Ability 1st Utah
A VOICE OF OUR OWN

Holiday PARTY

DATE: December 10, 2014
TIME: 5:30~8:00 pm
PLACE: Centre Stage ~ Sorenson Center
Utah Valley University 800 W University Pkwy

Come and have fun with us... Hawaiian style!!!

Good food, good entertainment, good company!

Don’t forget to invite your family, but remember that we do have a limit of YOU and FOUR PEOPLE PER FAMILY. Please call us to reserve your seats on the van. Transportation is LIMITED and available on first come, first served basis for only the consumer, not for the family.

A waiting list will be started if we have van ride cancelations. (Directions on page 3)

THANK YOU EVERYONE!

Thank you to each of our event sponsors for their support & generous donations.
Thank you to the runners, walkers, & rollers for taking part in this year’s race!

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WOW! What a way to start the School and Fall season. Plenty of new students at Nebo and Ability 1st Utah, new great goals and a new assistant, Her name is Emma. I hope everyone got to meet my volunteer. She has taught a few classes.

We have learned to write a resume, how to interview, budgeting, how to use public transportation thanks to UTA, and many other great IL skills in such a short time. I hope everyone enjoyed our Wii Bowling days. Farm Fest and the 5k/10k Run, Walk, and Roll did well for fundraising. We are hoping to use some of those funds for other great activities. Who had fun at the Halloween party? I know I sure did.

As you may see on the Calendar that there is a Dance Party. The Independent Living Center in SLC has invited adults and youth for a dance. So please call me to reserve your spot, because transportation is limited.

Who else is excited for Thanksgiving? I hope you eat plenty of turkey. The Youth Leadership Council is doing great. We have great plans to help them in their advocacy goals. Remember to invite your friends, family, or other that could benefit from our program. They can call the center or me specifically. We hope to expand the youth program as much as we can! If you want a individual lesson just give me a call. Have fun doing the word search below. If you didn’t already notice, I used every word in the paragraphs above.

Quince Van Orden
Youth Program Developer

Please call early to confirm rides for activities. We cannot always provide transportation.
ATTENTION!!! A reminder from Kathy, your Van Driver Coordinator

As we come into the winter months, we will be implementing a new transportation procedure for the safety of the driver and other consumers. If there is an activity planned, while it’s snowing and or if there are icy dangerous conditions in the area that you live in, either myself or your Independent Living Coordinator will be calling you to make other arrangements to be picked up and dropped off at an alternate location close to your home (Individuals affected by this new practice, will be contacted with instructions).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your Independent Living Coordinator.

- Thank you!

Assistive technology information...

A friendly reminder about how the Assistive Technology (AT) process works, here at Ability 1st Utah

When you come in and need some AT equipment, the first step is to talk with your Independent Living Coordinator to make a goal and depending on the equipment item, you may also need a doctor’s approval. Once that is done, then they will give your referral to the AT Coordinator to process your requested item, he/she may do a home evaluation and or get a vendor involved. If the item needs to go through State approval, it will be placed on the State waiting list to await funding.

Please be patient, very few AT items can be given on the spot; equipment like wheelchairs, walkers, or ramps will take a bit more time to get it to you.

Prevent seasonal flu...get vaccinated!

The single best way to prevent the flu is to get a flu vaccine each season. Fight it by:

⇒ Covering your cough
⇒ Washing your hands
⇒ Staying at home when sick

DIRECTIONS- Holiday Party

Enter UVU roundabout and go far right into Collage Dr. It will curb, taking you pass the Faculty Annex, the Computer Science Building, and just before the Parking Garage, the LDS Institute. Signs will be posted.

If you have a an accessible plaque you can park FREE in the underground parking garage. If not, you can park FREE in lot ⭐ L13
My name is Brittany Adams. I will be the Afternoon Receptionist. I am a young, fun ginger. I am in my last year at BYU with philosophy as my chosen major. I love to write. I am in the process of writing my first novel which is entitled “The Embezzlement Scheme.” Nothing cheers me up like listening to the perfect song. I play the piano and guitar, and I love to sing. I play volleyball, hike and cook. The best place I’ve hiked is Zion’s. My favorite thing to cook is Tom-Kha-Gai which is a Thai soup. It is amazing! I also love Spanish. I served a mission for my church in San Diego, California, which is how I learned to speak Spanish. I love to do things with my family. I have 3 sisters and 2 brothers. I also have 3 in-laws and one niece. She is the cutest kid you have ever seen! She is a ginger too, which is awesome! I was able to go to visit her this summer and she’s coming here for Christmas. I think I love her more than her grandparents do! I will have a nephew soon, too. He may be
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TRANSPORTATION IS AVAILABLE WHEN WE HAVE CLASSES AT OUR CENTER. WE WILL ALSO PROVIDE ROUTE DEVIATION BASED UPON THE NEEDS WITHIN THE SERVICE AREA.

Please let me take this opportunity to introduce myself as the newly hired Life Skill Trainer/Community Integration Coordinator...

My name is Carol Willes.
I love sports, photography, mostly landscapes, and yard work...yes, I said yard work!

What I like most about working at Ability 1st Utah is that it gives me the opportunity to learn and be creative; being involved with people and establishing new relationships!

I want to do the best by you and to do it, I will need your help! Let me know of activities, classes, or trainings that you would like to participate in. Any suggestion will be taken into consideration.
Welcome to Fall! It’s the season of cooler days, beautiful leaves changing color, hot cocoa shared with friends.

Just a couple of things I wanted to mention. With the coming of colder weather comes cold and flu season. We don’t want to share germs with one another. Getting sick can be a real problem if you have disabilities, it can make things much worse. Additionally when staff becomes ill it makes it hard for us to help consumers address their needs. If you have an appointment with me and you are not feeling the best, please call me to reschedule the appointment. If you are sick on shopping day or food bank day, or a scheduled activity, please don’t attend. There will always be another activity to participate in and another shopping day and food bank day.

If you haven’t had your Flu Shot, think about getting one. You will stay healthier and those around you will stay healthier too.

This November we will be starting a class that will run for the next several months and I am super excited about it. We will be learning to do water color painting. Art is such a great way of expressing yourself. Art, like music, releases positive feelings from our brains that make us feel good. So come and have some fun doing water color painting!

If you need transportation for doctor appointments, etc. please contact me at least 24 hours before you need transportation. Every effort will be made to accommodate your request.
Fiesta Navideña...

10 de diciembre ~ 5:30-8:00PM ~ UVU Centre Stage

Es nuestra fiesta anual y queremos que todos ustedes nos acompañen. Tendremos una comida deliciosa, entretenimiento alegre y estaremos juntos en compañía de amigos; la mejor combinación para que pasemos unas horas divertidas!

No se olvide de invitar a su familia, pero recuerde que tenemos un límite de 5 personas por familia. Si necesitan transportación, llámenos lo más pronto posible; el ómnibus se llena rápido! El servicio de transportación es solamente para la persona que es nuestro consumidor, no para la familia.

Direcciones en la página #3

La influenza es una de las enfermedades respiratorias virales más contagiosas y severas que existen.

La enfermedad ataca a las células de las vías respiratorias desde la nariz hasta los alvéolos pulmonares. Cuando una persona se contagia, comienza a enfermarse entre 18 y 72 horas después de haber estado expuesto y a su vez, contagia a los demás durante siete días a partir del inicio de los síntomas.

Los niños, en cambio, siguen contagiando hasta dos semanas después, aunque ya se hayan mejorado de algunos síntomas. Las dos vías de contagio son la boca y la nariz.

Los virus viajan en las gotitas de saliva que se diseminan en el aire al hablar, toser o estornudar y también se trasmiten a través de las manos contaminadas con el virus u objetos que permanecen en contacto directo con las personas enfermas (jueguitos, teléfono, manillas).

Siempre planeamos actividades para todos los consumidores, aunque no puedan ser en español. En el almanaque verán actividades como ir de compras, aprender usar computadoras, manualidades y mucho más! Nos hemos dado cuenta que ustedes, los latinos, no participan mucho y queremos saber porque. Será que las actividades no les gustan? Que no son dadas en español? Que será? Déjenos saber y así planearemos actividades donde se sienten incluidos.
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Vision

To integrate, build, and strengthen abilities for all individuals with disabilities.

Promote independence for people with disabilities.

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