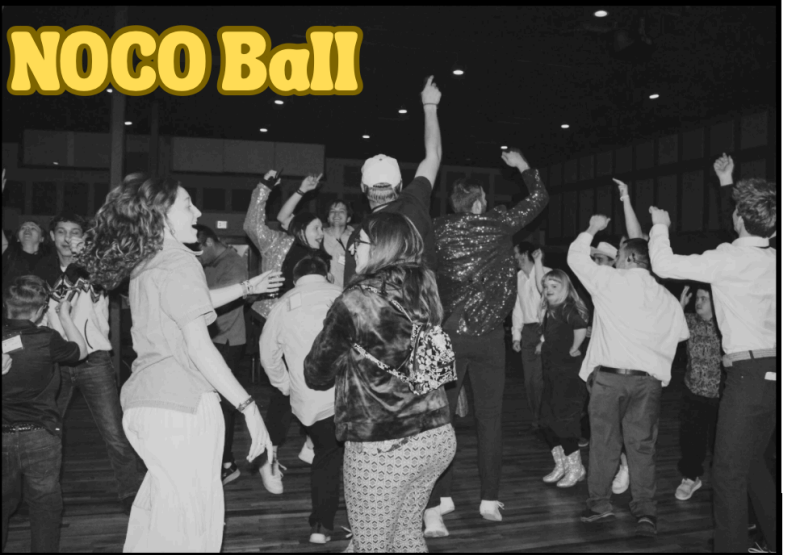




NOCO Ball



All Abilities Ministry

FCA All Abilities and Young Life Capernaum partnered to start the very first Noco Ball. Previously in Northern Colorado and across the country, Tim Tebow's Night to Shine was a huge event for all ability individuals. When Night to Shine came to a close, we wanted to provide an alternative for our community. Two organizations that minister to individuals with disabilities came together for a night of fun, faith, dancing, community and inclusion. We both had our leaders, typical peers as companions, volunteers, prayer partners, staff, and ministry partners come together for a night to celebrate EVERY individual in their unique gifts, talents and purposes. The gospel message was shared, friendships were created, and two ministries and churches came together to love and welcome our individuals with different abilities. It truly was a night like no other. We were not restricted to a formula, or a structure that was created without knowing our individuals. We were able to create an environment where our friends were seen and loved and intentionally known. This was also an opportunity for our two ministries to share to the community in Northern Colorado how they can get plugged into discipleship relationships.

We had the sweetest group of grandmas that are on our FCA prayer team come and pray before the event, serve food to all of our volunteers and pray during the event. What a special gift to have prayer warriors covering our time and all of our people. Grateful!

Some of the most popular events of the evening were; entering on the red carpet, karaoke, dancing with companions, crafts, and just enjoying friendships. It was such a wonderful opportunity to get behind both of our missions as FCA and Young Life to see individuals with disabilities growing in their faith and that starts with relationships. We loved meeting partners in ministry and are looking forward to all that's ahead for our partnership with Young Life.

The evening ended with a message of how Jesus and the Kingdom of God is about everyone belonging. Every person left with a puzzle piece that represented the body of believers and how we are really not complete without everyone being included. Now, we depend upon the Lord to help us continue these relationships and walk with our friends to Jesus. We are praying for more Bible study hosts to allow our friends to be in small groups. Would you join us in praying for this!