

An Invitation to Be Part of Something That Truly Matters



One of FIVE 2025 Scholarship Winners

Dear Friend,

Each spring, something special happens right here in Sandusky County.

Neighbors come together. Laughter fills the room. The Kentucky Derby plays on large screens in the background. And for one unforgettable evening, our community rallies around the children, families, and individuals who depend on us — not someday, but every single day.

On Saturday, May 2, 2026, we invite you to be part of that moment at the **12th Annual Kentucky Derby Gala**, hosted at the Neeley Center on the campus of Terra State Community College.

This is more than a watch party. It's a celebration with purpose, featuring signature appetizers and drinks, exclusive raffles packed with premium local products and experiences, games of chance, and the shared joy of knowing your presence makes a real difference close to home.

As Superintendent of the Sandusky County Board of Developmental Disabilities, I see firsthand what your support makes possible.

Because of this event and the generosity behind it, we're able to fund:

- Custom sensory equipment and holiday gifts for children at our School of Hope
- Community programs, disability awareness initiatives, and Special Olympics support
- High School Scholarships for local seniors pursuing a degree in a disability related field

And the need continues.

The Kentucky Derby Gala is the **Council's only fundraiser of 2026**, making community support not just meaningful, but essential. Every sponsorship, donation, and ticket purchased directly strengthens services for *our neighbors, our schools, and our families* right here in Sandusky County.



***Supports holiday parties, gifts for
School of Hope students***

You don't have to attend the event to make an impact. You don't have to give at a certain level to matter. And even if you've supported the Kentucky Derby Gala before, your continued involvement helps ensure this work carries forward.

Whether you choose to:

- Sponsor the event
- Donate a product or service for our community-powered raffles
- Attend and enjoy the evening with friends
- Or simply lend your support in a way that feels right to you
- you are helping build a stronger, more inclusive community.

Enclosed you'll find information outlining ways to get involved. I hope you'll take a moment to review it and consider how you'd like to be part of this year's Gala.

Thank you for believing in the power of community and for supporting the individuals and families who call Sandusky County home.

With gratitude,

Sarah Zimmerman, Superintendent
Sandusky County Board of DD

Annette Overmyer, President
Council for Sandusky County DD

P.S. Sponsorships, raffle donations, and tickets all make a meaningful difference. And remember, all support stays local.

P.P.S. For event tickets, questions, or to get involved, please get in touch with Michele at 567-342-4819.

SPONSORSHIP FORM

12th Annual Kentucky Derby Gala Saturday, May 2, 2026, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM The Neeley Center at Terra State Community College

All proceeds support the children, adults, and families served by the Sandusky County Board of Developmental Disabilities as well as the providers who support them in our community. Please consider sponsorship and support the work of the Council!

| Select Sponsor Level Below | Sponsor Level | Named as Activity Sponsor | # of Derby Event Tickets | # of Drink Tickets | Logo featured throughout Derby Event | Facebook publicity |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| | Triple Crown \$5,000 | ✓ | ✓ 16 tickets for 2 tables | ✓ 32 | ✓ | ✓ |
| | Kentucky Derby \$2,500 | ✓ | ✓ 8 tickets for 1 table | ✓ 16 | ✓ | ✓ |
| | Preakness \$1,000 | | ✓ 6 tickets at 1 table | ✓ 12 | ✓ | ✓ |
| | Belmont \$500 | | ✓ 4 tickets at a sponsor table | ✓ 8 | ✓ | ✓ |
| | Stakes \$300 | | ✓ 2 tickets at a sponsor table | ✓ 4 | ✓ | ✓ |
| <i>Indicate Total #</i> | Additional Ticket(s) \$60 | | | | | |

Your Information

COMPANY NAME: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

EMAIL & PHONE: _____

LOGO: Please submit a **high-resolution** company logo of professional print quality (PDF, or large .jpg format) to jdickman@scbdd.org. Logos and payments must be received no later than **Friday, April 10, 2026**, to ensure your company brand is included in all event materials. If you have any questions regarding the event, sponsorship, or additional tickets, please contact Michele at 567-342-4819 or email mmong@scbdd.org.

Please complete this Agreement Form and return to:

Council for Sandusky County DD
Attn: Michele Mong, Treasurer
1001 Castalia Street; Fremont, OH, 43420

PRODUCT OR SERVICE DONATION FORM

If you are not interested in sponsoring our event but would like to donate a raffle item or game prize, please use this form.

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Thank you for agreeing to donate an item or service to the Council's Derby Event. All proceeds from this event will support the children, adults, and families served by the Sandusky County Board of Developmental Disabilities and the providers who support them in our community. **All donations received before April 17, 2026, will be recognized in the printed programs on the day of the event.**

| Description of Item or Service Donated | Value of Gift |
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Please check one of the following:

We will donate by mail

Please contact us to arrange pick-up

Your Information

COMPANY NAME: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

**All items needing to be mailed should be sent to:
Council for Sandusky County DD
Attn: Michele Mong, Treasurer
1001 Castalia Street, Fremont, OH, 43420**

The 12th Annual Kentucky Derby Gala

Saturday, May 2, 2026

4 p.m. - 7 p.m. - Neeley Center

TABLE RESERVATION FORM

Enjoy all of the Festivities of the Kentucky Derby While Supporting those with Developmental Disabilities in Sandusky County

- live streaming of the events
- signature appetizers
- specialty drinks
- silent auctions
- games of chance
- fun activities
- photo booth
- AND SO MUCH MORE!

Please share your name and mailing address so that we may acknowledge your support:

Company Name: _____

Company Contact: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

eMail: _____

\$60.00 per person # of people attending: _____ = \$ _____ Total

\$400.00 for table of 8 Name to appear on table _____ = \$ 400.00 Total

For table of 8, please provide the first and last name of those in your party:

Guest: _____

Guest: _____

Guest: _____

Guest: _____

Guest: _____

Guest: _____

Guest: _____

Guest: _____



Please make checks payable to:
Council for Developmental Disabilities of Sandusky County
1001 Castalia Street, Fremont, Ohio 43420

