

# Connect ability



February  
2014



## Sidekicks Talent Show

Friday, February 21 ■ 6-8pm ■ Lumpkin Park & Rec

Think you don't have a talent to share? Here are some ideas:

- Sing
- Dance
- Tell Jokes
- Martial Arts
- Puppet Show
- Bring a drawing or photo you took
- Read a poem
- Bring something you made
- Play an instrument
- Gymnastics
- Magic Tricks

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Show off your skills at our annual Talent Show! Kids, adults, volunteers, siblings—everyone is invited to share a song, dance, joke, performance, art or any other creative gift. Refreshments will be served.

Please bring music and any props you need for your performance. If you are bringing a CD, please clearly label with your name and what track number we need to play.

The stage is fully accessible!

**Friday, February 21 from 6-8pm at Lumpkin Park & Rec**  
**365 Riley Road**  
**Dahlonega, GA 30533**

The Talent Show is FREE and we will have plenty of seating, but please sign up online. Reservations close on February 19.

**Reserve a spot online:**

[www.ConnectAbilityInc.org](http://www.ConnectAbilityInc.org)

## PPAC: Parents & Providers of Adult Children

Parents & care providers of adults with disabilities ages 17+ are invited to join the PPAC group's monthly meetings. The group is self-governing and parent led. New members are always welcome!



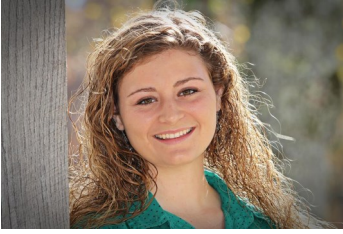
The next meeting will be held Thursday, February 27 at 7pm at the ConnectAbility Office. Contact Vicki with any questions.

## Mark Your Calendars!

- February 20: Disability Day @ State Capital
- February 21: Sidekicks Talent Show @ Park & Rec
- February 22: Thousand Words Workshop 2
- February 27: PPAC (Parents & Providers of Adult Children) @ ConnectAbility office
- February 28: Valentine Dance in Gainesville
- Renewables Thrifts: accepting donations for ConnectAbility **EVERY DAY!**

ConnectAbility is a 501c3 non-profit organization committed to encourage, enrich, empower and equip children and adults with disabilities, their families, care providers and the communities in which they live.

# Volunteer Spotlight



Bridget is a senior at Lumpkin County High School and a Lumpkin Co. native. After attending Special Olympics Camp Inspire, she began volunteering with ConnectAbility in July 2013. Bridget is a great friend to her classmates from LCHS and loves to spend time with them at ConnectAbility and Special Olympics events. Bridget has shown true leadership in the community by working with Dhalonega Gymnastics to establish a Special Olympics Young Athletes program that meets monthly during Gym Buddies. Young Athletes brings kids with and without disabilities together to develop friendships and pre-sports skills.

This is what Bridget has to say about her experience as a volunteer: "ConnectAbility has impacted me...allowing me to form relationships with those who have disabilities and their families, that I would have otherwise not come in contact with. It's a world that's filled with love, friendship, importance, and challenges that most people don't see. I've made memories that I'll cherish forever and have found my passion and happiness."

Bridget is heading to Valdosta State University after graduation this year. We will miss her and hope she comes back to visit often!



## Gym Buddies & Young Athletes

Gym Buddies is an opportunity for young people with disabilities to experience the fun of gymnastics with a buddy.

Young Athletes is a program of Special Olympics where kids ages 2-7 have fun together and learn pre-sports skills. Both activities are FREE. Please reserve a spot.

**DATE:** Saturday, February 8, 2014

**TIME:** to be determined

**LOCATION:** Dhalonega Gymnastics

**QUESTIONS:** Shannon Hageli @ 706-864-8516

## Valentine Dance

Teens & adults with special needs are invited to dance the night away! Live band, dancing and snacks are provided and the event is FREE.

**DATE:** 02/28/2014

**TIME:** 7:00PM—9:00PM

**LOCATION:** J.A. WALTERS FAMILY YMCA

**QUESTIONS:** BSUTTON78@WINDSTREAM.COM or call 706-499-6151

Sponsored by Avita, Hall County YMCA & Highlands United Methodist Church



## Support ConnectAbility at Kroger!

Did you know that it only takes about 5 minutes to sign up with your Kroger Plus card so that ConnectAbility benefits from your grocery shopping?

Grab your Kroger Plus card and register online and a donation will be made to ConnectAbility every time you buy gas or groceries at Kroger!

Have a friend, coworker or family member that shops at Kroger? Help them get signed up too! Even folks from out of town or out of state can support us, as long as they shop at Kroger!

Visit the [ConnectAbility website](#) to find out how.



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