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December 2023 Edition

Note from Admin Staff

Can't wait for everyone to see all the amazing new things coming up for PTO! We hope you enjoy a recap of the month of December!

Note from Advocacy Council

We are here to help! Come see us if you need anything. We want to be your friend! Hope everyone had a good time this month!

This newsletter is put together by the program participants of Pathways to Opportunity.

For more information on Pathways to Opportunity please call 239-823-1625 or visit <https://goodwillswfl.org/pathways-programs>



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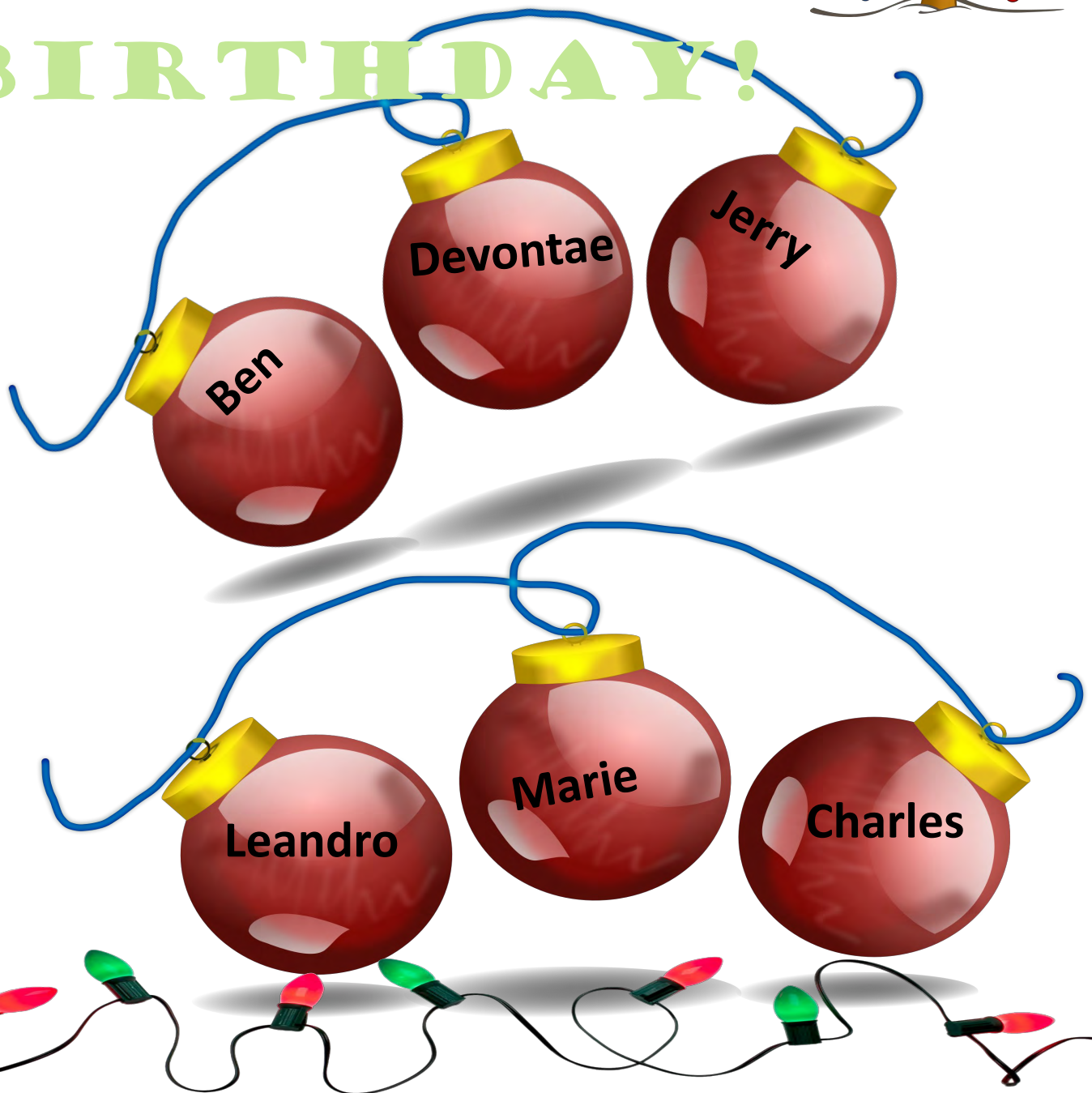
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HAPPY

BIRTHDAY!



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Gardening Club



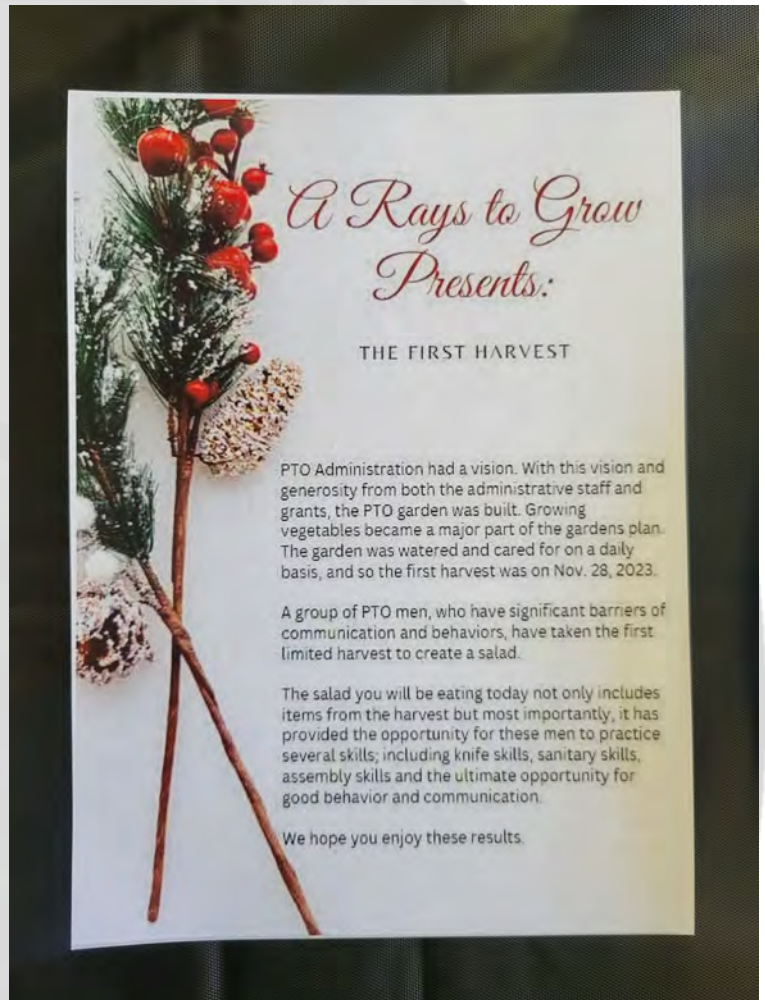
The gardening club had their first harvest this month from our garden.



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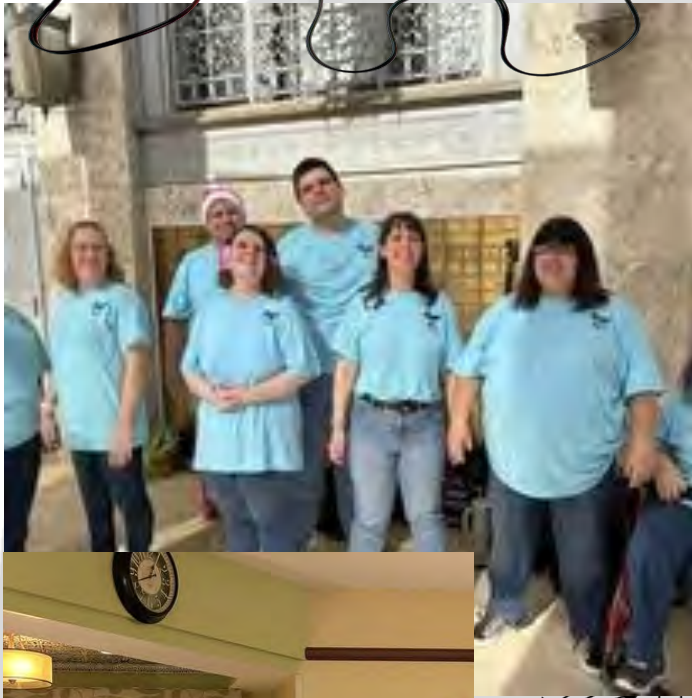
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For our first harvest from the garden the 1:5 class made a special salad for it.



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Our Voices Ensemble traveled across Southwest Florid this month to spread Holiday Cheer!

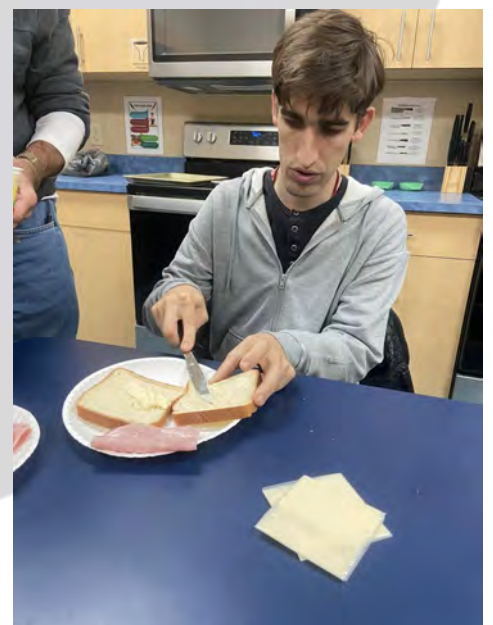


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The 1:5 group prepared cucumber salads for the entire program providing everyone with a nutritious snack. Additionally, they assembled their own ham and cheese sandwiches, demonstrating valuable skills. Gratitude to Open Gates of Mercy Ministry for their continued support!



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In Marine Life, our class learned about Conchs. They learned how they are herbivores—they eat algae and other marine plants. The class also learned about Starfish. They learned how they are not fish and they do not have blood or a brain. They were shocked to find out there are over 2,000 species.



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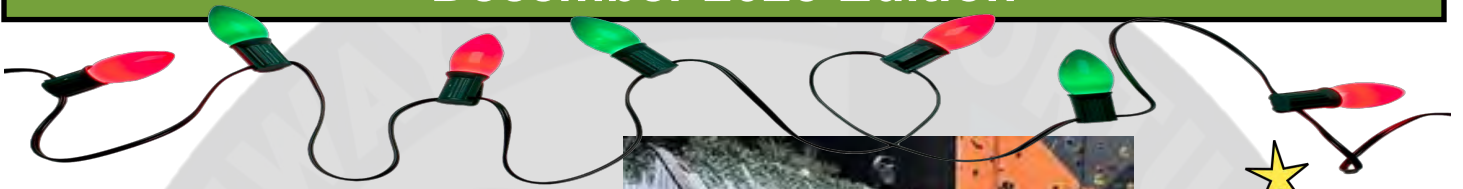


In Community Events, we went to the Festival of Trees and got to see our finished tree for the first time!



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Pathways Rec:

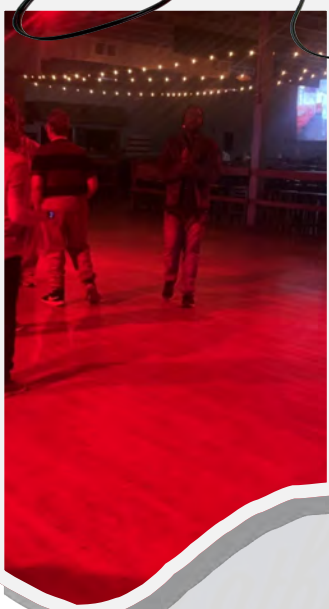


Pathways Rec went rock climbing for the day! Thank you to Fort Rock for hosting us! We had a blast learning to climb and witnessing the immediate confidence boost was incredible!

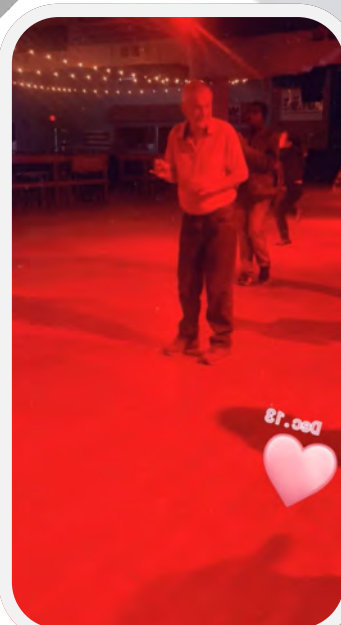


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The Dance class got to go to the Ranch this month and show off their new dance there. Our friends from Community Resource Center joined us and we did a line dance together!



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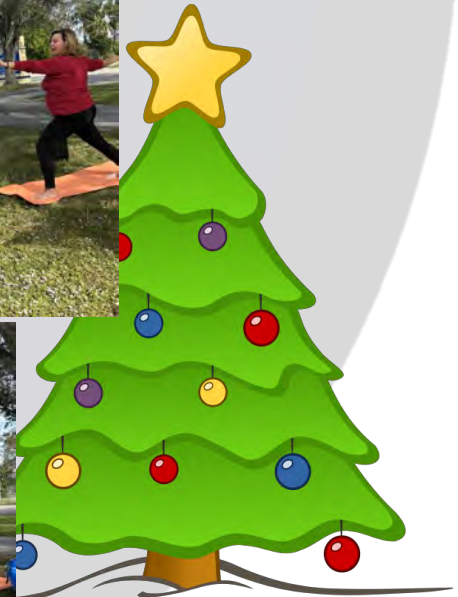


The Cooking Class was busy ! Thank you to everyone who supported us this month!

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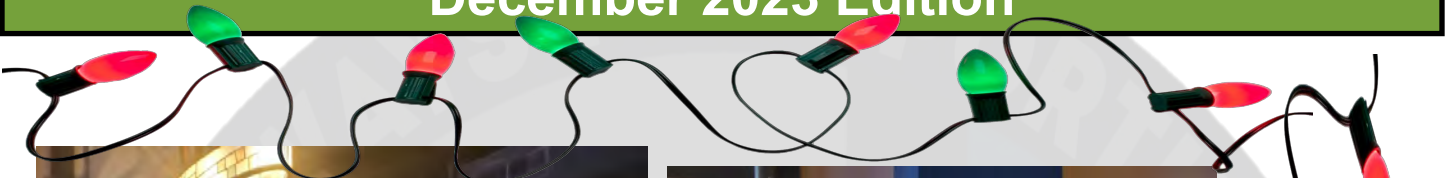
Yoga



Every other week, Tara comes in to help us with yoga! She teach us different stretches and breathing to help us relax and relieve stress. Thank you Tara for joining our PTO family this year!

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BOWLING



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Congratulations to Ms. Bree and the Current Events class on a successful sale! They sold Hot Chocolate and Brownie Mix to the employee of the Opportunity Center. They sold out within the hour!

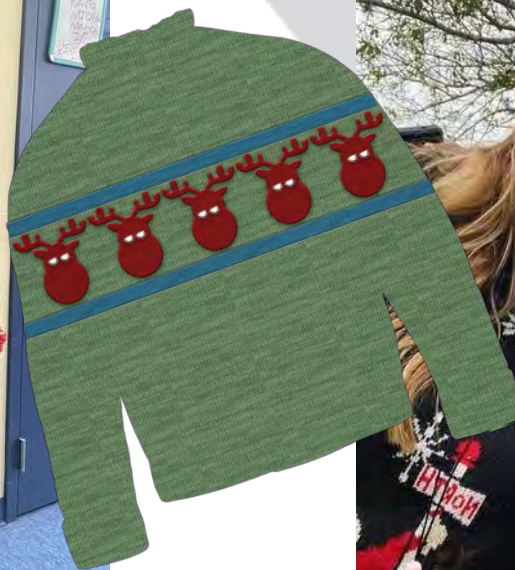


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Ugly Sweater Day



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31 Produce

PTO stopped by 31 produce for some much needed fresh air! The weather was amazing and some of us learned about new animals.

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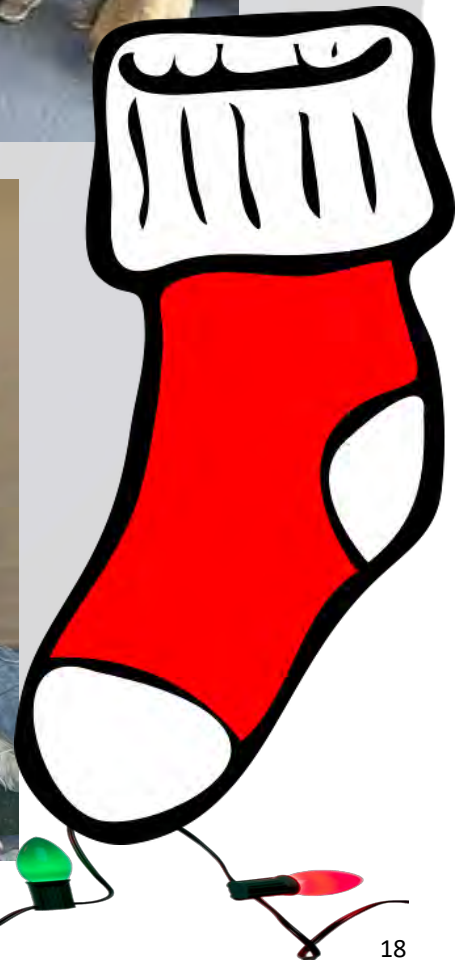
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Twice a month PTO is graciously visited by Pet Therapy! We love our time with them. It is our happy moments, especially when life gets a little hard. Thank you for making our days that much brighter!



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A huge shout out to the following businesses for spreading holiday cheer! 🎁

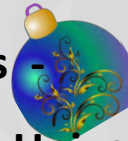


Edison Home



Bless Bladez -

Kates Kutz - John Michaels -



Ballgame - Zaks Jewelry - Keiser University -

Ellen & Cheryl (Pet Therapy) - Alex (Texas Roadhouse)



Your generosity in purchasing gifts off our participants' Christmas wish lists has made this season extra special. Thank you for making a positive impact and being a part of creating smiles at Pathways to Opportunity!



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Thank you **I Got This Foundation** for the opportunity! Our participants definitely have the golfing bug!



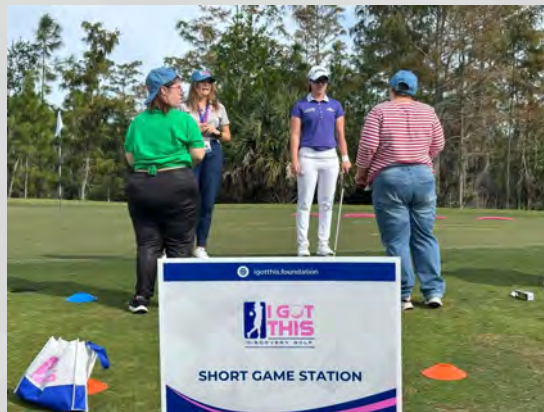
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Thank you John Michael's Diamond and Jewelry Studio for these perfect editions to our Christmas party!! We are all so grateful!



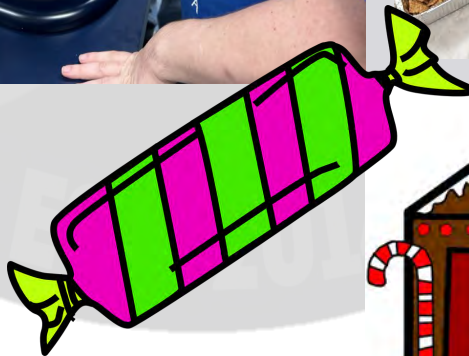
We are grateful for the food donation! Pathways Chefs will prepare delicious treats for the program to enjoy and share. Thank you 1st Class Delivery!!



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Gingerbread House Kits



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We like to Party!

PTO Christmas Party
2023



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PTO is so thankful for the many blessings this year! We are celebrating the final days in 2023 with nothing but gratitude in our hearts! Take a peak at our dance moves!



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Christmas Party 2023



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INTERNATIONAL
HUMAN
RIGHTS
DAY 10 DECEMBER



NATIONAL
COCOA DAY
DECEMBER 13



Deaf
awareness
Month

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DECEMBER IS
AIDS AWARENESS
— MONTH —



DECEMBER IS NATIONAL
IMPAIRED DRIVING
PREVENTION MONTH

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2024

Program Calendar

Pathways to Opportunity (PTO) will be closed for the following holidays and in-service training days. PTO may add additional closure days for in-service training. Participants, caregivers, and guardians will be notified as much time in advance as possible.

*Winter
Quarter*



January

New Year's Day (1/1/24)
In-Service Day (1/2/24)
In-Service Day (1/15/24)

February

None

March

In-Service Day (3/8/24)



*Summer
Quarter*

July

Independence Day (7/4/24)

August

None

September

Labor Day (9/2/24)
In-Service Day (9/13/24)

*Spring
Quarter*



April

None

May

Memorial Day (5/27/24)

June

In-Service Day (6/19/24)



*Autumn
Quarter*

October

In-Service Day (10/16/24)

November

Thanksgiving (11/21/24)
In-Service Day (11/22/24)

December

In-Service Day (12/24/24)
Christmas (12/25/24)

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SUPPLY DRIVE

ALL DONATIONS
BENEFIT:



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Pathways to Opportunity (PTO) is an adult day training program that offers group classes based on participant needs and interests. These classes are taught by trained professionals in conjunction with community members. The classes are held across the community, at the Goodwill Opportunity Center, and virtually.

**WE ARE IN
DESPERATE
NEED OF:**

acrylic paint
bulletin board supplies
calculators
canvases
colored pencils
computer paper
construction paper
crayons
dry erase markers
folders
glue
glue sticks
lined paper
markers
paint brushes
paper plates
pencil sharpeners
pencils
pens
plastic silverware
poster board
scissors
tissue (kleenex)
water color paper

Jessica Tursi

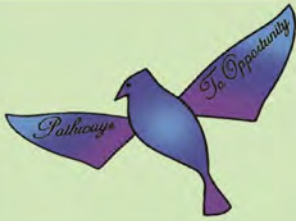
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Fairways to Opportunity

Come Brunch and Golf with Pathways to Opportunity
at the Second Annual
Pathways to Opportunity Top Golf Fundraiser!

February 18, 2024
9 am - 12 pm

**\$550 for a Bay accommodating
6 players or \$150 per person**

Cost includes golfing for three hours at Fort Myers
Top Golf facility, two beverage tickets, Brunch buffet,
and a morning of fun while supporting a great cause!

Register at:

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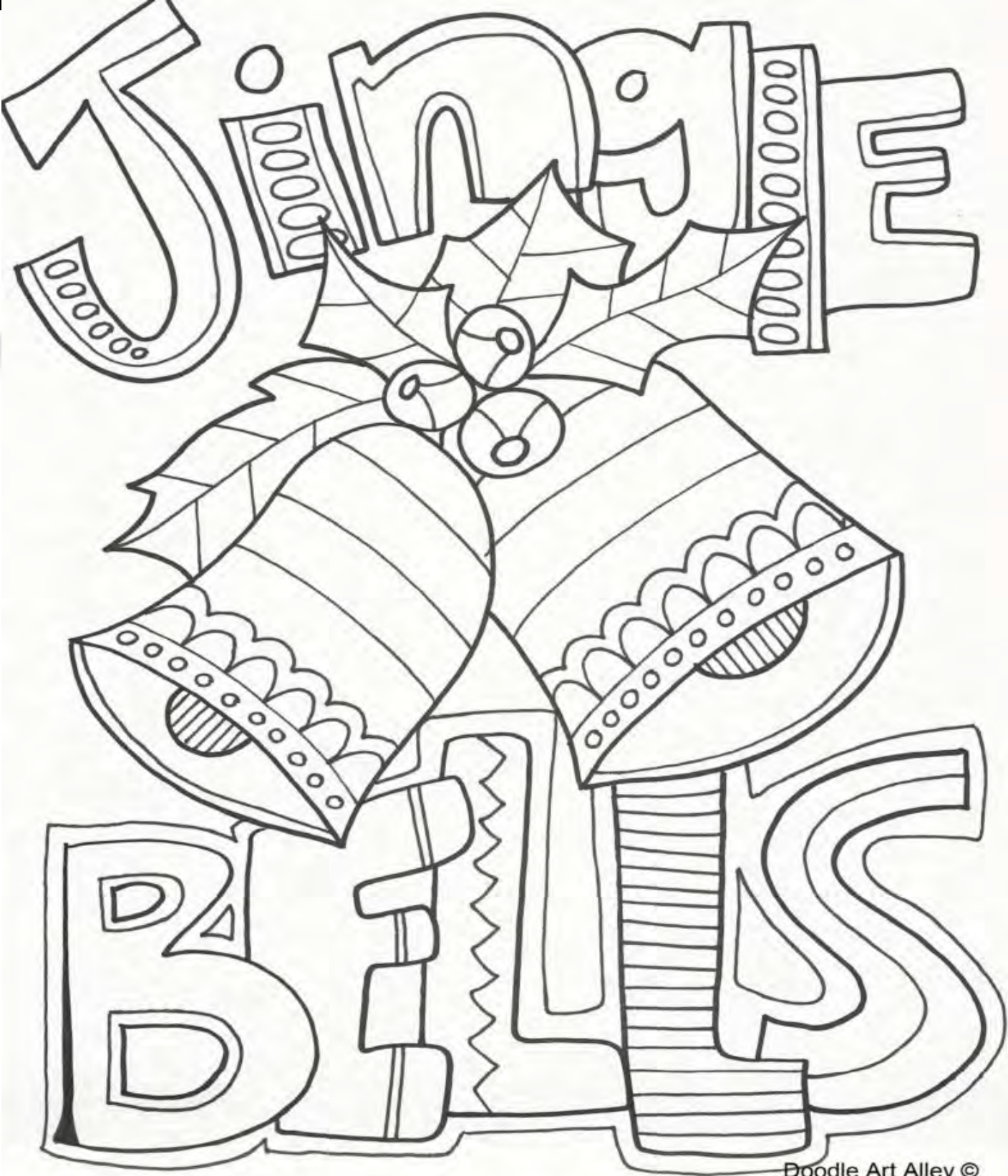
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