

Kuhn's Birdies for Charity Success

Kuhn is proud to share that our second year participating in the Birdies for Charity fundraiser was another great success! Thanks to the generosity and support of everyone who donated, we were able to surpass last year's fundraising total — an incredible achievement for our organization.

We're also grateful to Webster Bank for their 15% bonus match, which helped amplify every contribution and make an even greater impact.

A special thank you goes to the Travelers Championship for continuing to support so many nonprofits across Connecticut through this wonderful program. Their commitment to community makes opportunities like this possible.

We're already looking forward to participating again next year and continuing to grow our impact together!

Kuhn's CEO Advocates in DC



Kuhn CEO Beth Fisher joined fifteen Alliance members in Washington, D.C. in September for the 2025 ANCOR Policy Summit & Hill Day. The group met with Connecticut's Congressional delegation to discuss critical issues affecting the disability services community. "Thank you to ANCOR for hosting such a meaningful event during this pivotal time for Medicaid advocacy," said The Alliance: The Voice of Community Nonprofits. The meetings provided an important opportunity to raise awareness and advocate for the policies that support individuals with disabilities and the organizations that serve them.



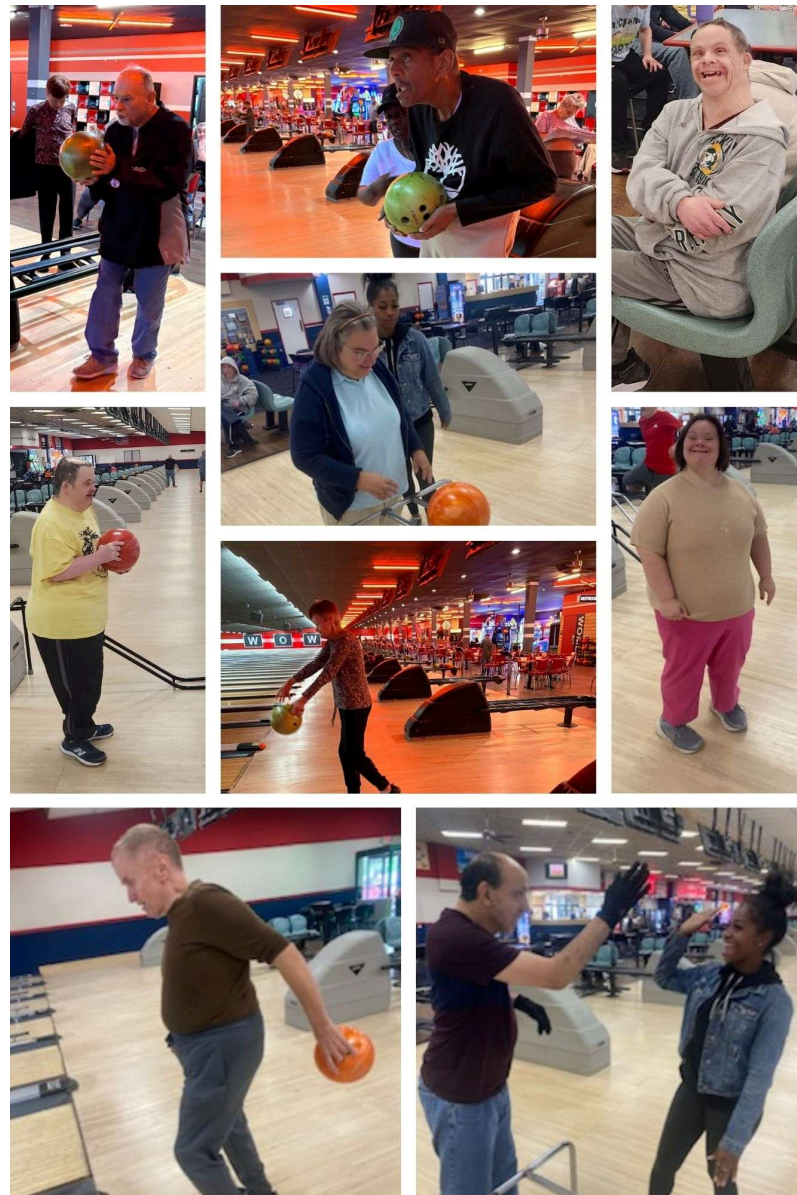
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Strikes of Gratitude

Kuhn would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the **Cuno Foundation** for their generous grant supporting our Bowling Program. This long-time favorite activity is something our participants truly love — every week, both of our Day Programs head to the lanes for some friendly competition and fun.

Bowling keeps everyone moving while promoting both mental and physical wellness. Many of our bowlers have become quite skilled, regularly scoring in the 120–130 range each game! Beyond the strikes and spares, the program reflects Kuhn's mission to provide meaningful community experiences, helping participants build confidence, connect with others, and enjoy being part of a safe and welcoming community.

Thank you again to the Cuno Foundation for helping us keep the good times — and bowling balls — rolling!



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Upcoming Events:

- ❖ Dine Out for a Cause - **11/6/2025**
Casa Di Roma-11am to 9pm
- ❖ Stress & Anxiety, Oh My! - **11/19/2025**
- ❖ Meriden Stop & Shop Community Bag - **November**
Kuhn gets \$1 for every \$2.50 Community Bag
- ❖ Giving Tuesday - **12/2/2025**

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Kuhn's Fall Festival Makes a Splash!

What a fantastic day at Silver Lake! Kuhn's First Annual Fall Festival and Paddle Sport Event was a wonderful celebration of community, teamwork, and fun — and we couldn't have asked for a better turnout.

Even though the forecast called for less-than-perfect weather, our incredible community showed up ready to make the most of the day. The smiles, laughter, and energy on the shore and out on the water proved that a little wind couldn't dampen anyone's spirits. Everyone made the best of the day right up until the high winds rolled in — and we are so grateful for the positive attitude and enthusiasm that carried us through.

A huge thank-you goes out to Vicki and Del Cummings for organizing another great paddle race on Silver Lake. Their hard work and commitment ensured the event ran smoothly and safely for all participants. Thank you to all the racers who traveled from near and far — you made it an incredible race day, and we're so grateful for your enthusiasm and sportsmanship! We also want to thank the Berlin Fire Department for their presence and dedication to water safety, along with the other safety boats that helped keep everyone protected on the lake throughout the event. Your support ensures that everyone can race with confidence and peace of mind.

We were thrilled to partner with the Quinnipiac River Watershed Association for the recreational paddle. Their continued support and guidance make it possible for us to expand access to outdoor recreation in a safe and meaningful way — helping more people connect with the beauty of our local waterways.

The festival grounds were alive with music, laughter, and great local flavor. A special shoutout goes to our talented musicians, Mac Daddy and Tony Susi, who kept the crowd entertained all day long. Their lively performances brought wonderful energy to the festival — from upbeat tunes that had people tapping their feet to classic favorites that had everyone singing along. Their music set the perfect backdrop for a day full of community spirit and celebration.

We're also deeply grateful to our vendors, who showed up with enthusiasm and helped create such a fun and festive atmosphere. From delicious food and sweet treats to handcrafted goods, local products, and even alpacas to feed, each vendor brought something unique that added to the charm of the event. Their participation and support helped make the festival a vibrant gathering place for everyone to enjoy — and we can't thank them enough for being part of this special day.

We were so excited to see so many of our staff, participants, families, and friends come out to support Kuhn and join in the fun. Seeing everyone together — enjoying the music, food, and activities — was truly the highlight of the day. And to our sponsors and community partners, thank you for your hard work, dedication, and collaboration in making this event such a success.

As we reflect on the success of our first Fall Festival and Paddle Sport event, we're filled with excitement for what's to come. With the wonderful momentum from this year and the lessons learned, we're already looking forward to next year's festival — even bigger, better, and full of the same spirit that made this one so memorable. **THANK YOU!**

Stress & Anxiety, Oh My!

Stress and anxiety affect us all but understanding them can help. This free community event features keynote speaker **Dr. Alicia Farrell**, Cognitive Psychologist and Founder of OnPoint Parenting, who will help explore the difference between stress and anxiety, how to recognize the signs in ourselves and loved ones, and what can be done to manage them.

A panel of local experts—Kate Bender, DNP, APRN, PMHNP-BC, ANP-BC, Dr. Joanne Comstock, Psy.D., AADC, and an individual with lived experience—will share insights and answer audience questions. Join this FREE event.

Wednesday, November 19, 2025 | 5:30–8:00 p.m.

St. Francis of Assisi Church, 10 Elm St.,
Middletown

Kuhn is a proud sponsor of this event!



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A Superhero Celebration of Milestones and Achievements

Kuhn's North Colony Annual Awards Ceremony was nothing short of *super!* This year's superhero-themed celebration brought together participants and staff to recognize dedication, achievement, and the true heroes of our community. Everyone came dressed to impress, donning their favorite superhero shirts, masks, and capes, ready for a day full of energy, laughter, and heartfelt moments.

The music was thumping, the dance floor was rocking, and the photo booth was a crowd favorite, capturing smiles and fun all day long. But the most powerful moments came during the awards presentations, where cheers, applause, and a few happy tears filled the room.

This year's milestone awards celebrated incredible achievements—from 5 years of dedication all the way up to 45 years with Kuhn—a remarkable milestone earned by **James S.**, whose longevity and commitment inspire us all.

Kuhn was proud to recognize the extraordinary efforts of our participants. Each work crew honored its own **Employee of the Year**, highlighting the hard work and spirit that make Kuhn thrive. Special honors included **Aleena S.**, recognized as Kuhn's *Employee of the Year* for her outstanding performance and dedication. **Jennifer R.**, recipient of the *Shaheen Davis Award*, honored for her perseverance in transitioning to a new program, meeting challenges head-on, and maintaining a positive outlook while pursuing her goals. **Morissa C.**, recipient of the *Dana Yelenak Award*, celebrated for her diligence, resilience, and the kindness she shows to everyone around her.

The North Colony Awards truly showcased what makes Kuhn so special—our people. Every participant, every milestone, and every moment reminded us that being a hero isn't about having superpowers—it's about showing up with heart, courage, and a commitment to growing stronger together.

Donor Recognition

Many thanks to those that supported Kuhn during the last fiscal year. (7/1/24-6/30/25)

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