

# Loveland Center™

Providing programs and services to children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities since 1962.

## Volunteers In Action

### Meals on Wheels



Some of our participants served meals at the North Port Meals on Wheels

volunteer appreciation luncheon. The participants handed out meals based on matching the colored tag on the bag to the colored tag the person had on their table. They enjoyed the experience and worked on their skills. Terry and Billie Joe from North Port Meals on Wheels trained several of our participants on delivering meals to clients. They received certificates for their learning during the training.

## Equality Through Opportunity

Our North Port participants practice **life skills** as part of the ADT program. With these skills, they can navigate their daily lives with greater ease, contribute to their local community through volunteering, and even explore future employment opportunities. Having success and working towards independence.





## Spotlight on Success ADT



Monique is our Spotlight on Success participant of the month. Monique is very social and friendly with her peers and staff. She enjoys going out into the community and especially shopping. She independently will find an activity to work on and complete. Monique likes art, jewelry making, and going for walks. She advocates for her needs and makes choices throughout the day. So proud of you Monique!

## HERO Super Star

Theo is our HERO Star Student for April. Theo has grown in the area of communication by leaps and bounds. He will show staff what he wants by either taking them to the item or walking over to it. He will nod his head for yes when asked a yes/ no question. Theo is starting to make more vocalizations when interacting with staff and peers. He will play with other peers for a short period of time and work on activities such as art. Keep up the good work Theo!



## Therapy With A Smile



Occupational therapist, Eric, assists participants in many ways. From increasing flexibility to fine motor skills.




Sherry, our Speech Therapist uses several tools to increase speech and language. Playing games in one way she makes therapy fun.

**Loveland provides therapy services to our participants as well as outpatient services . Want more information about our therapy services? Contact Lauren Osmond, Director of Clinical Services, at (941)493-0016 Ext. 320.**



# Upcoming Events

Loveland Center™  
**Charlotte County Dance**  
May 4, 2024  
Boys & Girls Club  
21500 Gibraltar Drive  
Port Charlotte, FL 33952  
6-8pm

 **MAY THE 4TH  
BE WITH YOU**

Step into a galaxy far, far away at our upcoming inclusive dance event in Charlotte County! Embrace the force and meet new friends while dancing the night away in your favorite Star Wars attire. This free event welcomes individuals 16 years old and above with intellectual or developmental disabilities. Refreshments will be served. Registration is a must, and those requiring assistance are welcome to bring their caregiver along. May the dance floor be with you!

**Ways To Register:**  
<https://www.lovelandcenter.org/event/may-the-4th-be-with-you/>

 Contact Caryn McCullough  
[cmccullough@lovelandcenter.org](mailto:cmccullough@lovelandcenter.org)  
(941)233-0547 

## Did you know that Loveland now has Social and Athletic Clubs?

### April 2024

Tuesday, April 23 @ 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

#### Bingo

Loveland Village Club House 179 S Havana Road, Venice, FL

Open to residents, Loveland participants, and community members with IDD age 16+.

Wednesday, April 24 @ 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

#### Art Club

Loveland Village Club House 179 S Havana Road, Venice, FL

Open to residents, Loveland participants, and community members with IDD age 16+.

Requires pre-registration and fee to participate.

Thursday, April 25 @ 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

#### Music Club

Loveland Village Club House 179 S Havana Road, Venice, FL

Open to residents, Loveland participants, and community members with IDD age 16+.

Requires pre-registration and fee to participate.

Visit [www.lovelandcenter.org](http://www.lovelandcenter.org) and go to the Events tab  
to learn more.

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## AdvoCan Series

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### AdvoCan Series: Topic To Be Announced

May 16 @ 6:00 pm

FREE



Presented by: To Be Announced

Location: Virtual

Topic To Be Announced

Aimed at providing ongoing support for caregivers of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, The Advocan Series is a free monthly digital session.

Offered the 3rd Thursday of each month, topics vary from how to better support the individuals with disabilities in your life to how to better support yourself as a caregiver.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86831933664?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86831933664?pwd=N0w0ek1icmRkT0EvcIVDZWWhZSkdZdz09)

[pwd=N0w0ek1icmRkT0EvcIVDZWWhZSkdZdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86831933664?pwd=N0w0ek1icmRkT0EvcIVDZWWhZSkdZdz09)

Meeting ID: 868 3193 3664

Passcode: 821261

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