Monthly Meetings

Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month,
10:30 a.m. (Zoom)
5:30 p.m. (In Person)

January 20
February 17
March 17
April 21
May 19
June 16*
July 21*
August, 18*
September 15*
October 20*
November 17**
December 15**

*In-Person at Sycamore Park
4082 Ohio 132, Batavia 45103

**In-Person at Wildey Center
2040 US Hwy 50, Batavia 45103

Busy in 2020!

What a year! We had just attended the Advocacy and Awareness Day at the Ohio Statehouse on March 4, 2020 when COVID-19 shut our country down. A month later, we began holding meetings on Zoom, which helped us all to stay together and on track. Through these meetings, we learned that several Turn Up Clermont members were essential workers and never missed a day throughout the Pandemic. We were so proud of them! We gathered for the 30th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act and organized a Clermont County Honk and Wave at Union Township Veteran's Park to raise awareness.

Events were cancelled, but Clermont DD held their annual Good Fortune Awards where Scott Baker was elected 2020 Self Advocate of the Year. Way to go, Scott!

Our membership has grown, but we have room for you! Please join us at an upcoming meeting. We are still meeting on Zoom each month AND holding in-person meetings as well. We are looking forward to an exciting year in 2021!
Meet Our Core Team

Ethan Stuempfle is employed with Kroger Eastgate. He took Project STIR Training self advocacy training in July, 2017. He then worked with co-facilitators throughout the rest of the year to prepare to train others to be self advocates. This training began in January, 2018 and Ethan is now recruiting others to be members of Turn Up Clermont. Ethan received the Self Advocate of the Year Award from Clermont DD in 2017. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with family.

Austin Porter took advocacy training in 2018 and attended the Ohio Statehouse Celebration during DD Awareness Month where he met with his State Representative and Senator. Austin is a runner...this year, over 40 people participated in the 5K that Austin helped bring to Cincinnati. He enjoys hunting, fishing, and photography, and was the 2018 Self Advocate of the Year.

Ellen Thompson lives in the Goshen area and enjoys everything from Disney movies to the latest music. She also took advocacy training in 2019 and attended the Statehouse Celebration in March. She spoke with State Officials about her right to have a relationship and how people with disabilities sometimes don’t get the opportunity to marry. Each August, Ellen helps organize a Movie-Themed Dance that was held at the Loveland American Legion. She was the 2019 Self Advocate of the Year.

Scott Baker is employed at Kroger Anderson. He recently received a district award from his employer for service to his community. Scott was a member of self advocacy groups in Hamilton and Clermont Counties before taking Project STIR training in January, 2018. He hopes to teach fitness classes to encourage others to get up and start moving while having fun. Scott is known as Mr. Turn It Up, and helped name the current self advocacy group as a way to inspire others to “turn up” their lives. Scott was Self Advocate of the year in 2020.