



# Magnifying Abilities

**Winter  
2023**

For adults with unique learning abilities

## Welcome to Magnifying Abilities

Magnifying Abilities is a social/recreational program for persons with intellectual and physical disabilities. The program is designed to enhance community involvement and lifelong learning of adults with disabilities. Adults who participate in the program reside within Carver and Scott County.

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## Volunteer

Magnifying Abilities is in need of caring volunteers to lend a hand at our events. Most events are less than 2 hours, primarily early evenings and occasional weekends, and are a lot of fun!! No experience needed, just a friendly attitude and a willingness to get to know and support some amazing people with disabilities in your community! If you would like to become a volunteer, please reach out to Susan Meyer.

## Welcome Pamela

We are excited to welcome Pamela Longtine-America as our new paraprofessional! Pamela has been an employee of Eastern Carver County Schools for 3 years. Pamela wanted to work with Magnifying Abilities because she knew she would be working with joyful and kind people! She enjoys field trips and events and loves being part of the fun. Be sure to say hello and welcome Pamela when you see her at our next MA event!

# December

## Meal Makeover

Do your meals need a makeover? We talk about nutrition, food choices and some healthy alternatives we can enjoy. Using games and activities, we learn how to give our meals and snacks a healthy twist! Make an easy, nutritious snack to take home! Caregivers, please accompany participants needing supports. Register/cancel date: November 23rd

**1155-Meals Family Learning Center, Room 122** \$9  
110600 Village Road Chaska  
Thursday, December 1 6:30 - 7:30 PM

## Create with Sandi: Fleece Pillow & Ornament

Add some winter cheer to your decor with two winter craft projects! Instructor Sandi will teach participants to make a cozy fleece-tie pillow with snowflake-themed fabric and a snowflake beaded ornament to add to your collection! Enjoy snacks as you craft! Caregivers, please accompany participants needing supports. Register/cancel date: December 1st

**1151-Pillow Shakopee West Middle School, Room 101** \$14  
200 10th Ave E Shakopee  
Monday, December 12 6:30 - 7:30 PM

## Stretch & Stroll

Stay active this winter! Meet your MA friends for an indoor walk at this FREE event. We will meet at the Chaska Community Center for some light stretching and a brisk stroll (or roll) around the walking track. Track your steps or count your laps while getting some great exercise! Participants encouraged to bring a caregiver if supports are needed. Register/cancel date: December 9th

**1159-Stroll Chaska Community Center** Free  
1661 Park Ridge Dr Chaska  
Thursday, December 15 4:00 - 5:00 PM

## Rudolph: The Musical

Celebrate the season at *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical*. Enjoy the timeless tale of misfits, flying reindeer, an abominable snow monster, and tons of jolly and jingle, featuring all the characters and songs you love. This is a Sensory Friendly production, offering increased lighting and reduced loud, sudden noises for individuals with sensory sensitivities. Participants needing supports of any kind should be accompanied by a caregiver. Caregivers must register and pay. Sign-up early, limited tickets! Register/cancel date: November 21st

**1140-Rudolph Stages Theater Company** \$23/\$23/\$46  
1111 Mainstreet Hopkins  
Saturday, December 17 10:00 - 11:15 AM

## Holiday Karaoke & Cookies

Have a holly jolly time at Holiday Karaoke featuring DJ Ray of Sunshine! Sing or dance to your favorite holiday tune or simply listen to festive music and cheer on the singers. Everyone is welcome, even if you don't want to sing. Enjoy a delicious variety of holiday cookies and hot cocoa with your Magnifying Abilities friends. Caregivers, please accompany participants needing supports. Registration & Cancellation Deadline - December 15th

**1152-Sing Family Learning Center, Multi-purpose Room** \$12  
110600 Village Road Chaska  
Monday, December 19 6:30 - 7:30 PM

# January

## Virtual Scavenger Hunt

Start the New Year off by joining your Magnifying Abilities friends for an online Scavenger Hunt! Participants will be challenged to find a list of items in your home before the clock runs out! Everyone will have a turn showing their friends what they found. Creativity with choosing items to share is encouraged! Participants will need access to a computer or tablet to participate in this class. A Google Meet link will be provided by email prior to class. See you online! Register/cancel date: January 3rd

**1158-Scavenger Online via Google Meet** \$5  
Thursday, January 5 6:30 - 7:30 PM

## Dance with CHS Dance Team

Attention Dancers! Join your Magnifying Abilities friends and the Chaska High School Dance Team for a performance at a Dance Show! No experience necessary! Learn a dance routine at a practice on Thursday, January 12th at 6:45 and then join the Dance Team on Saturday, January 14th for a performance with an audience. Arrive at Chaska High School gym at 6:30 to practice before the 7:00 performance. Please make sure you can attend both dates when you register. Wear comfortable clothes for the practice and a white shirt and dark pants for the performance. Participants needing significant supports should be accompanied by a caregiver. Thursday, January 12th (Practice) 6:45-8:15 pm Saturday, January 14th (Performance) 6:30-8:00 pm Caregivers, please accompany participants needing supports. Register/cancel date: January 5th

**1146-Dance Chaska High, Aux Gym** \$10  
545 Pioneer Trail Chaska  
Thursday & Saturday, January 12 - 14 6:30 - 8:15 PM

## Mystery Craft Night

Attention Crafters! We are cleaning out the craft closet! We have so much to choose from...a variety of painting projects, beading for jewelry, card-stamping, fabric crafts, STEM projects, and more. And enjoy cookies with your friends! Caregivers, please accompany participants needing supports. Happy Crafting! Register/cancel date: January 18th

**1149-Crafts Family Learning Center, Activity Room 204** \$8  
110600 Village Road Chaska  
Monday, January 23 6:30 - 7:30 PM

## Mini-Golf & Pizza

Have a blast at an evening of mini-golf and pizza at the Victoria Burrow! We will start with a round of 18-hole indoor mini-golf followed by a wood stone fired party pizza with soft drinks. Caregivers, please accompany participants needing supports. Caregivers are invited to purchase their own meal. Register/cancel date: January 18th

**1148-MiniGolf Victoria Burrow** \$33  
7999 Victoria Drive Victoria  
Tuesday, January 31 5:00 - 7:00 PM

# February

## Cooking with Sandi: Super Bowl Snack 🍷

Get ready to make a delicious Super Bowl Snack! Sandi will teach us to make Tortilla Roll-Up Pinwheels, which can be customized to your own tastes! No heat cooking required. Perfect to make and enjoy with friends during the big game! You will learn to make two varieties, both savory and sweet! Make some to eat and to take home. Participants needing supports should be accompanied by a caregiver. Caregivers do not need to register for this event. Register/cancel date: February 1st

**1150-Cooking Family Learning Center, Activity Room 204** \$15  
110600 Village Road Chaska  
Monday, February 6 6:30 - 7:30 PM

## Snowshoeing Adventure ❄️

Get ready for a winter snowshoeing adventure in the Carver Park Reserve! What a fun way to enjoy the outdoor beauty of a Minnesota winter! Three Rivers Parks instructors will provide snowshoes and a lesson as well as a guided snowshoe hike on the trails of the park. We'll warm up with hot chocolate indoors at the Visitor's Center following the hike. In case snow depth doesn't cooperate, we will take a guided winter hike through the park without snowshoes. This event will require participants have warm boots, coats, hats, and gloves/mittens. Participants needing support should be accompanied by a caregiver throughout the entire snowshoe/hike. Caregivers are also invited to snowshoe and are asked to register and pay the activity fee. Please note the early registration/cancellation deadline of January 9th!

**1147-Snow Lowry Nature Center** \$12  
7025 Victoria Drive Victoria  
Saturday, February 11 1:00 - 3:00 PM

## Bean-Bag-Toss Tournament 🏆

Don't miss out on the fun at the Magnifying Abilities Bean-Bag-Toss Tournament! Also known as Cornhole or Bags, this easy game will be a great time. Meet at the Watertown-Mayer Community Learning Center and form teams to have a friendly competition of tossing the bean bags in the hole. Beginners are welcome for this easy-to-learn game! Prizes and snacks included! Participants needing supports should be accompanied by a caregiver. Register/cancel date: February 16th

**1157-Bags Watertown-Mayer Community Learning Center** \$9  
313 Angel Ave NW Watertown  
Thursday, February 23 6:00 - 7:00 PM

## Game Show Encounter 📺

It's your turn to be a contestant! Join your friends and compete at our Magnifying Abilities Game Show Encounter! We'll try popular game shows such as Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy, or Family Feud. Win prizes! Enjoy snacks and drinks too! Scott County friends, this event will be easy to get to as it will be held in Prior Lake at La ola del lago (Grainwood Elementary School). However, ALL Magnifying Abilities participants are welcome! Participants needing supports should be accompanied by a caregiver. Register/cancel date: February 22nd

**1145-Game Show La ola del lago** \$8  
5061 Minnesota St SE Prior Lake  
Monday, February 27 6:30 - 7:30 PM

# Once-a-Month

## Saturday Bowling 🎳

We will meet at Shakopee Bowl for an hour of fun-filled bowling. Your registration fee of \$10 includes bowling and shoe rental, if needed. Bring extra \$\$\$ to purchase snacks and drinks if desired. Bowling is for Magnifying Abilities participants only so caregivers do not need to register. Space is limited so register early! Register/cancel date: Dec. 7, Jan. 18, Feb. 15. Shakopee Bowl is located at 3020 133rd St. W. Shakopee

**1154-BowlDec Shakopee Bowl** \$10  
Saturday, December 10 10:00 - 11:15 AM

**1154-BowlJan Shakopee Bowl** \$10  
Saturday, January 21 10:00 - 11:15 AM

**1154-BowlFeb Shakopee Bowl** \$10  
Saturday, February 18 10:00 - 11:15 AM

## Bingo Theme Night



Join us for Magnifying Abilities Bingo Night! Our Winter 2022 themes will be **Holiday Bingo** in December, **Carnival Bingo** in January, and **Valentines Bingo** in February. Participants are welcome (but not required) to dress for the theme. Snacks included and everyone wins a prize! Caregivers should accompany participants needing supports of any kind. See you at BINGO! Register/cancel date: December 1, January 11, February 8. The Family Learning Center is located at 110600 Village Road, Chaska.

**1129-BingoDec Family Learning Center, Multi-purpose Room** \$7  
Tuesday, December 6 6:30 - 7:30 PM

**1129-BingoJan Family Learning Center, Multi-purpose Room** \$7  
Tuesday, January 17 6:30 - 7:30 PM

**1129-BingoFeb Family Learning Center, Multi-purpose Room** \$7  
Tuesday, February 14 6:30 - 7:30 PM








# Multiple Weeks

## Drama & Dance Class 🎭

Here is your chance to become the STAR you ARE! Professional drama and dance instructors from Drama Interactions help us explore being an actor using theater games, movement, skits, comedy, puppetry and more! Props, costumes, hats, and puppets will be used to explore characters such as King, Queen, Jester, and others. Dance will include various styles such as rock n' roll, line dance, and creative movement. \$21 includes ALL of the 7 weekly sessions! Every week will be different! Caregivers, please accompany participants needing supports. Register/cancel date: December 19th

**1153-Drama Family Learning Center, Multi-purpose Room** \$21  
110600 Village Road Chaska  
Wednesdays, January 11 - February 22 6:30 - 7:30 PM

# December 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Meal Makeover 6:30-7:30 PM Chaska 	2	3
4	5	6 Bingo-Holiday 6:30-7:30 PM Chaska 	7	8	9	10 Bowling  10:00-11:15 AM Shakopee
11	12 Fleece Pillow & Ornament  6:30-7:30 PM Shakopee	13	14	15 Stretch & Stroll 4:00-5:00 PM Chaska 	16	17 Rudolph Musical 10:00-11:15 AM Hopkins 
18	19 Holiday Karaoke 6:30-7:30 PM Chaska 	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

# January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 Scavenger Hunt 6:30-7:30 PM Online- Google Meet 	6	7
8	9	10	11 Drama/Dance  6:30-7:30 PM Chaska	12 Dance Team  6:45-8:15 PM Chaska--Practice Night	13	14 Dance Team  6:30-8:00 PM Chaska--Performance
15	16	17 Bingo-Carnival 6:30-7:30 PM Chaska 	18 Drama/Dance  6:30-7:30 PM Chaska	19	20	21 Bowling  10:00-11:15 AM Shakopee
22	23 Mystery Craft 6:30-7:30 PM Chaska 	24	25 Drama/Dance  6:30-7:30 PM Chaska	26	27	28
29	30	31 Mini Golf & Pizza 5:00-7:00 PM Victoria 				

# February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Drama/Dance 🎭 6:30-7:30 PM Chaska	2	3	4
5	6 Super Bowl Snack 6:30-7:30 PM Chaska 🏈	7	8 Drama/Dance 🎭 6:30-7:30 PM Chaska	9	10	11 SnowShoeing 1:00-3:00 PM Victoria ❄️
12	13	14 Bingo-Valentines 6:30-7:30 PM Chaska 🎮	15 Drama/Dance 🎭 6:30-7:30 PM Chaska	16	17	18 Bowling 🎳 10:00-11:15 AM Shakopee
19	20	21	22 Drama/Dance 🎭 6:30-7:30 PM Chaska	23 Bean Bag Toss 6:00-7:00 PM Watertown 🏆	24	25
26	27 Game Show Encounter 📺 6:30-7:30 PM Prior Lake	28				

## Advisory Committee First meeting 11/29

Magnifying Abilities would love your input! This group meets quarterly to share opinions, perspectives, and make suggestions to promote and enhance Magnifying Abilities activities. Committee members could be Magnifying Abilities participants, parents or other family members, staff of participants, or anyone in the Carver and Scott County communities with an interest in promoting quality, enriching experiences for adults with disabilities. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, November 29th at 6:00 PM at the Family Learning Center in Chaska**. If you would like to participate, please reach out to the Magnifying Abilities Specialist, Susan Meyer at [meyers@district112.org](mailto:meyers@district112.org) or (952) 556-6434.

## Thank you

A big THANK YOU to the following organizations and individuals for partnering with Magnifying Abilities! We appreciate all the ways you support our program and our participants!

Stages Theatre Company - Hopkins Center for the Arts

Bonnie Neumann - Drama Interactions

Sandi Picka - Instructor

Three Rivers Park District - Lowry Nature Center

Shakopee Bowl

Chaska High School Dance Team

Kevin Siefering - DJ Ray of Sunshine

The Burrow of Victoria

Knights of Columbus - Chaska Council #9141

Knights of Columbus - Chanhassen Council #10031

# Magnifying Abilities Policies and Reminders

## First Time Participants

Must be accompanied by a staff or family member for the first few events.

Some participants may need a family member or home staff to attend with them indefinitely due to medical, safety, or behavioral concerns.

## Guidelines for Participating in Activities

The following guidelines have been developed to ensure participants' safety and enjoyment. The Magnifying Abilities staff supervising each activity will enforce these guidelines.

- Show respect and be supportive of each other. Use proper names when speaking to each other and avoid teasing.
- Use appropriate language.
- Be respectful of other participant's personal space.
- Be able to navigate in a large facility or crowd.
- Be respectful of and responsible for the facilities used for events/classes.
- Avoid activities that may hurt or injure other participants (physically or emotionally)
- Be able to take care of personal hygiene
- No consumption of alcoholic beverages are allowed at MA events.

If concerns arise regarding participants, the supervising Magnifying Abilities staff will discuss the situation with involved parties. If needed, families, home staff, or other individuals will be contacted regarding the incident. If issues cannot be rectified, individuals may be required to attend activities with a supervisor or will be asked to not attend the activity for a period of time.

## Expectations of Participant's Staff

- Assist with any medical/emergency concerns that arise with participant
- Cell phone turned on vibrate
- Assist your participant with bathroom breaks
- All district properties are tobacco and alcohol free
- Assist with any behavior issues
- Assist your participant in any way that is needed
- Speak respectfully to all participants
- Notify Magnifying Abilities staff of any issues with participants
- Only give permission to your participants regarding restrooms/leaving activity

## COVID-19 Safety

Magnifying Abilities prioritizes the health and safety of our participants and will follow the Safe Learning Plan established by ISD 112 for all events held within the district. More information about current protocols can be found at [www.district112.org/district/safe-learning-plan](http://www.district112.org/district/safe-learning-plan). Since MA events are held throughout Carver and Scott Counties, protocols may vary due to the location the event is being held. Changes to COVID protocols will be communicated in the registration confirmation and reminder emails. Participants and staff will be expected to follow all COVID protocols at each event location.

## Changes and Cancellation Policy

All Magnifying Abilities events are subject to changes and cancellations. In the event that MA needs to change or cancel an activity, we will notify registered participants via email and/or phone. A full voucher refund will be provided for the applicable event if the event is canceled by Magnifying Abilities. If the event location needs to be changed, but held on the original date, no refund will be provided.

Cancellations or changes are made before 4 pm for weeknight activities or 2 hours before the event on weekends.

If a participant needs to cancel his/her registration prior to the cancellation deadline, please call (952) 556-6434 for a full voucher refund. Cancellation deadlines are listed with each event description. Magnifying Abilities cannot issue refunds after the cancellation deadline.

## Drop Off/Pick Up

For the safety of our participants, staff, parents and care providers are required to accompany the participant to and from the activity area. Please arrive no sooner than 15 minutes prior to the start of events. If dropping off participants, please pick up promptly at the scheduled activity conclusion time.

Magnifying Abilities does not provide support staff at our events. Attending support staff/caregivers will need to register separately as indicated in each event description.

## Transportation

Magnifying Abilities is unable to provide transportation at this time. Participants needing transportation are encouraged to contact local transportation agencies to arrange individual transportation. The following transportation agencies are for reference only and not sponsored or endorsed by Magnifying Abilities:

Metro Mobility (651) 602-1100 Chaska and Chanhassen Residents

Metro Mobility (651) 602-1180 for Prior Lake, Shakopee, and Savage Residents Only

WeCAB (844) 743-3932 for Carver County Residents Only

SW Prime (952) 797-7463 for Chaska, Chanhassen, Carver, and Victoria Residents Only

Transit Link (952) 496-8341 Option 1 Scott County Residents

## Dietary Concerns

Please share dietary concerns with the Magnifying Abilities Specialist prior to attending events. Magnifying Abilities cannot guarantee all diet requests will be accommodated at our events, but we will attempt to provide alternatives if possible. Participants with special diet concerns are also welcome to bring their own food to any MA event at which food is provided, unless otherwise indicated.

# Magnifying Abilities Registration -- Winter 2023

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email (Required) \_\_\_\_\_

Emails will be sent to confirm registration and communicate important program information.

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

We love to capture and share photos of our Magnifying Abilities events! If you prefer NOT to be published, please initial here. \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Private Home ☐ Group Home (name of group home) \_\_\_\_\_

Special accommodations for consideration \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration and Payment** All participants must be registered for Magnifying Abilities events. We are not able to accommodate drop-ins. Payment for each activity is required at the time of registration. The easiest way to register is to visit our website: [ce4all.org/programs/adults/magnifying-abilities](http://ce4all.org/programs/adults/magnifying-abilities) Mail or Drop Off (check payment) Office hours (M-F 8 a.m.-3:00 p.m.) 110600 Village Road Chaska, MN 55318

## December Activities

**1155-Meals** Meal Makeover \$9 \_\_\_\_\_

**1151-Pillow** Fleece Pillow & Ornament \$14 \_\_\_\_\_

**1159-Stroll** Stretch & Stroll Free \_\_\_\_\_

**1140-Rudolph** Rudolph the Musical \$23 \_\_\_\_\_

**1140** Rudolph the Musical--Caregiver/Guardian \$23 \_\_\_\_\_

**1152-Sing** Holiday Karaoke & Cookies \$12 \_\_\_\_\_

## January Activities

**1158-Scavenger** Scavenger Hunt-online \$5 \_\_\_\_\_

**1146-Dance** CHS Dance Team \$10 \_\_\_\_\_

**1149-Crafts** Mystery Craft Night \$8 \_\_\_\_\_

**1148-Golf** Mini Golf & Pizza \$33 \_\_\_\_\_

## February Activities

**1150-Cooking** Super Bowl Snacks \$15 \_\_\_\_\_

**1147-Snow** Snowshoeing Adventure \$12 \_\_\_\_\_

**1147** Snowshoeing-Caregiver/Guardian \$12 \_\_\_\_\_

**1157-Bags** Bean Bag Toss Tournament \$9 \_\_\_\_\_

**1145-GameShow** Game Show Encounter \$8 \_\_\_\_\_

## Once-a-Month Activities

**1154-Bowl Dec** Bowling 12/10 \$10 \_\_\_\_\_

**1154-Bowl Jan** Bowling 1/21 \$10 \_\_\_\_\_

**1154-Bowl Feb** Bowling 2/18 \$10 \_\_\_\_\_

**1129-Bingo Dec** Bingo 12/6 Holiday \$7 \_\_\_\_\_

**1129-Bingo Jan** Bingo 1/17 Carnival \$7 \_\_\_\_\_

**1129-Bingo Feb** Bingo 2/14 Valentine \$7 \_\_\_\_\_

## Multiple Week Class

**1153-Drama** Drama & Dance Class \$21 \_\_\_\_\_

**Total amount due:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Voucher payment:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Check Payment:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Registering for any Magnifying Abilities course or event indicates the participant and/or the participant's representatives assume all risks of participation in the program and agree that neither Magnifying Abilities, ISD 112, nor any member of the SW Metro Community Education Consortium shall be held liable.*



**Check off the activities you sign up for and keep for your reminders.**

**My Magnifying Abilities  
Activities**

☐ Meal Makeover 12/1

☐ Holiday Bingo 12/6

☐ Bowling 12/10

☐ Fleece Pillow 12/12

☐ Stretch & Stroll 12/15

☐ Rudolph the Musical 12/17

☐ Holiday Karaoke & Cookies 12/19

☐ Scavenger Hunt-online 1/5

☐ Drama & Dance 1/11, 1/18, 1/25

☐ CHS Dance Team 1/12 & 1/14

☐ Bingo-Carnival 1/17

☐ Bowling 1/21

☐ Mystery Craft Night 1/26

☐ Mini Golf & Pizza 1/31

☐ Drama & Dance 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22

☐ Super Bowl Snacks 2/6

☐ Snowshoe Adventure 2/11

☐ Bingo-Valentines 2/14

☐ Bowling 2/18

☐ Bean Bag Toss Tournament 2/23

☐ Game Show Encounter 2/27

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