services and supports.

At the heart of Care Coordination are connections and referrals that provide positive outcomes. Person Centered Services' Care Coordinators work continuously with people, their families, community providers and organizations to make sure the dots are connected between all aspects of a person's care.

People with intellectual and developmental disabilities may be eligible for supports and services from New York State's Office for People with Developmental Disabilities, and therefore eligible for Care Coordination. If eligibility is not yet granted, our Intake Specialists can help with the eligibility process. Care Coordinators support individuals with a qualifying condition.

## Pittsford Challenger Baseball

[pittsfordlittleleague.org](http://pittsfordlittleleague.org)

Doug Peters | [douglastpeters@gmail.com](mailto:douglastpeters@gmail.com) | 585-727-6135



The Pittsford Challenger Baseball program is beginning its 13th year providing opportunities for boys and girls ages 4 -18 with physical or developmental challenges of all levels to enjoy the benefits of Little League participation. The season runs May through June and culminates with the Challenger “World Series” played at

Innovative Field. Teen ‘Buddies’ are paired with each player. Games are played on Sunday’s at 11 a.m.. You do not need to be a resident of Pittsford to join us.

## Pittsford Rotary Interact Clubs

[pittsfordrotaryclub.org](http://pittsfordrotaryclub.org)

Pat Mallery | [pjmallery@aol.com](mailto:pjmallery@aol.com) | 585-455-6152



Community service organization with a motto of “Service Above Self”.

## Prime Care Coordination

[primecareny.org](http://primecareny.org)

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Prime Care  
Coordination

Prime Care is a Care Coordination Organization, providing Care Management services for Adults and Children with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. If individuals do not have OPWDD eligibility, Prime Care enrollment team can assist with the eligibility process as well as the OPWDD Front Door Process. Enrollment is as easy as calling 1-844-347-3168 “option 1” and beginning enrollment. Unique to Prime Care is a Student and Family Educational Specialist who assists children with the educational system from Early Intervention through the Transition process and transitioning into Adult Services.

## DIRECTORY

### Rhino Chiropractic

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Rhino Chiropractic is a chiropractic clinic in Victor NY that offers gentle and non-invasive therapy that works to correct underlying issues before they become hard-wired during development, providing support for a pain-free and successful life. The team

at Rhino Chiropractic is dedicated to helping individuals reach optimal health and designing personalized plans to meet the needs of all patients.

### RocDog

[rocdog.org](http://rocdog.org)

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RocDog is a Therapy Dog Group making visits to over 200 facilities in our communities. RocDog also works very closely with individuals with I/DD and their families.

### Rochester Accessible Adventures

[RochesterAccessibleAdventures.org](http://RochesterAccessibleAdventures.org)

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Rochester Accessible Adventures visualizes a world where people with disabilities are physically and socially included in recreation, sports and tourism, always. Our mission is to improve the health and wellness of people with disabilities by guiding communities to create a culture of physical accessibility, social inclusion and equitable access in recreation, sports, & tourism.

Our Inclusion Partnerships transform businesses so they operate with full inclusion whenever their doors are open. From local recreation businesses, libraries, and schools, to municipal recreation centers, Girl Scouts, and summer camps -- we are making inclusion happen. Our DirectConnect services engage the community in implementing solutions that remove barriers and connect people living with disabilities to active, engaging opportunities.

Engaged in true systems change, RAA is not a program, but a movement! Families and individuals living with a disability are encouraged to connect and discover inclusive recreation opportunities across the region.

## Rochester Hearing & Speech Center

[rhsc.org](http://rhsc.org)

Christy Post | [cpost@rhsc.org](mailto:cpost@rhsc.org) | 585-271-0680



RHSC provides hearing, speech, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and special education services for children with special needs from birth to age five.

## Rochester Regional Health, Golisano Restorative Neurology & Rehabilitation Center

[rochesterregional.org](http://rochesterregional.org)

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**ROCHESTER  
REGIONAL HEALTH**

Inpatient rehabilitation program serving children, adolescents and adults with stroke, brain injury, spinal cord injury and other conditions.

## Rochester Rookies

[therochesterrookies.org](http://therochesterrookies.org)

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The Rochester Rookies is a wheelchair and ambulatory sports program (adaptive sports) dedicated to enhancing the quality of lives by teaching athletic skills, fostering independence, building character and helping families realize their child's full potential through programs, advocacy and services.

The program seeks to provide individuals the opportunity to engage in physical fitness activities and socialization.

## DIRECTORY

### Rochester Rotary Sunshine Camp

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Rochester Rotary Sunshine Camp, established in 1922, provides a barrier-free summer camp in Rush, NY, for children with disabilities. The camp offers various activities like archery,

boating, swimming, and sensory experiences. Children enjoy a fun camping experience while parents receive a break. The camp is free for two weeks in summer, thanks to donations, and serves children from partner agencies for the remainder of the season.

### Rochester Special Hockey

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Our mission is to provide training in ice hockey for players with intellectual, developmental, cognitive, and physical disabilities in Rochester, NY, and the surrounding counties. Providing the opportunity to experience exciting fun while learning new skills. We will assist in developing and enhancing skills focused on

individual responsibility, teamwork, improving athletic skills, and socialization/communication while providing the value of therapeutic activity.

### SAGE Rochester

[sagerochester.com](http://sagerochester.com)

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We are an educational learning and recreational center that specializes in individuals with disabilities. We provide everything from cooking classes to sexuality education for adults.

## Seneca Park Zoo

[senecaparkzoo.org](http://senecaparkzoo.org)

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The Seneca Park Zoo inspires our community to connect with, care for, and conserve wildlife and wild places.

## Special Olympics New York

[specialolympics-ny.org](http://specialolympics-ny.org)

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**Special Olympics**  
New York

Special Olympics New York provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-style sports for children

and adults with intellectual disabilities. We provide opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

## Special Olympics Young Athletes

[specialolympics-ny.org/](http://specialolympics-ny.org/)

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**Special Olympics**  
**Young Athletes**

Special Olympics New York Young Athletes is a sport and play program for children with and without intellectual disabilities

(ID), ages 2 to 7. It introduces basic sport skills and offers families, teachers, caregivers and people from the community the chance to share the joy of sports with all children.

## Starbridge

[starbridgeinc.org](http://starbridgeinc.org)

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Partnering with individuals with disabilities, their families, and others who support them, to achieve success in education, employment, and healthy living. Together, we transform communities to include everyone.

Starbridge touches the lives of more than 11,000 people each year. Many of our services focus on the Greater Rochester and Finger Lakes regions of New York, while our Parent Center serves all of upstate New York. Our supports and services include:

Special education navigation · Advocacy · Family supports · Employment · Employment Equity · Community Habilitation · Fiscal Intermediary · Self-Direction · Community Living · TIES inclusive recreation · Workshops, webinars & conferences

## Syracuse University InclusiveU

[taishoffcenter.syr.edu/inclusiveu/](http://taishoffcenter.syr.edu/inclusiveu/)

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InclusiveU brings students of all ages with intellectual and developmental disabilities who want to experience college life in a fully inclusive setting to Syracuse University. We offer REAL opportunities for our students to participate in every aspect of campus life. SU coursework, sporting and social events, and our strong, inclusive community are what make InclusiveU a success. Syracuse University is known all over the world as a leader in disability and higher education. At SU, we celebrate disability because it makes our campus stronger, more diverse, and much more interesting; until everyone is included, there is no real inclusion for anyone. InclusiveU is an initiative of the Taishoff Center for Inclusive Higher Education, committed to individualized and inclusive higher educational opportunities for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



## TIES (Together Including Every Student)

[starbridgeinc.org](http://starbridgeinc.org)

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TIES promotes the participation of students and young adults who have developmental disabilities in inclusive, organized extracurricular and community activities with the support of trained student volunteers.

## Town of Perinton Recreation & Parks

[perinton.org](http://perinton.org)

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The Recreation Department offers a variety of programs for all ages including arts and crafts, athletics, leagues, fitness, cultural, dance, and social activities. We also offer many special events throughout the year to strengthen our community.

## Town of Victor Parks and Recreation

[victorny.org](http://victorny.org)

Mike Stockman | [mstockman@town-victor-ny.us](mailto:mstockman@town-victor-ny.us) | 585-742-0140



The Town of Victor Department of Parks and Recreation provides over (300) annual recreation programs and community-wide special events to ALL residents and visitors as well as a balanced system of active and passive parkland that spans 450 acres and 65 miles of multi-use trails many of which are ADA compliant and accessible.

## URMC Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics/ Strong Center for Developmental Disabilities

[urmc.rochester.edu](http://urmc.rochester.edu)

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Strong Center for Developmental Disabilities



UNIVERSITY of  
**ROCHESTER**  
MEDICAL CENTER

Provides clinical, community, research, and training services to people with disabilities and their families.

## WXXI

[WXXI.org/include](http://WXXI.org/include)

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Move to Include is a partnership between WXXI and the Golisano Foundation that uses the power of public media (television, radio, news and digital content) to attract audiences and

encourage thoughtful and inclusive attitudes toward people with disabilities.

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