

# APRIL NEWSLETTER

## Spectrum Empowerments's Monthly Newsletter



### Our STEAM Event

New developments await as we prepare to elevate the STEAM event experience with the introduction of Lego Spike Prime sets! Building on the overwhelming popularity of these kits, we're delighted to announce our investment in several new iPads and kits, offering a truly exciting experience for every participant. We have multiple volunteers for every station as well!

### Our Sports Event

Within our sports programs, we cultivate a nurturing environment for growth, interaction, and achievement. These initiatives are profoundly enriching our community in myriad ways. In line with our dedication to inclusivity and customized development, we're provide beach balls for younger participants. This addition not only improves their ball control and observation skills but also injects an element of enjoyment into their sports experience. We also provide snack breaks for kids!

### FLL Team Meetings

Every weekend we host a team meeting for our Fll team which is a group of students who work together to build ideas that they come up with. All of this will be judged in Competitions where the teams will be provided feedback to make their design better. If this interests you, stay tuned until next season!

## THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

### STEAM EVENT

APRIL 12, 6 PM-7:30 PM  
MASON MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
6000 MASON MONTGOMERY RD  
MASON, OHIO 45040  
SIGN UP:

[CLICK HERE](#)

### SPORTS EVENT

APRIL 26, 6:15 PM-7:45 PM  
FIVE SEASONS SPORTS CLUB  
11790 SNIDER RD  
CINCINNATI OH 45249  
SIGN UP:

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### FLL WEEKLY TEAM MEETINGS

SUNDAYS, 1 PM-3 PM  
MIDPOINTE LIBRARY  
9363 CENTRE POINTE DR  
WEST CHESTER TOWNSHIP OH 45069  
MORE INFO:

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## Announcements

Happy Autism Acceptance Month and National Volunteer Month! This is a time to celebrate every amazing volunteer at our events and every kid on the spectrum who participates.

Biryani Night was really successful and we were able to raise money for our FLL team to be able to travel to Houston for their FLL tournament. Thank you to everyone who participated!

## Upcoming Tournament Schedule

4/18 - 4/20 FLL World Festival Houston



## Exciting News

We are so amazed to announce that our **Spectrum Empowerment Super Spikes team has been selected to participate in the FIRST LEGO League Explore World Festival, held in Houston, TX** from April 18-20, as part of the FIRST® Championship! They also won the state award for having the best poster at their tournament in March. Congratulations, Super Spikes! Way to go!



Out of all the incredible FLL Explore teams in Ohio, only one gets the chance to shine on the global stage, and it's our Super Spikes team this time! This marks a historic moment as it is the first time that a team of kids on the autism spectrum or with any developmental disabilities will represent Ohio at such a significant event.

## Spotlight Story

By: Soujanya , Spectrum Empowerment Parent

Since my child started attending events organized by this organization, I've witnessed nothing but pure joy on his face. It warms my heart to see him laughing and excited, fully immersed in the activities provided. I appreciate the effort put into offering a variety of experiences so that every child can find something they enjoy.

Initially, when my kid first attended, he seemed nervous and hesitant, unfamiliar with the new surroundings and the new people. But as the event progressed, I could see him gradually becoming more at ease, embracing the welcoming atmosphere. It's touching to witness them making new friends and forming connections with both other children and the volunteers.

As time goes on, I really noticed the change in his personality and the way he talks to new people, makes eye contact, and overall is more confident. His teachers and friends would tell me how he would always talk about his FLL tournament and how he was super excited for it. I am so grateful for Spectrum Empowerment and how they allow every kid to be themselves and make it fun!

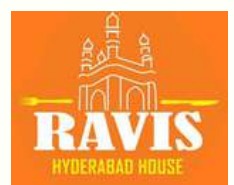
As a parent, I'm grateful for the opportunity my child has had to participate in Spectrum Empowerment's activities. It's been an incredible journey, and I can see firsthand the positive impact it's had on my child's confidence and sense of belonging. I love this organization and can't wait for their next events.



## Thanking our Sponsors

We deeply appreciate our sponsors **Biryani Pot**, **Bavarchi**, and **Ravi's Hyderabad House**, and **Hyderabad House** for their unwavering support of Spectrum Empowerment's mission.

Your generous sponsorship not only strengthens our organization but also amplifies the positive impact we aim to achieve in promoting autism acceptance and empowerment.



## Volunteer of the Month

Join us in celebrating and honoring **Robyn Lainhart**, our outstanding Volunteer of the Month! **Robyn**, your remarkable communication skills and invaluable contributions, both at the stations and on the tennis court, deserve commendation. Your dedication, focus, and unwavering commitment have made a profound impact on our community. We extend our heartfelt gratitude for your exceptional efforts!



## Social Media

Curious to learn more about our organization? Visit our website to delve into the heart of what we do and discover the impact we're making in our community. For real-time updates and engaging content, be sure to follow us on social media. We share all the latest news, events, and stories there.

## \*\* Attention To All Highschoolers \*\*

Are you eager to take the lead in establishing a Spectrum Empowerment chapter in your state, or are you a dedicated volunteer ready to make a meaningful impact in the lives of children on the spectrum and with any developmental disabilities? Your dedication can truly make a difference. Please don't hesitate to contact us using the information provided below. We are excited to connect with individuals who share our vision and passion for positively influencing these kids' lives! If you need more volunteering hours and/or opportunities, check out our website.

We hope you found this edition of our newsletter both informative and engaging. Your opinions and insights are invaluable to us, and we welcome any feedback or suggestions you may have. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us at [spectrumempowerment@gmail.com](mailto:spectrumempowerment@gmail.com). Your thoughts help us enhance our content and better cater to the interests of our community.

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