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OUR MISSION

Sunshine's mission is to create community among people with developmental disabilities, their families, friends, and staff. We do this by offering services that enable all of us to build relationships that enhance our lives through mutual caring and growth.

PROMISES KEPT

Our dedication to innovation and community has fueled remarkable progress, which is evident in the tangible impact we have made. Read how Sunshine celebrated 75 years of progress made through these promises.



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DEAR FRIENDS,

Sunshine's 75th anniversary in 2024 was not just a celebration—it was a movement.

We celebrated our history, honored the people at the heart of our mission, and brought our story to life in unforgettable ways.

Thousands filled Uptown Maumee for Girl Named Tom, dancing in the streets and reconnecting old friends with new. Through public events, shared stories, and powerful partnerships, we showed the community who we are and why we have been dedicated to supporting people with developmental disabilities for 75 years.

As we look ahead, we do so with the same passion and purpose that has guided us for decades. We look forward to another 75 years of impact—and an exciting year to come!

If you missed the anniversary events, check your calendar for upcoming opportunities in this piece.

We invite you to explore our new Success Story library on our website's homepage—more inspiring stories coming soon!

With gratitude,
Shannon Bova 



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WINTER 2025 TODAY

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Celebrating 75 years of Sunshine

In 2024, Sunshine Communities celebrated 75 years of exceptional service. Our commitment to innovation drives us to invest in cutting-edge programs that enrich the lives of those we support.

We launched our milestone celebrations in May with a special dinner at the Glass City Center, featuring Tim Shriver, board chair of Special Olympics. Tim shares a powerful connection—his mother, Eunice Shriver, sister to President John F. Kennedy, visited Sunshine in 1963 and was inspired by our home-like approach to care. Just five years later, she founded Special Olympics, shaping a global movement.



Each event opened with the uplifting sounds of Sunshine’s Bell Choir, guided by color-coded cues that brought the music to life.

In addition to anniversary celebrations, the Bell Choir traveled to events at senior centers, churches, University of Toledo’s annual Songfest event and other community locations.

Our 75th anniversary shined because of you—every supporter, attendee, and advocate. Thank you for celebrating our past and shaping our future.



Fast forward to fall, Sunshine energized Uptown Maumee with a lively concert featuring *The Voice* winners, Girl Named Tom. More than just a performance, the event introduced attendees to our services, retail locations—Georgette’s and Sunshine Studios on Conant St.—and our deep-rooted connection with the Mennonite community. Fittingly, the band members, who are also siblings, grew up attending a Mennonite church in Fulton County.

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Night to Shine

Because of Atlas Bridal and Whitmer High School, dreams came to life in style! Crowned as kings and queens, shining all night at prom—an unforgettable evening. Thank you, Tim Tebow Foundation and Cornerstone Church, for making it all possible.



Upcoming Events

MAR 15 **Sunshine Studio Class:** Garden Flowers

MAR 19 **Sunshine Studio Class:** Hanging Birdbaths

MAR 20 **Georgette’s Silent Reading Night**

MAR 26 **Imagination Station** (Evening Event)

MAR 29 **Sunshine Studio Class:** Watercolor Painting

APR 8 **Easter Service & Egg Hunt**

MAY 20 **Sunshine Gives Back Day**

JUNE 6 **Summer Concert Series** featuring Skittle Bots

JULY 23 **Talent Show**

AUG 8 **Summer Concert Series** featuring Renegade Lemonade

OCT 19 **Spooky Boardwalk**

Scan to see more events!



Jack of All Trades

For 25 years, Jack has been a testament to Sunshine’s promise to progress. As a proud Bell Choir member, he finds joy in music and friendship, sharing his talents with the community. A Mud Hens fan and virtual reality enthusiast, he lights up every room he walks into.

Thanks to generous support, Jack and his peers experience community activities, modernized homes, exceptional nursing care, and new technology. His journey embodies Sunshine’s commitment to enriching lives every day.