

Joni & Friends Mississippi, together with several local churches and sponsors, are excited to

present our 3rd annual Barnyard Bash for individuals with disabilities and their families. This

year’s event will take place from 3-7p.m. on October 14 at Kimberlin Farms in Olive Branch.

We are looking forward to a time of fellowship, outdoor games, horseback riding, hayrides,

good food, and dancing.

According to the United States Census Bureau, there are around 349,424 people touched by

disability in Mississippi under the age of 65. The national average of those touched by

disability is 1 to 4 with disability, but in our state, it is 1 to 3 with disability. In a state known

for its hospitality, our friends are often isolated and rarely invited into the homes of others.

The Barnyard Bash is a wonderful opportunity for us to give our friends and families affected

by disability in our community, a celebration to have fellowship. A community party to

introduce them to one another, to those in their community and to extend an invitation to

genuine community. We do not want anyone left to themselves without true

community! The 2023 Barnyard Bash is an opportunity to create awareness and to provide a

place for those often marginalized. May the Barnyard Bash create an atmosphere of

“normalcy” and “diversity” for all.

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN EARNING SERVICE HOURS, PLEASE SIGN UP BY THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5TH! SIGN-UP USING THIS LINK:**

[**https://joniandfriends.org/event/barnyard-bash-volunteer-registration/**](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fjoniandfriends.org%2Fevent%2Fbarnyard-bash-volunteer-registration%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cjennifer.davis%40dcsms.org%7Ce2568aaebc8d40f8b42e08dbba023d3f%7Cc0e0fae0e822484a9b1afbd5723e240a%7C0%7C0%7C638308291060137921%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=D5WEILmL3soNbC4rnzav5AZfmLr%2BXq22v18M8ACY7TM%3D&reserved=0)

**Students would need to arrive by 2pm and would be finished by 6pm.**

**They are welcome to stay for the dance from 6-7pm, but that is not required.**

If you have questions about this event, please contact Lisa Wilson at lwilson@lhbc.me.