

## What We Do

- ❖ Promote fulfilling lives for adults with developmental disabilities
- ❖ Offer recreational, educational and social activities for members in an atmosphere of dignity, acceptance, respect and well-being
- ❖ Assist in developing homes with a family environment of love and compassion for members

## Testimonies

*"CHEERS is, I believe, a beautiful expression of God's love. I see it in the friendships that have developed among the members, the devotion of the parents, and the love and care of the volunteers."*

— Rev. David Turner, Pastor, Central Christian Church, where CHEERS currently meets

*"CHEERS, for us parents, holds out the hope that some day we will have the opportunity to choose where our son will live, with whom he will live and the style of life he will have. Decisions and choices that we will make, the government will not make, some agency will not make, some caseworker will not make. Someone who does know and love our son will make his life decisions."*

— Carole Davis  
Mother of John, age 30

*"For the non-disabled person it creates an opportunity to experience a disabled person's life firsthand. It allows them to almost walk in the footprints of a disabled person, at least for awhile."*

—Marilyn Garland  
Volunteer

*"It has been my son's salvation!"*

—Anonymous Mother

## Communities Helping Each and Everyone Reach Success

*CHEERS is a non-profit tax exempt agency always seeking volunteers to share in the many fun and varied activities, being partners with our members.*

*CHEERS also needs resources to support its activities. Monetary donations can be made*

- ❖ Directly to CHEERS
- ❖ Through United Way
- ❖ Through Combined Federal Campaign – Code # **15090**



*For more information  
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*A Club for  
Young Men  
And Women  
With  
Developmental  
Disabilities*

## Activities & Staff

- ❖ Supervised recreational, educational, and leisure activities
- ❖ Opportunities for community interactions
- ❖ Saturday and weekday programs
- ❖ A staff of paid professionals, trained volunteers, and parents to meet each individual member's needs
- ❖ Variety of activities, including sports, music, arts and crafts, and field trips

## Financial Support

- ❖ Annual memberships dues
- ❖ Fees for activities
- ❖ Monetary donations from volunteers and community sponsors

## Volunteers

CHEERS also offers a unique and enriching opportunity for our volunteers, working with the members.

Activities are conducted on a 3:1 ratio of members to volunteers. Training is provided to all volunteers. High school and college volunteers may earn fieldwork and service credits for their work with CHEERS.



## Testimonies

*"CHEERS is friends!"*

— Pam Ptachik, age 30

*"Being with the young people of CHEERS is the highlight of my week."*

— Kay Ashworth, Chair of the Occupational Therapy Assistants Program, Sinclair Community College

*"CHEERS is a brighter future for my children."*

— Kitty Pier, mother of Drew and Abby, ages 27 & 26

*"CHEERS brings adults with developmental disabilities and the community together in order to enrich the lives of all involved."*

— Bob Meyer  
former member, Board of Directors

*"CHEERS is friendship and fun for my disabled daughter. It is a chance to just "hang out" with peers and be accepted for all the many things she can do!"*

— Michelle Kostetsky  
Mother of Jaime Janis, age 29

## Membership Information

- ❖ Members must be at least sixteen years old and have a developmental disability.
- ❖ Prospective members and parents or caregivers will attend several CHEERS activities to see if CHEERS meets the needs of the individual and to make sure they and the group are compatible.
- ❖ CHEERS is a co-op club in which all parents, caregivers or a representative from each family will donate time as a volunteer, and become active in one of the variety of committees that plan and support CHEERS.

To become a member, simply fill out a membership packet and pay the annual membership dues. Contact CHEERS at the address on the back of the brochure to receive a complete membership packet.

