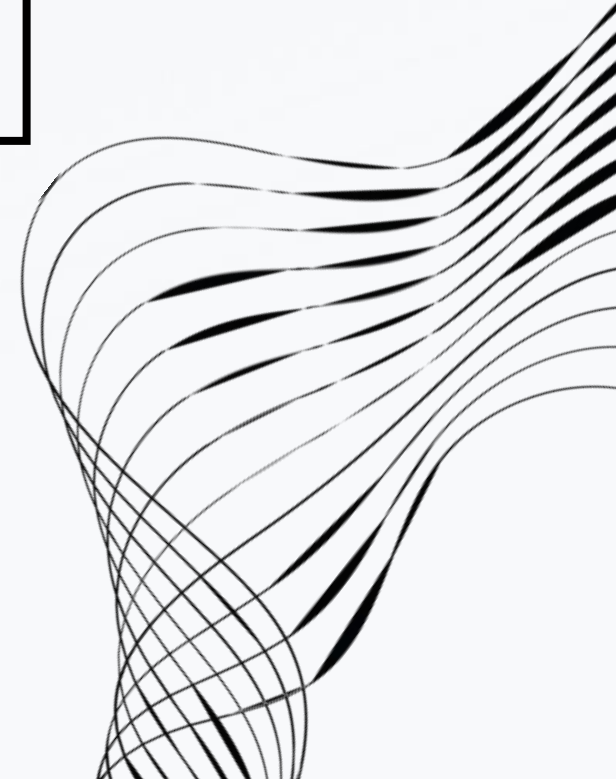


**FRIENDSHIPS AND FRONT PORCHES:
A RELATIONAL AND COMMUNITY-BASED LENS FOR
BEHAVIOR SUPPORT**

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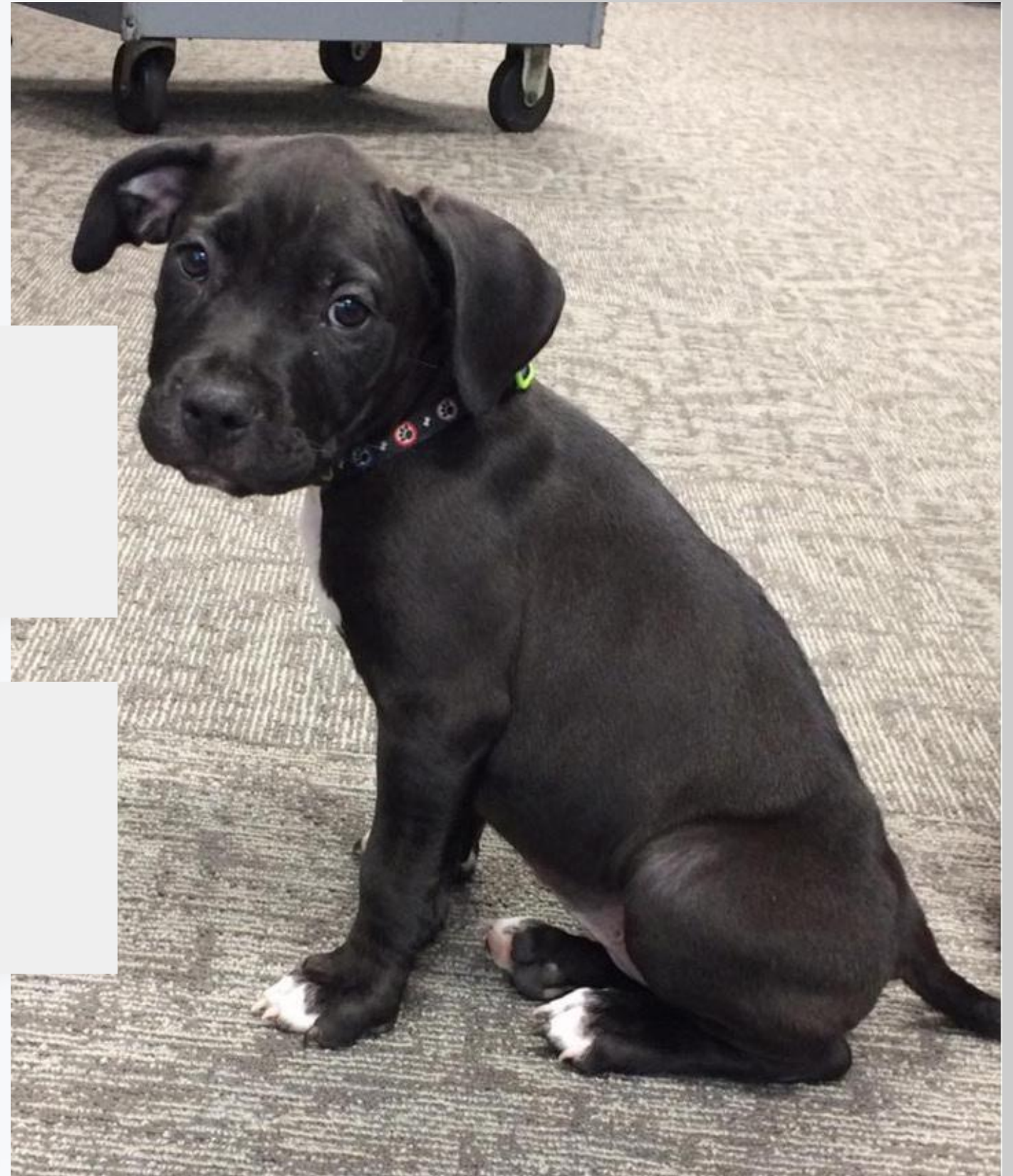


Size 16 Women's Shoes

It's giving WNBA.



Cooper – The Paperclip Puppy



COOPER



WHAT I DO...



YOUTH MINISTER

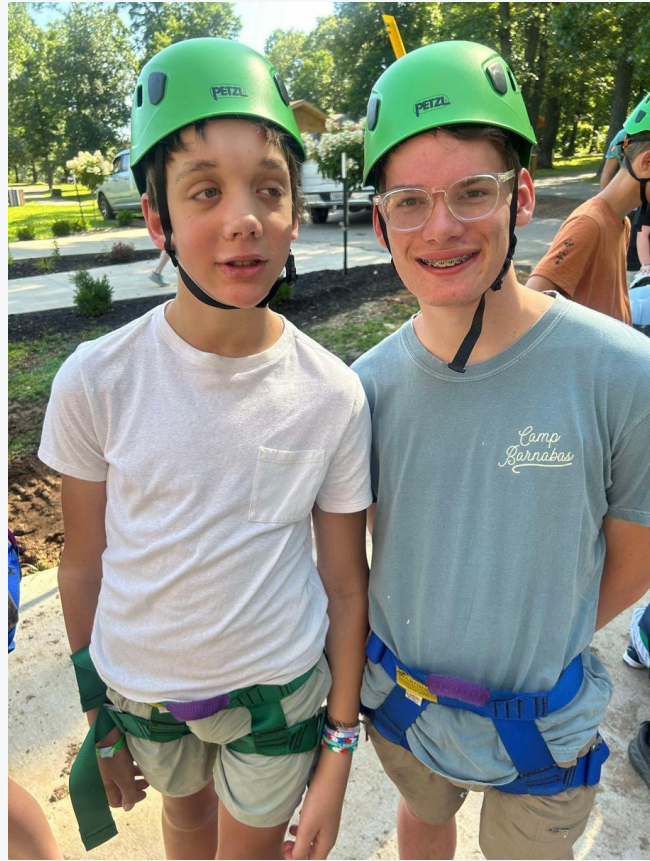
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DISABILITY MINISTER



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AND WE LIVE AT THAT INTERSECTION.

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**15 YEARS
EARLIER**

LET ME PAINT YOU A PICTURE...

- Moved to Terre Haute in 2009 (Booming Metropolis) to study Experimental Psychology at Indiana State.
- Drops out of graduate school to become...a youth pastor.
- Did I get a “youth pastoring” kind of degree? Uh no...
- Did I know what I was doing? Also no.





A close-up shot of a man with dark skin and short dark hair, wearing a blue and white horizontally striped long-sleeved shirt. He is leaning his head against a silver metal door frame and laughing heartily, with his eyes squeezed shut and his mouth wide open showing his teeth. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

I don't know what i'm doing!

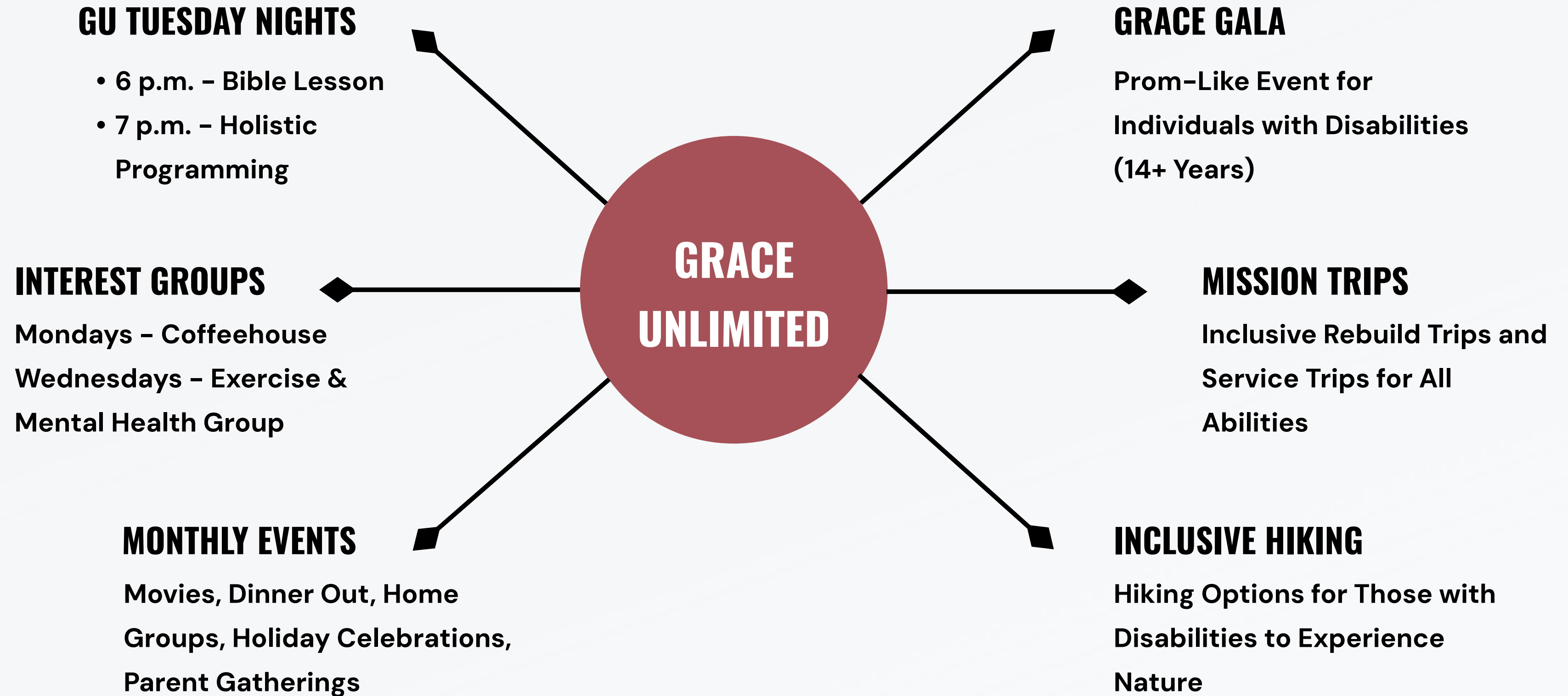








WHAT WE DO AT GRACE UNLIMITED...



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TUESDAY NIGHTS

6:00 p.m. –

- Game, Worship, Do a Bible Story Lesson, and Finish Up with a Question

7:00 p.m. – Holistic Programming

- Has included Cooking, Fitness, Service, Music Therapy, and more.

Monthly –

Parent/Caregiver Gathering with Dinner & Topic Relevant to Families (Grief, Waiver, Financial Planning)



INTEREST GROUPS

- Our response to the state's push to move day programs out into the community more.
- YES! Except...We're in Terre Haute.
- Our response to a lot of our friends sitting at home everyday.
- Allows choice in what they want to do.
- Currently offering these groups:
 - Mon – GU Coffeehouse
 - Wed – Mental Health Group
 - Wed – Cardio Drumming



MONTHLY EVENTS

- Our response to realizing that respite didn't have to be at church.
- Can we offer parents respite while gathering less formal ways that encourage belonging, new experiences, and community?
- Respite can happen in Mexican restaurants, movie theaters, and in backyards.



GRACE GALA

- **Celebration...that's it.**
- **How can we celebrate our friends in a big way, creating memories, and share hope and love with them?**
- **Two Nights with 400 Guests/350 Volunteers**
- **Limo rides, dinner, karaoke, and lots of joy.**



MISSION TRIPS

- Our friends deserve to experience purpose.
- We found some organizations who said YES! We were done trying to fit into the mold. We found places to serve who molded to meet the needs of our people.
- The experience changed their people.
- “That was the best week of my life.”

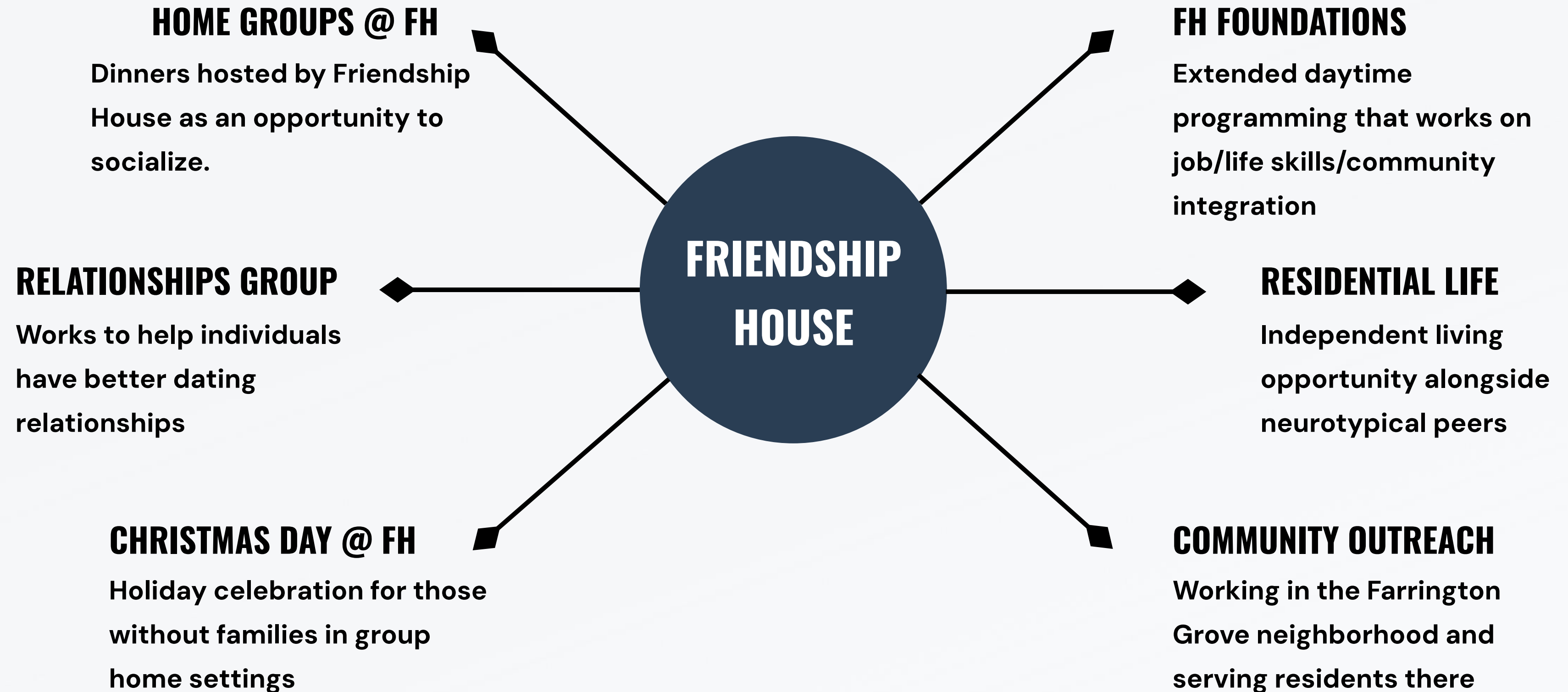


INCLUSIVE HIKING TRIPS

- Our friends deserve to experience the world and who will take them if we aren't willing to.
- We bought a hiking wheelchair (Joelette Adventure Chair).
- Piloting it this fall with PT Students from Indiana State.



WHAT WE DO AT FRIENDSHIP HOUSE...





RESIDENTIAL LIFE

- **Our response to hearing that our friends want to have the chance to move out and live on their own.**
- **College students and young adults with disabilities live in community as roommates.**
- **Provides a launchpad into independent living with peers.**
- **Provides affordable housing (\$300 rent per resident – includes utilities, household goods and one meal a week)**



HOME GROUPS

- Our response to hearing that our friends aren't often invited over to people's houses.
- This opportunity allows us to create experiences that our friends might not otherwise have.
- Informal gatherings with dinner, games, dance parties, and time to hang out with friends.



RELATIONSHIPS GROUP

- **A collective response to watching our friends struggle in relationships.**
- **Meets every other week and focuses on boundary setting, communication, and other skills.**
- **Led by a local BCBA.**
- **Will culminate in a speed dating event...stay tuned...**



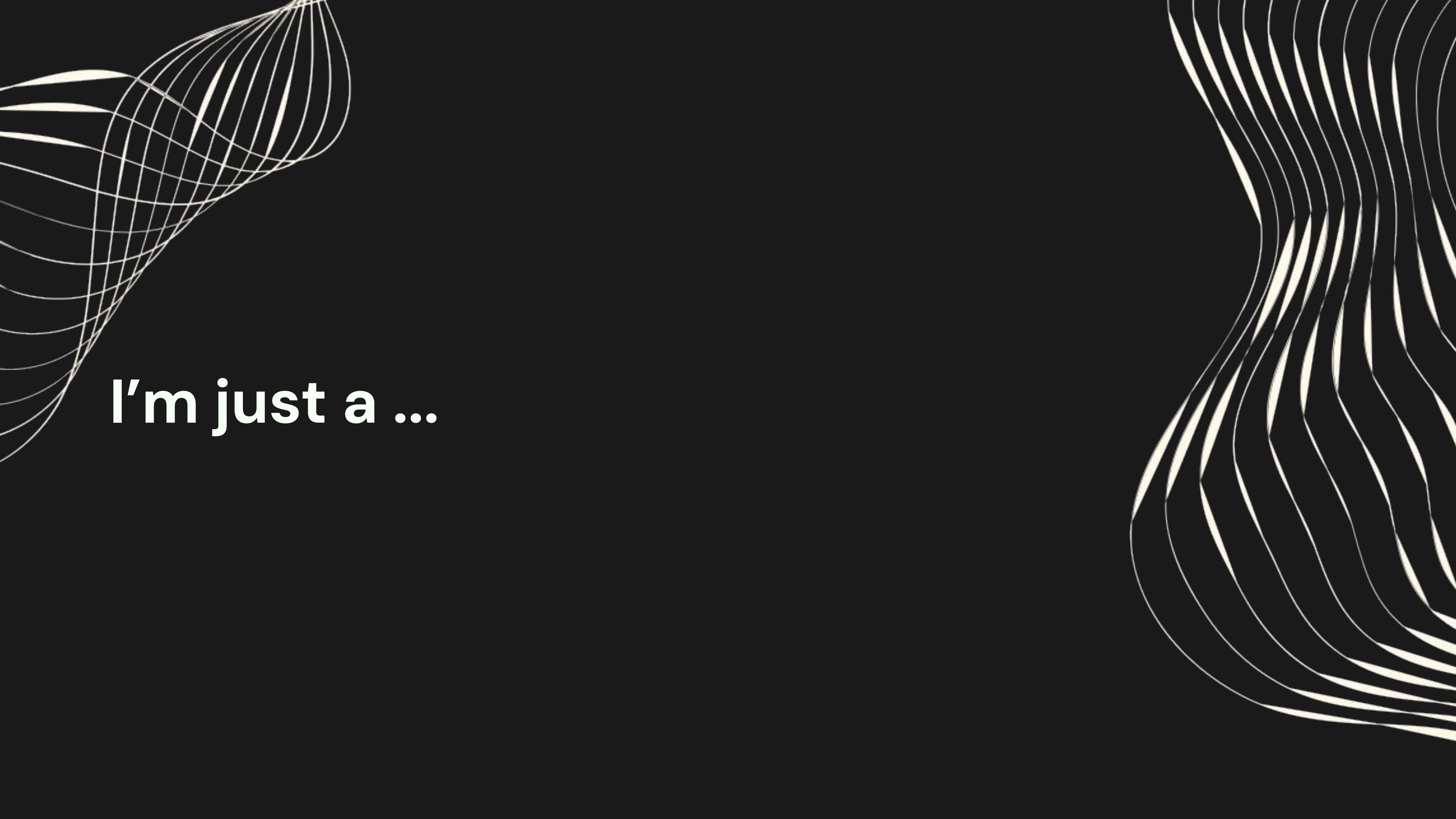
FH FOUNDATIONS

- Our response to knowing that independence – even if an adult never moves from home – changes the game.
- Currently in a pilot.
- Meets on Thursdays from 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
- Works on job skills, life skills, and has participants working at community integration sites.
- They receive a stipend for their work & participation.

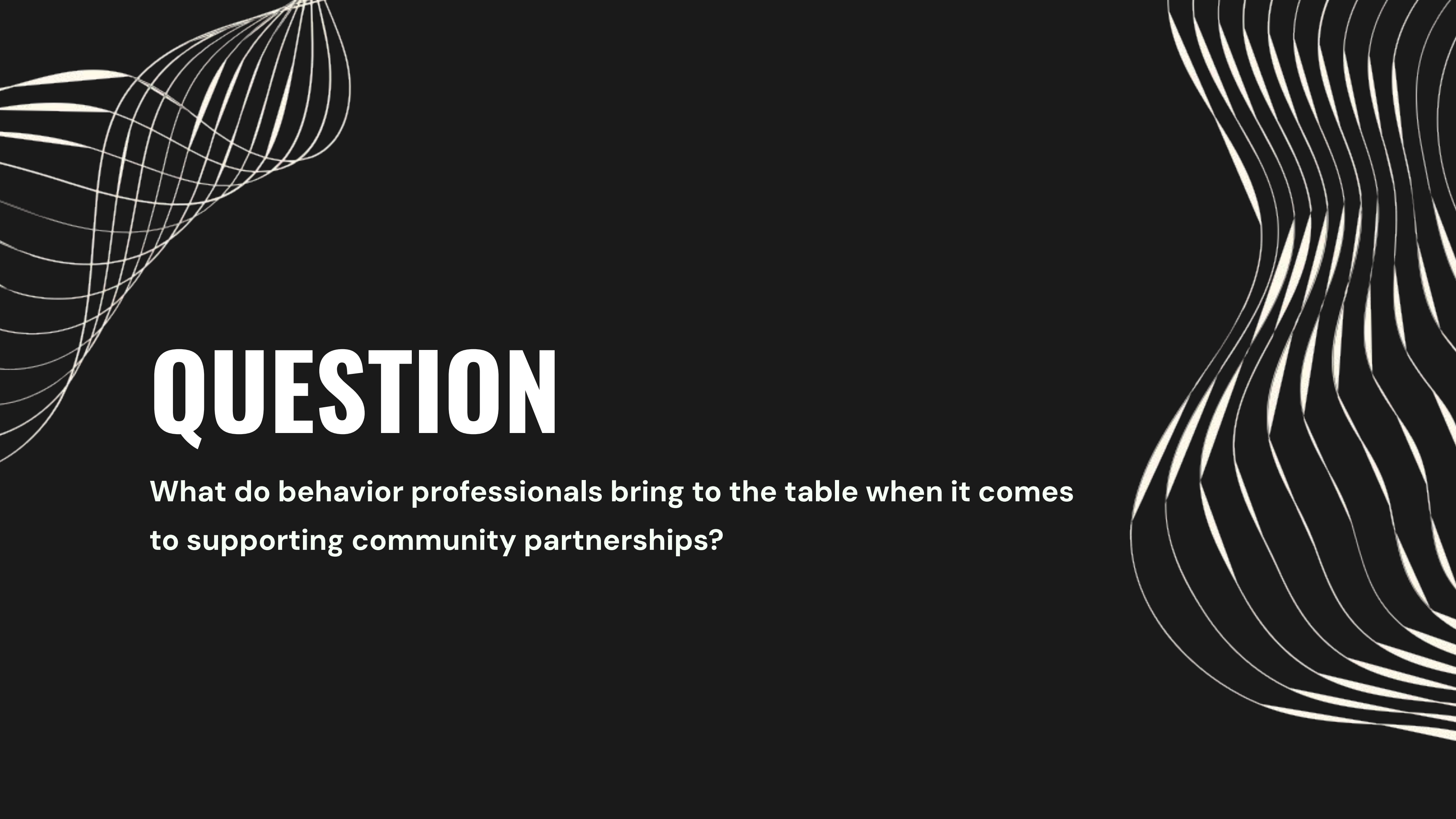


CHRISTMAS AT FH

- **Where do our friends go if they don't have family? What would it look like for us to throw the doors open on Christmas morning?**
- **Presents. Breakfast. Matching PJs.**
- **Expanding this year to incorporate more of our friends.**
- **Most of the referrals come from our connections to BCs in the community.**



I'm just a ...

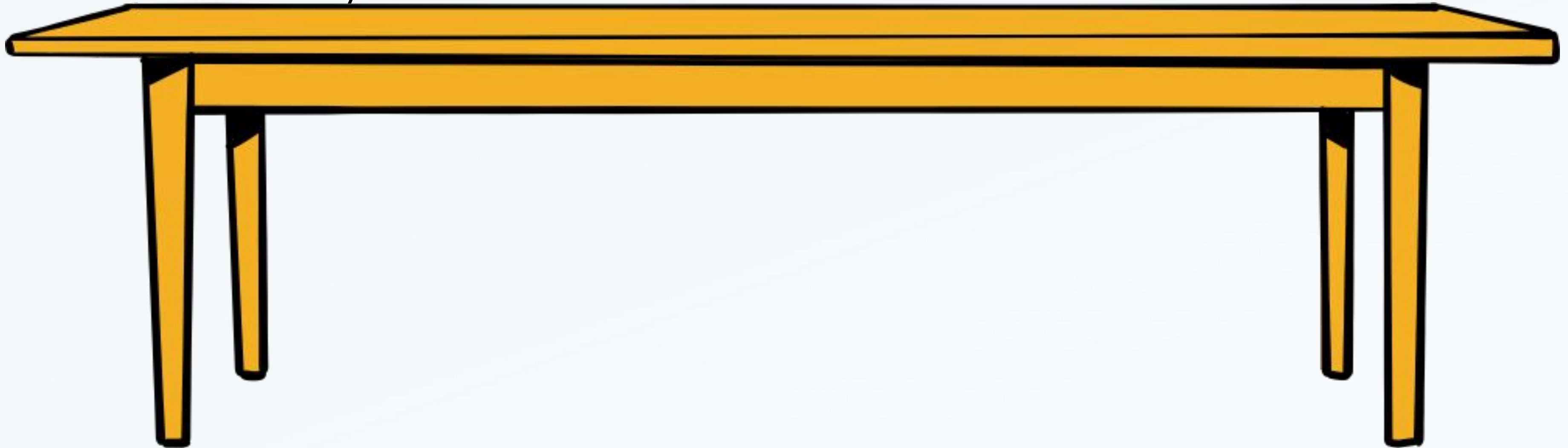


QUESTION

What do behavior professionals bring to the table when it comes to supporting community partnerships?

Behavior Consultants

- You know your people well.
- You want the best for your people.
- You know effective strategies and tools for behaviors that might limit participation.
- You routinely go above and beyond.
- You know the system.





QUESTION

What do community organizations bring to the table when it comes to supporting individuals with disabilities?

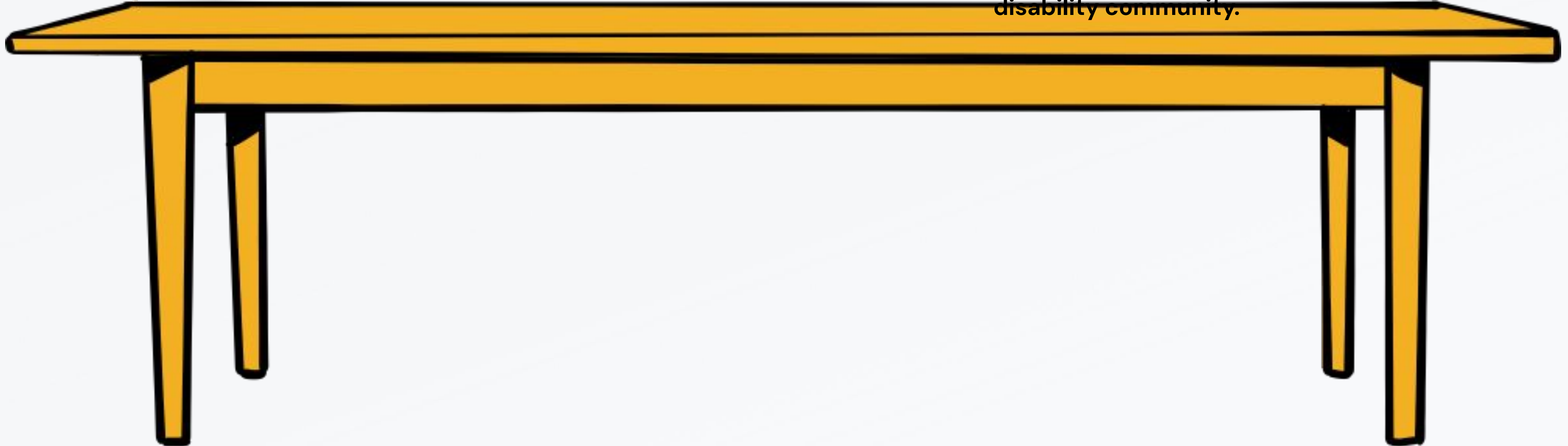
***Think about organizations that may exist outside the disability community.**

Behavior Consultants/Professionals

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- You want the best for your people.
- You know effective strategies and tools for behaviors that might limit participation.
- You routinely go above and beyond.
- You know the system.
- You are our some of our biggest allies.

Community Partners

- They are (sometimes) eager to figure this out.
- They are natural supports.
- They offer activities and opportunities that create belonging and inclusion.
- They exist outside of the system.
- They have connections beyond the disability community.





Do you, want to form an alliance, with me?



Absolutely, I do.



BRAINSTORM

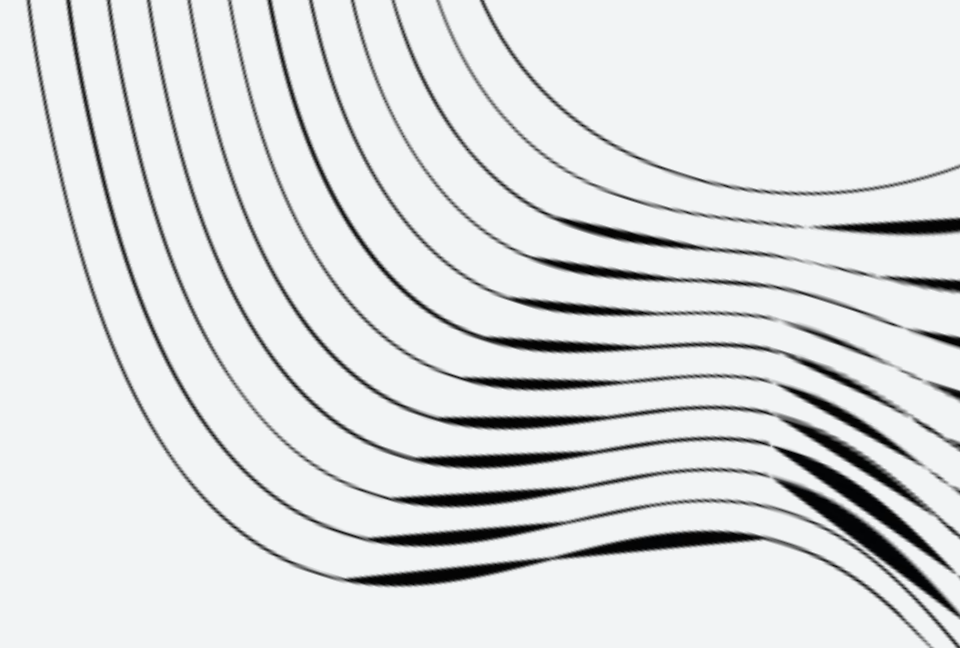
What if you decided to have some listening conversations with some community partners and members?

Where do the gaps exist in our community? What are you seeing within your specific organization when it comes to people with disabilities?

WHO WOULD BE ON YOUR LIST?



STAKEHOLDERS



Individuals with
Disabilities

Special Olympics

Peers

Colleges

Parents

Case Managers

Parks Department

Businesses

Caregivers

Behaviorists

Libraries

Gov't Officials

Support Groups

OT/PT/Speech

Faith Leaders

State Level Officials

Day Programs

Special Education

Healthcare

Other...



“If you and I wanted to have a girls’ night, we could. Our friends don’t get that opportunity.”

-Community Partner

**Progress happens when our people
aren't just supported by the services
you provide, but more importantly, by
the communities they live in.**



Avg. Time Teenagers Spend with in Youth
Ministry in a Year

40 Hours

OR

Avg. Time Teenagers Spend with Their
Parents

3,000

Hours



The Most Time a BC Spends With a Client in
a Year on Waiver (12 Hours a Month)

144

Hours

OR

Time Spent in the
~~Community~~

A Lot More.*





Build a community of people who care.



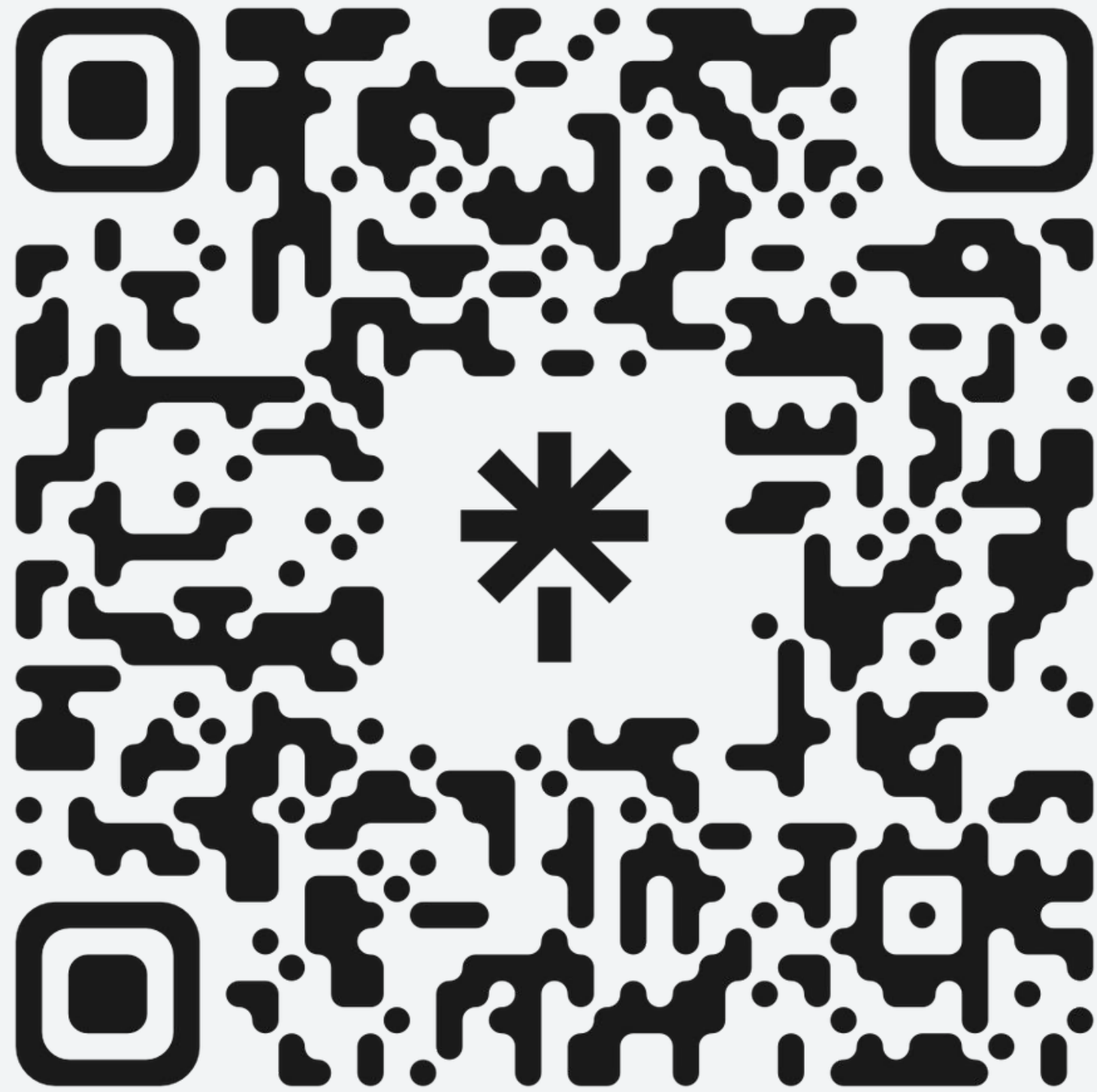
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