



Independent Living of the **Genesee Region**

APRIL, MAY, JUNE 2024

Lunch in the Dark, a disability simulation.

Hosted at

School for the Blind in Batavia, NY

April 25, 2024

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Fundraiser and Basket Raffle, Tickets: \$30.00

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OUR VISION

*ILGR is the connection for community and
systems change to improve the quality
of life for people with disabilities.*

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You, the consumer, are our number 1 priority. Please do not hesitate to reach out to anyone on this list for assistance. Our Intake office Can be reached at Ext. 336.

LOOKING TO VOLUNTEER?

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Independent Living of the Genesee Region is a non-profit organization serving people with disabilities in Genesee, Orleans, and Wyoming Counties. We are a multi-cultural, grassroots organization that provides free programs and services to enhance the quality of life for all individuals with disabilities.

The Governing Council of Independent Living is seeking residents or workers in the GOW area who have an interest in serving on the nine member Council. We are a Peer Run, Peer Lead agency seeking care providers or individuals with a disability who would like to make a contribution to the community. Council members are volunteers who help to guide our work in the community and assist at public events. We meet 9 times per year, conducted virtually on Mondays from 11:45 am to 1:15 pm and training is provided. If you are interested, please email Rae Frank at rfrank@wnyil.org with a resume or a letter telling us about your experience and why you may be willing to volunteer your time. We look forward to setting up a time to meet to discuss the opportunity.



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Budgeting

An Independent Living Specialist will help you create a budget and make informed suggestions on how to cut costs and



work savings into your plans.

Loan Closet

FREE (gently used) medical equipment including wheelchairs, walkers, canes, crutches, shower benches, raised toilet seats,



Peer Counseling

An Independent Living Specialist is someone who's walked a mile in your shoes. We are here to listen without judging. If you are interested in setting goals, we can help establish a plan and provide support as you work towards those goals.



Job Search

There is an Independent Living Specialist available to help you with all your job search needs. Computer access, assistance with on-line applications, cover letters, resumes, interview tips, references and more.



Housing Search and Rapid Rehousing

We can provide a housing list, an apartment guide and application assistance to anyone with a disability.

The Rapid Rehousing Program will pay rent and security deposits for people who are



Transportation

We can assist people with transportation to and from our office to meet with an Independent Living Specialist. In addition, we can deliver loan closet equipment, food

Visit wnyil.org for a full list and descriptions of our programs and services!

INDEPENDENT LIVING OF THE GENESSEE REGION

We are pleased to share that the equipment purchased with the Christopher & Dana Reeves Foundation Grant was able to allow people to safely discharge from hospitals and nursing homes!

Several families who were not able to afford a ramp or the necessary equipment needed for a safe discharge received good news. Our Loan Closet came to the rescue with free ramps, transfer chairs, wheelchairs and shower chairs. Family members were reunited and experienced improved quality of life due to the generous foundation grant.

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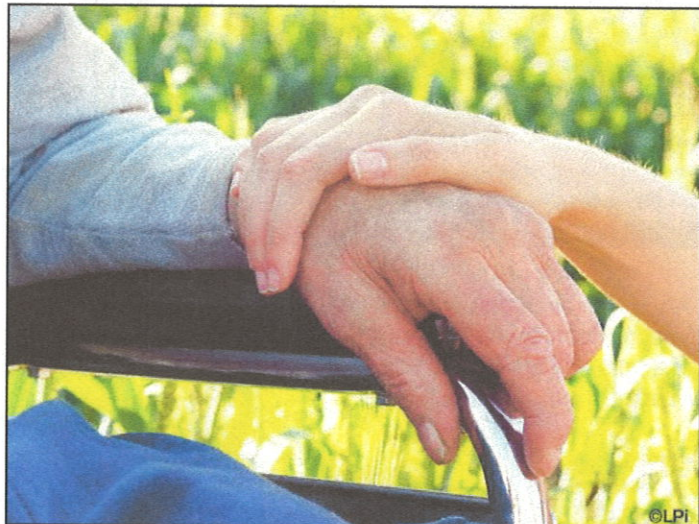
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ABILITY EXHIBITIONS

A UHAA Art Partnering Program



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WHY ART PARTNERING FOR THE DISABLED? Art is for everyone irrespective of disability! Art promotes learning, inspires connection, and enhances personal identity. As a conduit for artistic expression, *ARTiculations Ability Exhibitions* promote the inclusion of artists and audiences with disabilities into the rich network of exhibitions offered throughout Western New York.

Program

UHAA. The University Heights Arts Association (UHAA), organized in North Buffalo, is a group of artists that serves as a driving creative force and educational resource through the arts that make a positive difference in people's lives in each of several areas where they serve.

EXHIBITION PROGRAM. A part of the UHAA Art Partnering Program which places art in businesses and community spaces, *ARTiculations Ability Exhibitions* displays art by artists who are disabled at ILGR through quarterly solo and group exhibitions.

ELIGIBILITY. This program is open exclusively to artists who are disabled living in Genesee, Wyoming and Orleans counties.

MEDIUM. Photography, painting, illustration, collage, and mixed media

SIZE: May not exceed 30 in. wide x 36 in. high including the frame.

JURYING. Artists wishing to be considered for an exhibition must email photographs of at least three different artworks to: fineart@uhartsgroup.com.

PRESENTATION: All work must be framed and ready to hang. Either D rings or a "screw eye" may be used. No eye hooks. No "easel-back" photo frames.

DROP OFF/PICK UP: A time will be scheduled with the artist to drop off the work to be exhibited and to retrieve it after the exhibition closes.

RECEPTION: An annual reception at ILGR will celebrate all of the *ARTiculations Ability Exhibitions* held that year.

FEES/SALES: Neither the UHAA nor ILGR charge the artist to participate in an exhibition. All proceeds from the sale of any work are payable to the artist at the end of the exhibition. Artists are *not* required to sell their work in order

Additional Information

RISK AND LIABILITY: Your signature on the registration form below constitutes agreement by you that there shall be NO LIABILITY on the part of ILGR and/or their staff or on the part of the UHAA and/or their officers or board members for loss, damage, or destruction of any art work during the calendar period of the exhibition (from drop-off through pick-up).

PR: ILGR will coordinate press releases to local news media. UHAA will develop an online event page through its website and social utilities and will provide the artist with complimentary posters and postcards. The artist may order additional posters and postcards.

Send the information requested on this entry form to the University Heights Arts Association:
fineart@uhartsgroup.com

QUESTIONS?

Email fineart@uhartsgroup.com

telephone ILGR: (585)815-8501 ext. 400

UHAA: (716)833-6260.

This Prospectus is available on the UHAA website at:

<http://www.uhartsgroup.com/aRticulations.pdf>

Postal service: 67 Highgate Ave, Buffalo, NY 14214

ILGR OFFICE HOURS.

Mon.-Frid., 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Call (585)815-8501 ext. 411 before visiting.

WEBSITES

ILGR: ilgr.org

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