



Special Kids
Special Families

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To Promote, Strengthen & Support Individuals with Disabilities, their Families & Caregivers

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

In 1976, President Gerald R. Ford urged Americans to “seize the opportunity to honor the too often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.” That year, fifty years after the first celebration, the association held the first Black History Month. By this time, the entire nation had come to recognize the importance of Black history in the drama of the American story. Since then each American president has issued Black History Month proclamations. And the association—now the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH)—continues to promote the study of Black history all year.

For more information about Black History Month visit

<https://blackhistorymonth.gov/about/>

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We must never forget that Black History is American History. The achievements of African Americans have contributed to our nation's greatness.”

U.S. REP.
YVETTE CLARKE OF NEW YORK



Parents Night Out

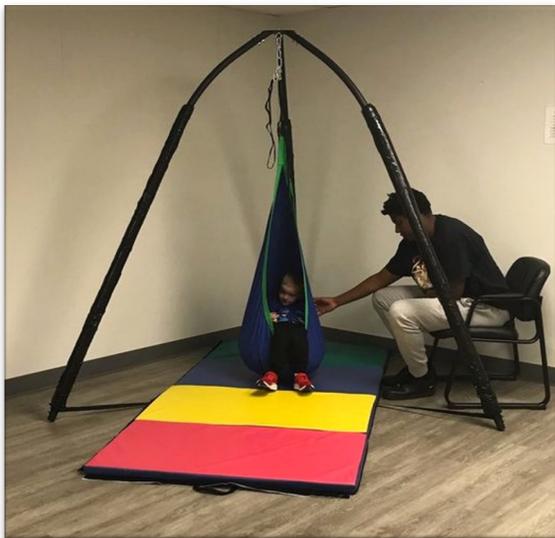
SKSF Adult Services program offered a Parents Night Out over Valentine's Day weekend which gives caretakers a chance to enjoy a date night and leave their loved one for a few hours with caring, loving and skilled caregivers. During this fun event, adult program participants partake in many activities including making cookies, dancing, karaoke, piano playing & moving through an obstacle course.

To find our more information about Parents Night Out and the community and center based services offered for adult with developmental disabilities, contact Madeline at 719-634-4675 x39 or mdulle@sksfcolorado.org.



Activities that Engage and Stimulate

SunWater Spa has graciously donated use of their yoga studios to our Adult Program participants. During the cold winter months, our clients seek indoor activities. During these sessions, they are learning how to stretch, learning different yoga poses, and socializing with their peers and others at the spa. We appreciate the support of Sunwater Spa over the years as they have been a great community partner. Take a visit to SunWater Spa at <https://www.sunwellness.net/>



Thanks to a recent grant received from a very generous donor, Zach's Place has recently installed this specialized swing allowing the children to have calming input to support internal organization and relaxation - which is vital for those that have sensory based challenges. Swinging sets the foundation for being able to engage in more group based activities and allows for a break and re-group from activities that can be over stimulating.

We are so happy to have this Special Equipment for our Special Kids!!!

In addition, we received a "Crash" pad inside for our indoor gym. This equipment has provided immense support for children in the center. Some of our children struggle to maintain their regulation and this keeps them calm and relaxed.



Join Our **TEAM...**

Why Work for SKSF?

If you would like to work for a company where you can make an impact, we are seeking individuals with job skills and the heart to truly care about the safety and well-being of others. With many diverse programs, and three locations in Colorado Springs, Special Kids Special Families is an organization focused on supporting individuals with special needs throughout their lifespan.

UPCOMING JOB FAIRS

- SKSF will be hosting a Job Fair at the Pikes Peak Workforce Center on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 from 1-4pm. JOIN US to learn more about our open positions and career opportunities!



- SKSF will be attending UCCS College of Business Career Networking Night on Tuesday, March 1st, 2022 from 6-8pm. JOIN US to learn more about what SKSF offers, positions available, benefits and to answer any questions you may have!

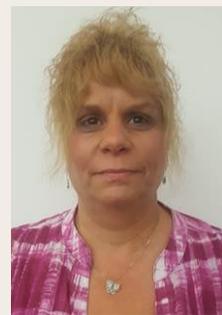
NOW HIRING!

[Visit our website to apply](#)

- ◆ Program Director Assistant
- ◆ Behavioral Health Clinical Director
- ◆ Director of Programs
- ◆ Operations Administrative Support
- ◆ Residential Services Home Supervisor
- ◆ Adult Mentors
- ◆ Childcare Workers

Adult Services Program

EMPLOYEE of the MONTH



We'd like to acknowledge Adult Services staff member **Rosie Good!** Rosie is our Building Connections Specialist and a huge asset to SKSF!

Rosie creates the activity schedules for every class. She listens to her clients and

incorporates their ideas into every activity that they do. Rosie shows every day that she is here for the clients. She has always been an advocate when the clients are going through a change of support or need. We are thankful to have Rosie on our team and look forward to seeing what she accomplishes and contributes in the future. Congratulations Rosie on a job well done!!



We recently asked our Adult Services staff - "What motivates them to come to work everyday". Our long time employee & Adult Mentor, Pete Rodriguez says, **"The clients! We are able to bond with them. Being able to provide them with a different atmosphere and**

people to work with."

Pete sure does provide atmosphere! He's created most of the murals at our Adult Services facility - so talented! Thanks Pete for your dedication to SKSF - we appreciate you!



We'd like to acknowledge Adult Services staff member **Justina Schultz!** Justina practices SKSF's mission by being supportive of the clients and encouraging them to try new activities. She advocates for all the clients and ensures

their safety. She is willing and open to taking on new responsibilities and is always willing to answer questions and help staff if they need support. When asked why she likes her job - her response: **"This job is rewarding. I get to come in everyday and make a difference. I love doing things that make the program enjoyable for both staff and clients."**

THANKS JUSTINA for putting in the effort to make a difference in the lives of the clients we serve!

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13th Annual **BOWL-A-THON** Bowl for the **GREEN!**

All proceeds from this event support SKSF programming for adults with disabilities, their families and caregivers

\$30 / person
\$15 / child (age 15 & under)

includes 2 games of bowling, reserved lane, shoe rental & participation in contest prizes & drawing.

EVENT THEME

St. Patrick's Day so be sure to "don" your green!



Saturday
March 12th, 2022
2:30 - 5:00 PM

KING PIN LANES
3410 N. Academy Blvd
Colorado Springs

CONTEST PRIZES
GOODIE BAG
DRAWING

SKSF's Bowl-A-Thon is an annual tradition that many look forward to every year! In 2022, we are resuming our annual BOWL FOR THE GREEN St. Patrick's Day Bowl-A-Thon on Saturday, March 12, 2022 at King Pin Lanes.

This annual tradition is celebrated every year where teams don their favorite St. Patrick's Day outfits, wear their green and bowl to support a good cause helping raise funds for programs for adults with disabilities and their families. We will hold a DRAWING for some great prizes offered by area businesses. We will also be awarding CONTEST PRIZES throughout the event. A goodie bag will also be given to every registered bowler.

THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS:



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT >>>



Thanks Johnny & Dave at Mountain Country for having Jon Karroll, SKSF Development & Communications Manager stop by on your Friday 7am Morning Routine to talk about SKSF Bowl for the Green Bowl-A-Thon, our programs and about hiring staff! We appreciate your time and willingness to help us spread the word about the great programs we provide the community!

Thanks KRDO NewsChannel 13 / KRDO.com radio for hosting SKSF this morning to help promote our programs and SKSF Bowl for the Green Bowl-A-Thon! [Check it out...](#)

Thanks Janiece S Carlson at The Networking Diva Hour-LIVE Internet Talk Show for promoting our upcoming SKSF Bowl for the Green Bowl-A-Thon event on your show! We appreciate your blog talk radio and such interesting topics!

[Check it out...](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS >>>

Foster Care Information Meeting



[FOSTER CARE INFO MEETING](#)

Interested in fostering? Come to our FREE info meeting to answer your questions.

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY 3/1/22

To register & more information visit:

[More Information...](#)

[QMAP CLASSES](#)

Offered monthly for support staff and HHPs caring for IDD. Open to public.

NEXT CLASS: FRIDAY 3/18/22

To register & more information visit:

[More Information...](#)

[NIGHT of COMEDY](#)

[Boots, Buckles & Chuckles](#)

This western themed event will include an open cash bar, Chuckwagon style dinner, Silent Auction, Zach's Place kids performance & video premier PLUS a 1-hour original western stage comedy & music show from the world famous Flying W Wranglers!

[More Information...](#)



Chuck Pavlica and Kevin Flynn with Knights of Columbus Council #582 present a check for \$320.64 to Jon Karroll SKSF Development & Communications Manager. The money was raised through donations for Tootsie Rolls at Council events. It will help support programs serving adults with disabilities.

VOLUNTEER

- **HELP US STUFF ENVELOPES...** *for an upcoming mailer.*
- **JOIN A COMMITTEE...** *our Night of Comedy fundraising committee meetings start March 2022.*
- **JOIN OUR BOARD...** *we are seeking new board members and YOU may be the perfect fit!*

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SAVE THE DATE!



October 8th 2022

14th Annual
Night Of Comedy

**BOOTS, BUCKLES
& CHUCKLES**

