

L♥veland Center™

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

Placido's path to culinary success and beyond!



We're thrilled to shine a spotlight on Placido, a dedicated member of our community here at Loveland Center. Recently, Placido has taken an exciting step forward by joining the Hearty Kitchen Academy. Inspired by fond memories of watching his mother cook, Placido is honing his culinary skills to not only assist his mom with cooking but also to create his own delicious meals.

At the Hearty Kitchen Academy, participants like Placido dive into the fundamentals of daily living through meal preparation. From meal selection and budgeting to shopping, cooking, and practicing food safety, Placido is mastering these essential skills with enthusiasm and a knack for problem-solving. Known for his friendly demeanor and quick learning, Placido brightens our center with his eagerness to help others and his happy personality.

Placido's journey with us began after relocating from NY, where he worked in janitorial roles for many years. Starting in our general Adult Day Training program, he sought a new challenge, leading him to embrace the opportunities offered by the Hearty Kitchen Academy. His ultimate goal? To share his newfound cooking ability with his mother. We're incredibly proud to support Placido on his path to culinary success and beyond!



Loveland Center Social and Recreation Clubs are up and running!

Our social and recreational clubs have been buzzing with excitement, thanks to the new cooking and basketball clubs organized by Kelli McDermott, our Social and Recreation Manager. With the invaluable help of dedicated volunteers, like Joanne Fink and many others, these clubs have become a tremendous success, providing enriching experiences for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Participants are engaging, building friendships, and enjoying activities that promote inclusion and personal growth. A shout out to Irvin Agosto who helped Kelli out with the Basketball club!



Venice Staff Spotlight



Ashley's Journey of Impact at Loveland

In every organization, there are individuals who quietly but profoundly impact the lives of those around them. At Loveland, Ashley Graham embodies this spirit of dedication and empowerment, having devoted three years to enriching the lives of our participants and staff.

Ashley's journey at Loveland began with a deep-rooted passion for supporting individuals with disabilities. Prior to joining our family, she honed her skills at a local college, where she focused on vocational job training and academic support for students with disabilities. This early experience laid the foundation for her impactful career at Loveland.

Starting as a Direct Support Professional (DSP) in the kitchen, Ashley quickly became known for her warmth and commitment. She played an integral role guiding participants in preparing meals both at home and for others. Her versatility and dedication led her to oversee the art room in Building D. Always eager to expand her

impact, Ashley took on the role of Floating Team Lead, providing support across all locations of Loveland Center. This role not only showcased her adaptability but also provided her with a holistic view of our organization's centers and the diverse needs of our community. Recognizing her leadership potential, Ashley embraced the role of Team Lead in Building C and now she serves as the Interim Program Manager for Buildings C & D, where her insights and compassionate leadership continue to be beneficial to our programs.

Ashley's journey has been shaped by personal and professional experiences that fuel her commitment to ensuring no one feels overlooked or uncertain about their future. This empathy drives her to go the extra mile for our participants and staff, ensuring they feel valued and seen every step of the way. She believes in the transformative power of compassion and support, empowering individuals to reach their full potential despite any challenges they may face.

At Loveland, Ashley's story reminds us of the profound difference one person can make. Her journey from DSP to Interim Program Manager is a testament to her resilience, empathy, and unwavering dedication to our mission. We are proud to have Ashley as a cornerstone of our team, driving positive change and creating a brighter future for all who walk through our doors.

Join us in celebrating Ashley's journey and the incredible impact she continues to make at Loveland.

Upcoming Events



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MANATEE COUNTY

and the

Manatee Performing Arts Center



SUMMER DANCE

for adults with disabilities

Friday, July 19th, 2024

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Manatee Performing Arts Center
502 3rd Ave W Bradenton FL 34205



FREE
Food & Drinks



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TICKETS



**LOVELAND CREATES PRESENTS:
A YEAR WITH
FROG AND TOAD
WITH GUEST DIRECTOR LAURA GRIEME**

**FRI JULY 26TH 6PM FRI AUGUST 2ND 6PM
SAT JULY 27TH 2PM SAT AUGUST 3RD 2PM
SUN JULY 28TH 2PM SUN AUGUST 4TH 2PM**

**LOVELAND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
157 S HAVANA RD, VENICE**



Loveland Center is buzzing with excitement as we prepare for the upcoming theatre production of "A Year with Frog and Toad" directed by Laura Grieme on July 26th-28th and August 2nd-4th, 2024! Our Loveland Creates participants have been dedicated to every aspect of the show, diving into rehearsals, sewing, painting sets and creating themed art work that will bring this beloved story to life.

With each rehearsal, the energy builds, and we can't wait to share the fruits of our labor with the community. Join us for a delightful experience filled with creativity, teamwork, and the magic of theatre. Make sure **secure your tickets soon** so you can join us as we count down to opening night! Volunteers are still needed.

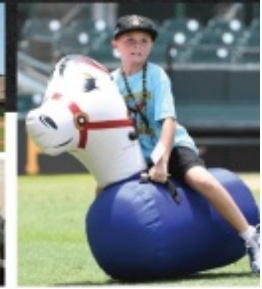
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2024 | **BRADENTON MARAUDERS** | LECOM PARK



Loveland Center Special Needs Celebration Fundraiser!

Come join us as we celebrate Special Needs Community Celebration on Friday, August 16th as the Marauders take on the Dunedin Blue Jays at 6:30 PM. The cost of admission will be \$20 and will include a Bradenton Marauders hat, a Pepsi drink voucher, and a \$5 donation to the Loveland Center. Enjoy everything going on in the ballpark and come support the Special Needs Community!

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SUMMER \$35,000 MATCH!

Total Matching funds

\$ 35,000.00

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(Venice)



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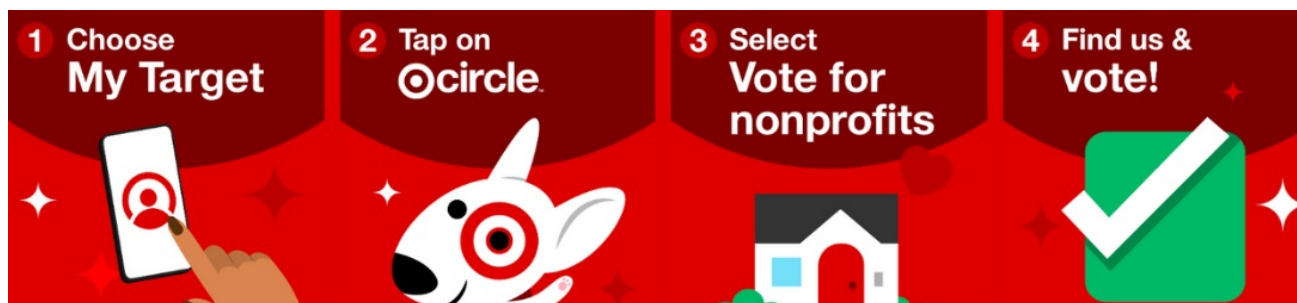
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To our friends and supporters,

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www.target.com/circle We're asking our supporters to help us make the most of this incredible opportunity.

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16th Annual BBQ Fundraiser at the Venice Community Center
December 3rd, 2024

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