

dis**ABILITIES**

EXP



5th Annual

Your one-stop resource for physical, intellectual, vision and hearing impairment services and products.

Saturday, May 10, 2014 • 10am-4pm

Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, IN



FREE ADMISSION

EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES • EXPAND POSSIBILITIES • EXPERIENCE EVERYTHING



Zot Artz

For artists with special needs, paint brushes, pencils and chalk can be difficult, if not impossible, to grasp and use. But imagine a wheelchair as an artist's brush or as the device to draw with chalk. Suddenly a new world of artistic ability opens up.

Dwayne Szot's "Zot Artz: Arts for All" enables individuals with special needs to express themselves in new, fun and creative ways. Pogo stamping, wheelchair painting and drawing are just a few of the adaptive art techniques Dwayne has developed enabling artists of all abilities to make art. Come and experience artists with special needs as they excel with flying, or rather rolling, colors!

"Prepare for the eye-popping beauty of Zot Artz and the creative ways he is changing how art is an expression of being."



Exhibitor Hall

Discover an array of services and products available through local and national companies for individuals with physical and intellectual disabilities, their families and caregivers.

Lifestyle

- Mobility equipment
- Bathroom renovations
- Behavioral services • Support groups
- Companion and assistance dogs
- Adaptive sports and recreation

Medical

- Prosthetics • Orthotics
- Mobility products
- In-home care • Residential services

Technology

- Vision • Hearing • Communication tools

Transportation

- Automobile conversion • Adaptive vehicles
- Community transportation services

Special Needs Planning

- Financial • Insurance • Disability Benefits

Employment

- Job search • Resume writing • Employment resources • High school transition planning

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Hour-by-Hour at the Expo

disABILITIES Expo 2014 Event Schedule

10:00 AM — Doors open to the public

11:00 AM — Jesters Performance of “Horse Tales”

11:45 AM — Dazzlers Cheerleading Performance

11:45 AM — Turnstone Wheelchair Basketball Exhibition Game

12:30 PM — Comedy Duo Presents Handicap This!

1:30 PM — Turnstone Power Soccer Exhibition Game

2:00 PM — Premiere Dance Company Performances

2:30 PM — Adaptive Golf Cart Demonstration

All Day Activities at the Expo

Come for a few hours or stay all day because there’s so much to experience!

- More than 90 exhibitors
- Regional Special Arts Exhibit & Sale
- First collaborative Bike Art Exhibit
- All-day art activities
- Adaptive sports exhibition games
- Obstacle course experience
- Performances by the Jesters; cheerleading by the Dazzlers and dancing by Premiere Dance Company
- Sensory Critter’s Calming & Sensory Room
- Wii dance and drawing games





The AWS Foundation is pleased to host the 5th annual disAbilities Expo, the only event of its kind in the tri-state area. This one-stop resource for disability-related services and products makes it easy for individuals with disabilities, their caregivers and families to find an array of resources available close to home. Come for a few hours or stay all day, because there is so much to see and do. Since 2009, the AWS Foundation has awarded grants totaling \$3.3 million to more than 35 organizations serving the disability population that help individuals with enduring intellectual and physical disabilities live as independently as possible, be included in the community and function at their highest potential.

Take the Pledge to Spread the Word to End the Word

The Down Syndrome Association of Northeast Indiana (DSANI) is promoting the national campaign Spread the Word to End the Word to raise awareness about the use of the R-word (retarded) and eliminate its use in offensive and derogatory ways. Language affects attitudes and attitudes affect actions, so DSANI is asking you to take action and take the pledge to end the use of the R-word. Learn more about this campaign at the Expo or take the pledge here.



**Tim Wamback
& Mike Berkson**

Handicap This!

You can find humor in anything, including the topic of disabilities. An unlikely comedy duo was formed when Tim Wamback became Mike Berkson's professional care giver. Born with cerebral palsy, Mike was really born to be on stage. Teaming up with Tim, whose background is in special education, they comprise an influential duo whose friendship provides plenty of opportunities to share funny and inspiring stories of acceptance and inclusion. Each time Tim and Mike take the stage they set out to provide an honest message of inclusion and tolerance, a visceral experience of laughs and tears, and a unique experience that will educate, empower, and entertain you.

Get ready to laugh until you cry as Tim and Mike share their story and what it means to be in the "no judgment" zone.