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# Inclusive Movie Under the Stars Brings Families Together at Sharon Speedway

Willy's World creates a free, welcoming night where children and families of all abilities can enjoy the movies together.

HARTFORD, Ohio — July 28, 2026. Sharon Speedway traded the roar of race cars for a movie screen as families gathered for Willy's World's first Inclusive Movie Under the Stars, featuring Disney and Pixar's Cars.
The free community event was created to give children and families of all abilities an opportunity to enjoy a summer movie night together in a welcoming and understanding environment.





## Creating a Night Where Everyone Can Belong

For many families of children with hidden disabilities, attending a traditional community event can come with added challenges. New environments, crowds, sounds, sensory needs, and the uncertainty of how others may respond can sometimes make participating difficult.

Inclusive Movie Under the Stars was created with those families in mind.
Families were invited to spread out, get comfortable, enjoy concessions, and experience a movie together under the stars. The outdoor setting provided more flexibility for children who needed to move around, take a break, or enjoy the movie in their own way.

For Willy's World, creating opportunities like this is an important part of our mission. Inclusion does not always require a completely different activity. Sometimes it means making familiar community experiences more accessible, understanding, and welcoming so more families feel comfortable participating.

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# Inclusion at Sharon Speedway

The evening also took place at a venue committed to greater awareness and understanding of hidden disabilities. Sharon Speedway became a Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Friend in 2026, with staff receiving training to better recognize and support individuals who may need additional time, patience, understanding, or assistance.

That commitment extends beyond one movie night. Through the Willy's World Kids Club, inclusive events, and the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower, Willy's World and Sharon Speedway continue working together to create an environment where children and families of all abilities can feel welcome.

# Community Support Makes Inclusion Possible

A huge thank you to Gault Heating & Cooling for helping make our first Inclusive Movie Under the Stars possible.

Because of their support, Willy's World could offer the event free to families throughout our community. Partnerships like this help remove financial barriers to participation while allowing us to create meaningful opportunities for children and families to spend time together, make memories, and feel included.

# Inclusive Movie Under the Stars Returns This Fall

Following our first movie night, Willy's World is excited to bring Inclusive Movie Under the Stars back to Sharon Speedway on October 3, 2026.

The fall event will once again be free to the community, with support from Gault Heating & Cooling and Diehl Automotive of Hermitage. Gates will open at 5:00 PM, and the movie will begin at 7:00 PM. The event is weather permitting.

At Willy's World, we believe children and families should have opportunities to participate in the experiences happening throughout their community. Inclusive Movie Under the Stars is one more way we are working to remove barriers, create understanding, and build a community where everyone has a place to belong.

## EVERYONE DESERVES TO BE PART OF THE FUN!

*Creating free, inclusive experiences where families can connect, make memories, and feel welcome.*