



Annual Mall Walk for Awareness This Friday

When: Friday, March 10
Time: 10:30 am – 11:30 am
Where: Belden Village Mall
4230 Belden Village Street NW, Canton

Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry and William Green, Stark DD Superintendent, will welcome people with disabilities, families, friends and supporters at center court beginning at 10:30 am. This event is free and open to the public.



As the parent of a child with Down syndrome, Mayor Catazaro-Perry values community inclusion and the support that Stark DD brings to her family. She will lead the parade of walkers throughout the mall after a brief welcome.

During the walk, visitors can stop by interactive stations throughout the one-mile indoor mall loop to learn about Stark DD services provided to more than 4,100 children and adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities living in our community. Stations include: Early Intervention referrals, age appropriate crafts, blood pressure checks, Hands Only CPR demonstrations, and voter registration information. People who may be interested in a career as a Direct Support Professional (DSP) for people with disabilities can learn about current career opportunities. Stark DD's Help for Good t-shirts will also be available for purchase. Shirts are \$10 each, cash or check only.

Download [2023 Walk for Awareness Flyer](#)



Books We Love can teach inclusion, acceptance

"It is not enough to simply teach children to read; we have to give them something worth reading. Something that will stretch their imaginations--something that will help them make sense of their own lives and encourage them to reach out toward people whose lives are quite different from their own."

-Katherine Patterson

In celebration of National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, we are sharing [Books We Love](#) for children kindergarten through high school. Several of these books were recently honored by the American Library Association with Schneider Family Book Awards for highlighting experiences of people with disabilities.

Recommended titles include:

- K-1: [My Three Best Friends and Me, Zula](#), by Cari Best
- Grades 2-3: [Just Ask! Be Different, Be Brave, Be You](#), by Sonia Sotomayor
- Grades 3-4: [Listen How Evelyn Glennie, a Deaf Girl, Changed Percussion](#), by Shannon Stocker



- Grades 5-6: [Honestly Elliott](#) by Gillian McDunn
- Grades 6-8: [Hummingbird](#) by Natalie Lloyd
- Young Adult: [Breathe and Count Back From Ten](#) by Natalia Sylvester

Sunday Story Time in March

Each Sunday on our [Stark DD Facebook Page](#) we will share more books that teach acceptance and inclusion. These short Read Along videos are acceptable for all ages.

What's Going On



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March 15 / 6 PM / Sharing Solutions - IDD Support Group for Families, Caregivers & Professionals
Walther's Twin Tavern, 430 Applegrove St NW, North Canton
 This month's meeting is about "Employment Opportunities". For further information, please contact [Jodi Broom](#).

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March 16 / 11 AM - 1 PM / Be the Good Self Advocates Monthly Meeting
Stark DD Whipple-Dale Centre, 2950 Whipple Ave. NW, Canton.
 "Pep Rally" and "Ohio ISP Updates" are the topics. Lunch provided. RSVP by March 10 to [Sara Anderson](#).



March 20-24 / ALL DAY / Stark DD Preschool, School Programs Spring Break
 There are no classes for students in Stark DD preschool and school age programs. Classes will resume March 27.



March 24 / 6 - 8 PM / Sock Hop Party

RiverTree Lake Church, 910 Sunnyside St. SW, Hartville

Gentlebrook and RiverTree Lake Church invite you to Rock Your Socks off in celebration of World Down Syndrome Day. This event is free, but registration is required. [Register now.](#)



March 28 / 6 PM / Stark DD Monthly Board Meeting

Stark DD Whipple-Dale Centre, 2950 Whipple Ave. NW, Canton

The monthly meeting of the governance board. Attend in-person or watch the meeting live on our [Stark DD Facebook page.](#)

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April 29 / 10 AM - 2 PM / Special Needs Community Resource Fair

First Christian Church, 6900 Market Ave. N., Canton

Presented by Special Needs Living Magazine, First Christian Church, The Arc of Ohio, Stark DD and Sharing Solutions.

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