



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Sarah Heldmann

As a community-based occupational therapy assistant with Wood County Developmental Disabilities, Sarah Heldmann meets many children with disabilities who cannot activate toys.

Heldmann discovered RePlay for Kids through an online search for adapted toys, and was pleasantly surprised to find that the organization offers these toys at no cost given how expensive they can be to purchase from manufacturers.

She was so impressed by the services that RePlay for Kids offers that she traveled two hours from Toledo, Ohio to Solon, Ohio, to volunteer at a RePlay for Kids drop-in toy adapting workshop.

"The experience was fantastic and I enjoyed working alongside occupational therapy students who were also volunteering during the session," Heldmann said. "Anyone can get involved and it's good for the community. It's a great way to give back while learning new skills in a teamwork setting."

She added that organizations interested in participating in the workshops would benefit from the team-building and problem solving skills their employees will gain, along with a meaningful sense of accomplishment.

Heldmann plans to host a holiday gift giving opportunity in her community this December, which will include giving away adapted toys.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE, ONE CHILD AT A TIME

My son is Alexander, and he was born with Apert syndrome, which is a very rare genetic disorder that deals with the early fusion of bones in the skull, hands, and feet. RePlay has given him the opportunity to be more of a kid, to be able to smile and play, and to not worry about a surgery or doctor's appointment.

-Monique, Parent



Helping the Community

Nestlé USA has hosted a total of seven RePlay for Kids toy adapting workshops at their Solon, Ohio office, and has provided 195 volunteers and 390 volunteer hours.

"Adapting toys and cars for kids has not only been a hands-on way to make a difference, but it's also brought so much joy—both to the kids and to everyone involved," said Dominick P. Altieri, director, Retirement Investments, Nestlé USA. "Seeing the kids light up when they realize a toy is now accessible to them is extremely rewarding. It's been wonderful collaborating with the RePlay team and knowing our work has a real impact."

In May 2026, 75 Nestlé USA employees who are members of their Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Manufacturing (STEMM) group hosted a toy adapting workshop.

"This event was a powerful reminder that Women in STEMM at Nestlé do not just innovate in the workplace, we uplift our community," said Alina Kahn, capital operational buying manager, Corporate Engineering, Nestlé USA. "Coming together to adapt toys shows how our skills can help make the world a more accessible place for everyone. It was a meaningful experience, and I look forward to partnering with RePlay for Kids again in the future."

We are grateful for your support, Nestlé USA!

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Volunteers come together from all over the community to adapt toys or repair assistive devices.

We host these events several times per month so it's easy and fun to participate!

See more information about our workshops at replayforkids.org/info/workshops



REPLAY FOR KIDS FUNDRAISER EVENT



HALLOWEEN 5K AND 1 MILE FUN WALK

Date: October 18, 2026

Time: 9AM RSVP please visit

Where: 4691 Windfall Road
Medina, OH 44256

For more information and to purchase tickets, go to replayforkids.org/fundraisers/ or scan the QR code



Upcoming Workshops

All workshops take place at
RePlay for Kids' Creative Space
6190 Cochran Road, Suite E, Solon, OH 44139



Google Map

Saturday 7/25/2026 10AM-12PM

Saturday 8/08/2026 10AM-12PM

Saturday 8/22/2026 10AM-12PM

Saturday 9/12/2026 10AM-12PM

Saturday 9/26/2026 10AM-12PM

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