



HEROES DAY!



A FREE Sensory-Friendly Celebration for Everyday Heroes

Hosted by Friends of Terry and VFW Auxiliary 4012

Dear Families, Friends, and Community Partners,

Every child deserves a day where they feel welcomed, celebrated, and free to enjoy themselves in a way that feels comfortable to them. That is the heart behind **Heroes Day!**

Heroes Day a Fun Celebration is a free, sensory-friendly event for children with autism and special needs, along with their parents or guardians.

Hosted by "Friends of Terry" and VFW Auxiliary 4012, this special day has been thoughtfully planned as a gift to families - a day with no cost, no pressure, and no expectation beyond simply coming and enjoying time together.

We know that many children with autism and special needs, along with the parents and caregivers who love and support them, show courage in ways that often go unseen. The daily victories, the patience, the perseverance, the advocacy, the adapting, the overcoming - these are the quiet forms of heroism that deserve to be honored.

Heroes Day is our way of saying: We see you, We appreciate you, and We want to celebrate you!

For many years, this group of friends has gathered with a spirit of generosity, using their time together to support meaningful causes such as cancer research, Donate Life, veterans' organizations, and other charitable efforts. This year, their desire is to turn that same spirit of giving toward local children and families by creating a memorable day of fun, connection, encouragement, and belonging.

Families can enjoy arts and crafts, games, trailer rides, a treasure hunt, outdoor activities, lunch, snacks, drinks, and special goodies - all provided at no cost. Children will also have the opportunity to meet local community heroes, including firefighters and police officers, and interact with their emergency vehicles in a fun and welcoming setting.

Activities have been planned with flexibility and care so children with a wide range of abilities, interests, and sensory needs can participate in ways that feel comfortable, joyful, and meaningful to them.

Because the event is intentionally designed to be personal, welcoming, and manageable for families, space is limited to 50 children ages 17 and under, plus 1-2 accompanying adults per child.

Event Details	
Event:	Heroes Day! Fun Celebration
Date:	Sunday, July 19, 2026 - Rain or Shine!
Time:	12:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Location:	47820 7 Mile Rd., Northville, MI
Cost:	Free
RSVP by:	July 8

To RSVP, please contact: terryo59@msn.com or divotdiva@live.com.

We would be grateful for your help in sharing this invitation with families who may be blessed by a day like this. Our hope is that **Heroes Day** becomes more than a fun afternoon - that it becomes a reminder to children and families that they are seen, valued, welcomed, and celebrated.

With gratitude,
"Friends of Terry Rittershaus"
VFW Auxiliary 4012