



## DSP RECOGNITION



ABLED is excited to give a big shout out to another awesome Direct Support Professional this month. Bernest Rhodes, or as many people know him, Jafar! He is also a Shared Living Provider and a great asset to our ABLED community!

Jafar has been with ABLED for 2 ½ years. Before ABLED he worked at Hy-Vee and was known as the Banana Man. He came up with the idea to hand out fruit to children while shopping in the store. He also enjoyed creating flower arrangements. He has a passion for working with people from all places in their lives and backgrounds. Jafar is passionate about helping other people achieve their goals.

Jafar loves that during community integration he is able to help his participants and others become more comfortable in the community. You can find Jafar and his participants out bowling, going to see a movie, going out to eat or walking around the mall. They also enjoy going to the rec center and shooting some pool. Those who know Jafar, know that he is very generous. When asked why he is so generous his response was "When God blesses you with something you share it. If you keep your blessings, you don't get more, but if you share your blessings they always seem to come back around." He gets joy out of seeing smiles on people's faces by doing something for them that they might not be able to do themselves.

ABLED is very blessed to have Jafar on our team. He is loved by all our amazing participants and staff. You will know when Jafar is in the room because everyone is always happy and laughing. Thank you for everything you do Jafar! We look forward to having you make differences in people's lives for many years to come!

*Thank You* for joining us in our mission!

"Serving Jesus Christ by enabling people with developmental disabilities to creatively explore and live full meaningful lives in their communities"

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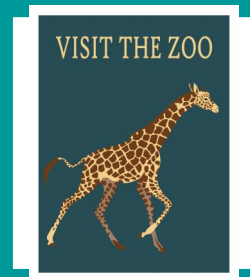
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## JOIN US AT ABLED EVENTS!

### LINCOLN CHILDREN'S ZOO

May 13, Monday  
1222 S 27th St, Lincoln  
11:00 am

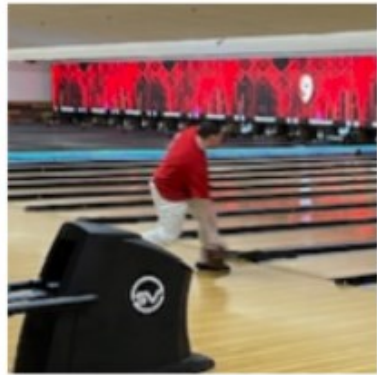
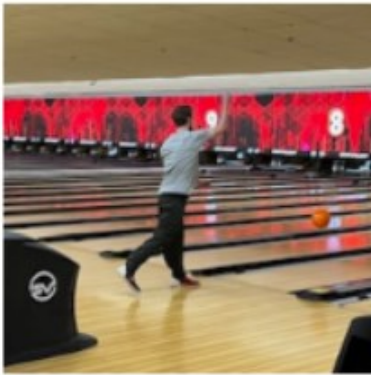


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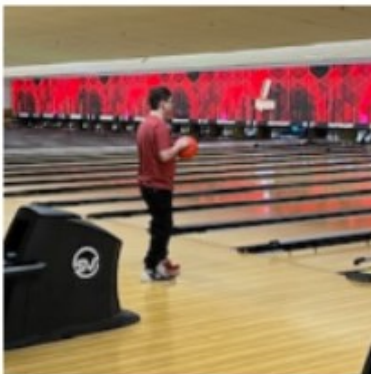
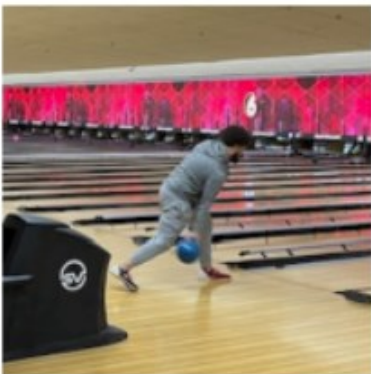
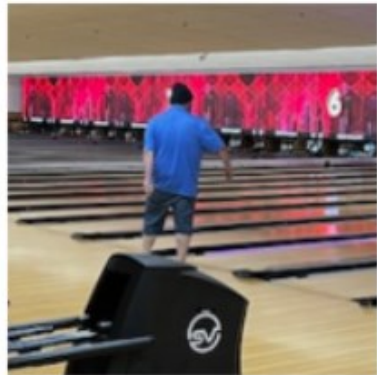
May 24, Friday  
16406 292nd St, Ashland  
11:00 am



We encourage all participants and staff to come and try something new, meet new people and build relationships. Let's have fun together—FREE!



SUNVALLEY  
BOWLERS  
APRIL 18





APR 26TH  
THIS GROUP  
GOT THEIR  
STEPS IN -  
TOGETHER!



MAY DAY  
BASKETS

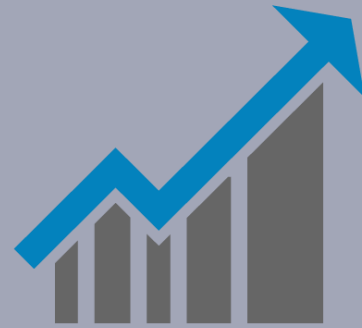


MAY 1st  
EVENT



## JOIN OUR JOURNEY TOWARDS GROWTH

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**DAY/VOC  
SERVICES**

**RESIDENTIAL  
SERVICES**

**IN-HOME  
SERVICES**

**CLINICAL  
SERVICES**

**RISK TIER  
SERVICES**

**AGING  
SERVICES**

MONTHLY THERAP SUPPORT &  
SCOOTERS DRINKS—April 30





# HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

PSALM 127:3 - BEHOLD, CHILDREN ARE A HERITAGE FROM THE LORD, THE FRUIT OF THE WOMB A REWARD.



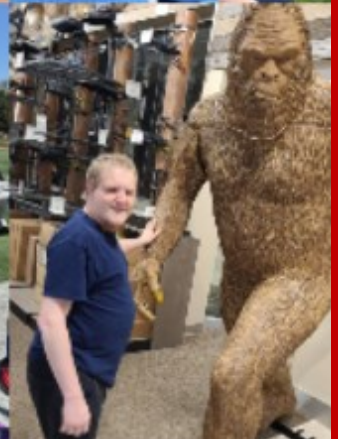
**FLOWER  
POT  
PLANTING  
MAY 8**







**SHARE PHOTOS TO WIN GIFT CARDS FOR MORE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**



**"I AM THE VINE; YOU ARE THE BRANCHES. WHOEVER ABIDES IN ME AND I IN HIM, HE IT IS THAT BEARS MUCH FRUIT, FOR APART FROM ME YOU CAN DO NOTHING.." JOHN 15:5**



John 15:1–11 contains one of Jesus' most well-known metaphors: the vine and the branches. "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser." This features the seventh of seven "I Am" statements as recorded by John.

References to vines and vineyards are common in Scripture, picturing God as someone who plants and tends to the "vine" of His people. In this verse, there is a clear sense of expected growth. First mentioned is barrenness, then productivity, then abundance. In terms of our spiritual lives, this is how God expects us to progress. As part of that process, God removes and prunes the branches.

Some branches appear to be connected to the main body, but are not—those branches are dead and will never produce fruit. The vinedresser removes those branches, to allow room and resources for the living branches to accomplish their purpose.

**WHEN WE ABIDE IN CHRIST, WE ENJOY HIS REST AND PEACE.** Abiding addresses our posture and place. Where are we in proximity to Christ? When we dwell in God's presence and remain in His Word, we experience His power and peace. Abiding is not about our efforts; instead, it draws our attention to Christ's accomplishments on our behalf. We are held and kept in His peace and promises so we can enjoy His deep rest.

**WHEN WE ABIDE IN CHRIST, OUR HEARTS ARE CULTIVATED FOR GROWTH.** We often think of pruning as an act of cutting away. But looking closer at the original language, we're given the image of cleansing. God purges us of anything not from Him. Like a tree pruned of dying or excess branches, the process makes us healthier to bear more fruit. He prunes any wayward or distracted thoughts and prepares the soil of our hearts and lives to produce good fruit.

**WHEN WE ABIDE IN CHRIST, WE PRODUCE GOOD AND LASTING FRUIT.** As we abide in Christ and as Colossians 3:16 says, "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly..." the fruit we produce will be lasting. It will not fade this side of eternity but extend into heaven. Our fruit will not spoil but instead dwell in the lives of those around us.

The Bible is clear that salvation comes by grace and is maintained by grace. When a person is saved, he or she is described as being "in Christ". Therefore, abiding in Christ is not a special level of Christian experience, rather, it is the position of all true believers. The essential meaning of our active abiding is the act of receiving and trusting all that God is for us in Christ.