



**Sunshine**  
COMMUNITIES

## **PROGRAM GUIDE**

Discover vibrant residential living, compassionate clinical care, dedicated nursing support, engaging day programs, joyful recreation, enriching spiritual life, and so much more.





# 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.



***Going beyond expectations is our standard—delivering unparalleled care with compassion, expertise, and a commitment to creating community.***

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## **DISCOVER SUNSHINE COMMUNITIES**

Here, barriers do not just break—they shatter. Dreams are not just realized—they come to life. At Sunshine, individuals and their families are not just supported—they are embraced for a lifetime.

From the moment someone is welcomed home, they become part of Sunshine's vibrant community, joining in gatherings, events, and daily activities that enrich and enhance their lives. Across multiple residential homes and our dynamic 25-acre campus—featuring a thriving greenhouse, a peaceful barn, sensory spaces, and inclusive recreation—every person finds a place to belong.

Beyond our footprint, Sunshine's safe, reliable transportation fuels full, active lives. Day programming blends social engagement, skill-building, and hands-on experiences. Venture groups share their gifts giving back to a community who generously gives to us.

At the heart of it all is our dedicated team of direct support professionals, nurses, and therapists—champions of independence and providers of advanced care at every stage of life.

# RESIDENTIAL

## *What is home at Sunshine?*

It is safe, supported, and connected.

Sunshine collaborates with individuals and families to identify needs and determine the best fit environment within our residential offerings.

***For residential inquiries, contact  
[socialservices@sunshine.org](mailto:socialservices@sunshine.org).***



## INTERMEDIATE CARE HOMES (ICF)

Located both on campus and in the community, these homes provide residential care for individuals with complex medical needs. They are equipped with 24/7 trained staff to assist with medical care, therapies, and behavioral interventions. This means a structured environment where individuals receive tailored support to meet their evolving needs. The goal is to enhance overall well-being and ensure a high quality of life while also expanding their community of support.



# COMMUNITY WAIVER HOMES

A residential offering for housing and personalized support for individuals in a small group setting. Staffed by trained professionals, these homes assist with daily living activities like personal care, meal preparation, and medication management. Community homes enable individuals to live in a neighborhood while receiving needed support. They promote independence, skill development, and community connections in a supportive, inclusive environment.



# SUPPORTED LIVING ENVIRONMENT

Supported Living services allow for varying levels of support based on person-centered needs. In these residences, as in our other housing options, Sunshine staff provide personalized support tailored to each individual's goals and needs. These homes typically house small groups of two or three people.



# HOLISTIC CARE

## *Heartfelt Care, Lifelong Support.*

Sunshine embraces a holistic care model that nurtures the whole person. Our customized care plans ensure each individual receives support for their unique needs.

Our multidisciplinary approach ensures quality care that supports every aspect of the person's well-being. Services available to those who join the Sunshine community include:

- Behavior Support
- Dietary Services
- Nursing Services
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Respiratory Therapy
- Social Services
- Speech Therapy

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# NURSING

Sunshine's robust nursing team provides clinical care for individuals with advanced medical needs, ensuring comfort, safety, and well-being. From medication management to specialized support, they promote health, independence, and quality of life.

# THERAPY

On-site therapists provide physical, occupational, speech, and behavioral therapy. Their expertise enhances mobility, communication, daily living skills, and emotional health.







## VENTILATOR SERVICES

Sunshine's Ventilator Program is one of only a handful in Ohio and is the only provider in Northwest Ohio that provides long-term ventilator support to individuals with developmental disabilities. The program has become a source of comfort and hope for families who struggle to find consistent in-home healthcare and support. Our approach to care is deeply collaborative, involving our teams of nurses, therapists, doctors, social

workers, and family input. Together, we develop comprehensive care plans with the ultimate goal of gradually weaning individuals off their ventilator dependency whenever possible. We support individuals who are ventilator dependent in their everyday life. We work closely with local schools, our transportation department, nurses, and healthcare providers to ensure each individual has the same opportunities to live as independently as possible.

# ADULT DAY SERVICES

Sunshine offers diverse adult day services for individuals in residential programs and the broader community after completing their academic schooling. Our programs include employment, volunteering, social engagement, and skill-building opportunities for personal growth.

With support from direct support professionals, job coaches, and behavior technicians, individuals participate in groups that match their interests. Supported employment provides meaningful work opportunities with guidance from a job coach. Roles include positions at Georgette's, Sunshine Studios, shredding services, housekeeping, coffee packaging, and janitorial crews.

Through strong community partnerships, individuals can volunteer, work, explore, and fully engage in the world around them.

## RECREATION

Individuals stroll along our 1,000-foot boardwalk, bond with barn animals, explore the greenhouse, unwind in the sensory space, and swim in our therapeutic pool. From worship and recreation to sports, arts, or music, each day brings new opportunities to engage.

## VENTURE GROUPS

Small groups are led by job coaches as they spend their time going beyond Sunshine's campus. They volunteer in the community focusing on specific interest areas while spending 95% of their time venturing to other organizations, public spaces, and businesses.



# TRANSPORTATION

Transportation drives connection at Sunshine Communities. Our fleet of well-maintained vehicles serves the Greater Toledo area and beyond, ensuring individuals can access the services, activities, and community outings they need. The Transportation Department offers a dependable way for individuals in our adult day services to travel from home to programs and community activities. This comprehensive offering is available to anyone receiving services from Sunshine Communities.

Beyond our network, we also offer safe, timely, and dependable transportation for individuals traveling to other providers in Lucas County. Our friendly, professional drivers, equipped with ongoing training, uphold the highest standard of care, ensuring each trip is safe.

From daily appointments to community outings and employment access, Sunshine safely brings people together—one destination at a time.





Named in honor of our founder, Georgette Engler, Georgette's is more than just a gathering place—it is a hub for supported employment.



Savor the flavors of Georgette's locally roasted coffee, hearty soups, handcrafted sandwiches, and fresh salads.

You can find our coffee at local retailers or at our Uptown Maumee location. Our space is perfect for hosting events or catching up with friends.

Host your next gathering, meeting, or celebration in Georgettes' inviting back room.

**311 Conant Street, Maumee, OH 43537**  
419.891.8888 | [www.georgettes.org](http://www.georgettes.org)





Sunshine Studios is another supported employment opportunity through Sunshine Communities, empowering individuals with developmental disabilities to grow as artists and earn income for their work.

Artists at the Studios collaborate with other community artists, learning new skills, exchanging techniques, and building lasting relationships through art.

With an ever-changing monthly schedule, our community classes offer something for everyone—weeknights, weekends, and a variety of exciting step-by-step sessions to create a piece to take home.

Book this artful space for special moments, including birthday parties, showers, team-building activities, and more.

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SKILLS FOR SUCCESS

GEORGETTE'S & SUNSHINE STUDIO



# SPIRITUAL LIFE

As a faith-based organization, Sunshine Communities embraces the importance of spiritual care for those who choose to nurture their faith. We provide opportunities for simple worship, attendance at faith-based services, and prayer. From welcoming new individuals to providing comfort at life's end, we cultivate a spiritually supportive community.



# VOLUNTEER

Whatever your passion—gardening, gaming, sports, animals, music, and everything in between—there's a place for you to volunteer at Sunshine! Individuals with developmental disabilities share many of the same interests you do and love connecting with new friends.

## ***Group Outings***

Join individuals and Sunshine staff for community events like Toledo Mud Hens games, Toledo Zoo visits, or walks on our campus boardwalk.

## ***Campus Projects***

Help with hands-on projects that improve our campus and enhance quality of life.

## ***Friendship Visits***

Spend time with individuals and engage in daily activities like reading, solving puzzles, or simply sharing a smile.

Corporate teams, church groups, families, and individuals are welcome to volunteer their time and talents, creating meaningful connections.



# HUMAN RESOURCES

Competitive wages, career growth opportunities, and comprehensive training set the foundation for success at Sunshine. Employees also have access to a Success Coach for guidance and resources.

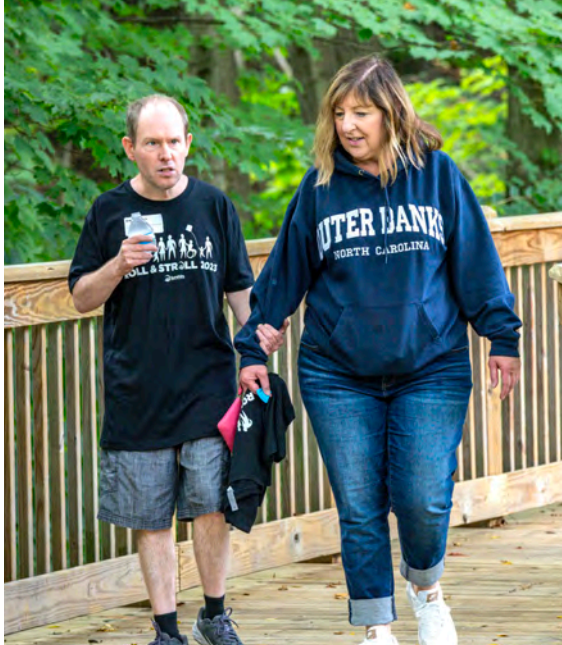
## **On-Site Learning Center:**

A dedicated onboarding center provides specialized training, equipping staff with essential skills to excel and grow confidently in their careers.

## **SunshineU:**

A digital platform for training, career growth, and improving job performance.

***To view current openings, visit [sunshine.org/careers](https://sunshine.org/careers)***





# SUPPORT SUNSHINE

Once you are here, you are part of something extraordinary. To keep our community thriving, we rely on the generosity of donors. Contributions directly impact vital areas like infrastructure, technology, special programs, medical devices, and transportation, ensuring we can continue to fulfill our mission for generations to come.



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## WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Thousands of people engage with our mission each year—volunteers, partners, board members, and supporters. Whether building relationships, collaborating on projects, or speaking at events, we are excited to connect. To learn more or invite us to your community fair or gathering, please contact us.

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