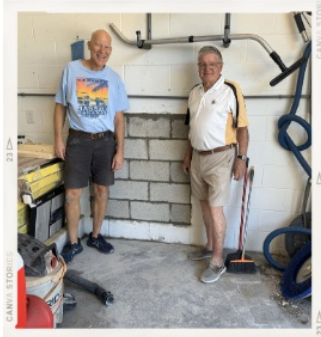


# L♥veland Center™

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

## CELEBRATING



## VOLUNTEERS

WE THANK YOU ALL!





# 3rd Annual Staff Conference

The **3rd Annual Staff Conference** was held at our Venice campus. Staff members from all of the Loveland locations and departments gathered for a day of fun and learning. Staff took classes in a variety of topics such as adaptive sports or cooking, improv, de-escalation strategies, painting, ambassador skills, sign language and more! Staff completed a scavenger hunt, where they participated in several activities to help them experience a small glimpse of what it might be like to have a disability. Loveland Center is beyond fortunate to have so many dedicated and passionate staff members on our team!



## April Center Highlights

**31 Produce Farm Trip**



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**Hearty Kitchen Academy** catered a lively appreciation luncheon! They did such a professional job creating the food and serving all of the guests that day! Thank you!



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**Keoki Hula Dancers** came to visit and perform for Loveland Venice! Their teacher Betty Jean Brooks teaches in both Venice and Englewood. She commented that the dancers felt like celebrities after leaving the morning at the Loveland Center! Everyone had a fantastic time!



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## Myakka Elephant Ranch Conservation Center Visit



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## RECAP

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### Ability 5K Run and 1K Fun Walk

We were thrilled with the success of the 4th annual Ability Run, held on Sunday March 24, 2024. Participants of all ages and abilities, including a furry friend, came together to support Loveland Center. A special congratulations to 13-year-old Siona Kelly for her outstanding first place finish. We extend our gratitude to



everyone who joined us in making this event a memorable and impactful one.

# 2024 GIVING CHALLENGE

Your support helped Loveland reach \$42,492 and we couldn't be more thankful! Thank you to Venice Pier Group for hosting the 2024 Giving Challenge Fair at Sharky's on the Pier and our awesome volunteers for helping at the Loveland Booth.





Shout out to **Tony's Hot Dogs & More** for supporting Loveland at **The Joe Factor Furniture & More** soft opening! A portion of the proceeds for the day go to the Loveland Center.

## 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  
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(941)233-0547



Join us for an out-of-this-world experience at the **Star Wars** themed dance event hosted by Loveland Center of Port Charlotte. Happening on Saturday, May 4th at the Boys & Girls Club of Charlotte County from 6-8pm, this event promises to be a galactic celebration like no other. Dust off your lightsabers and don your best Star Wars attire as we dance the night away in a galaxy far, far away. May the force be with you!

Register Today!

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### Cinco de Mayo Celebration



Loveland Village Clubhouse 179 S Havana Road, Venice, FL, United States

Date: Friday, May 3, 2024 from 3:00 - 5:00 PM Location: The Loveland Clubhouse

Come enjoy Mexican inspired snacks, music and beverages! This free event is open to the Loveland Participants and residents of the village.

Sign up in the Clubhouse or contact Kelli our Social & Athletic Club Manager at [kmcdermott@lovelandcenter.org](mailto:kmcdermott@lovelandcenter.org).

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**AdvoCan Series**

## 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?pwd=N0w0ek1icmRkT0Evc1VDZWWhZSkdZdz09>

**Meeting ID:** 868 3193 3664

**Passcode:** 821261

## Save the Date!

Mark you calendar and watch for further information!  
**5th Annual Loveland Golf Tournament on September 21, 2024**

**Sponsorships for all events are still available.  
Contact us at [philanthropy@lovelandcenter.org](mailto:philanthropy@lovelandcenter.org)  
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## Let's Be Social

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