



The Ability Center

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Announced: Disability-Friendly Awards 2023

(Sylvania, OH – March 15, 2023) [The Ability Center](#) and Adams Street Publishing have unveiled a new award ballot designed to promote inclusive and accessible events, recreation, and businesses in Toledo and the surrounding areas.

"At Adams Street Publishing, we believe in the importance of disability visibility and we're committed to raising community awareness of disabilities and the necessary support to create full inclusion locally," said Collette Jacobs, Publisher at Adams Street Publishing Company.

"When we talk about what it means to be disability friendly, this is what it looks like. Organizations and businesses who create a community where everyone feels welcomed and valued. Perfection isn't the goal - education, empowerment, and openness for guests, employees, and people of all abilities is the core of the mission. We applaud local disability-friendly businesses and hope to build a larger network of establishments that share similar values and goals," shares Mallory Crooks of The Ability Center.

WHO: [The Ability Center](#) (sponsor) [Adams Street Publishing](#)

WHAT: Disability Friendly Awards - local restaurants, events, workspaces and activities making it easier to wine, dine, and explore in the Glass City

WHEN: **Ballots open now – April 30th,** Winners will be announced at The Ability Center's Library Takeover on July 22 at the Main Lucas County Public Library

WHERE: Ballots [here](#).

WHY: Disability-friendly awards are essential to recognize individuals and organizations that have gone above and beyond to create an inclusive environment for people with disabilities. These awards not only highlight the importance of accessibility but also promote the idea of equity in northwest Ohio.

Media photos found [here](#).

Categories Include:

- Inclusive Family-Friendly Event
- Disability-Friendly Workplace
- Local Disability Ally
- Most accessible establishment (restaurant/bar)
- Best adaptive outdoor activity

About The Ability Center: The northwest Ohio agency strives to make our community the most disability friendly in the country by increasing independence for people with disabilities, discovering true passions, and changing the community's perception of disability. The Ability Center has served the seven counties of Lucas, Ottawa, Wood, Fulton, Henry, Defiance, and Williams since 1920.

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