

<u>The Rising Stars</u> Social Club & Advocacy Group

<u>What is Rising Stars</u>?

The Rising Stars is a social/advocacy group made up of adult individuals who are 18 and older and receive any services through The Moore Center, their friends, families, support staff and volunteers. The season runs from September – June and meets weekly on Wednesday's at The Emmanuel Baptist Church, 14 Mammoth Rd. Hooksett, NH, from 3-5pm. The group participates in fun activities, educational learning experiences, community service projects, fundraising for the group's activities and outside events/activities such as the annual Advocate NH conference. Additionally, there is an advocacy component with an 8 member elected Executive Council and supported by Moore Center staff. This club is strictly voluntary and can be a great opportunity to meet new people and make new friends or to reconnect with people we don't see on a regular basis.

Who can join?

Adult clientele, 18 and older, of The Moore Center/Region 7, staff, providers, volunteers, family members and friends are all welcome to participate. We meet at an accessible building so individuals requiring any kind of adaptive equipment or wheelchairs can be accommodated. The Rising Stars is an independent social/advocacy group that does not provide direct supervision to individuals who need assistance. In this case, participants needing such supervision or specialized support, to attend, would need to be accompanied by a family member, support staff and/or Home Care Providers. We are an equal opportunity judgement-free social group.

Cost to Join

The Rising Stars does not charge any fees or membership dues to join. However, as many activities do cost money, The Rising Stars actively works on fundraising throughout the season to offset some of the activity expenses. ALL members will be expected to participate in any way possible in these fundraising efforts. Members who do not participate in some aspect of the fundraising activities may be subject to a member fee/contribution or full price activity costs. Please do not let financial concerns stop you from joining this group. We will all work together to be sure those who want to join can do so and participate as much as possible.

Transportation

Transportation to and from meetings and local events is the sole responsibility of the participants and/or their support system. Most meetings will be held at 14 Mammoth Rd., Hooksett, or out in the community. The Rising Stars will contract for bus transportation for trips that are beyond the city limits, when funds are available to do so and at a small cost to members. Those members requiring specialized transportation must also provide this transportation themselves.



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