



News Release

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Teens with Autism Practice Life Skills at Mud Hens Game

Whitehouse, OH... Bittersweet's Social Living Club (SLC) will be offering a one-of-kind experience for teens with autism. Due in large part to a generous donation from the Toledo Mud Hens, the SLC will be attending a Mud Hens baseball game on Tuesday, August 14. Bittersweet's SLC is a recreational program that provides community activities for adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

A night out at the Mud Hens game will provide current participants the opportunity to enjoy a community based activity with their friends and mentors. In addition to a fun night out, the teens will be learning how to use public transportation and will be practicing money management skills. The group will take the TARTA shuttle from the Waterville Kroger to the Mud Hens stadium downtown and then back again. This experience will teach the teens how to use the area public transportation system independently.

Heidi LeGrand, Bittersweet's Quality Assurance Specialist, says, "This is a fantastic opportunity for the teens in the SLC program to learn skills such as reading a transportation schedule, boarding and exiting a vehicle, paying transit fair, and traveling safely in the local community. The teens will be accompanied by their trusted teen mentors, who will help make this a safe and comfortable experience."

In addition to using public transportation, the community outing will also allow the teens in the SLC to practice money management skills. The skills they will be practicing will include budgeting money, ordering food, keeping track of purchases with receipts, and returning money.

For more information about the SLC program, please contact Heidi LeGrand at 419.875.6986, ext. 1204 or hlegrand@bittersweetfarms.org.

Special thank you to the Waterville Community Foundation for providing scholarship opportunities to the individuals in the Social Living Club.

About Bittersweet, Inc.

For 35 years, Bittersweet, Inc. has been successfully serving adults and adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorders across three locations in Ohio. Bittersweet offers unique supports that encourage individuals with autism to grow and develop their abilities and talents in an agricultural setting. The mission of Bittersweet, Inc. is to positively impact the lives of individuals with autism and those whose lives they touch. <http://www.bittersweetfarms.org/>

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