

Dateline

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"Helping people to live, learn and work in our community"

Make it great - pay it forward" is charitable theme

Franklin County will officially kick off the 2012 Combined Charitable Campaign on October 3rd. The theme for the campaign is "Make it great -- pay it forward."

The annual drive asks agency staff to contribute money to charitable organizations of their choice. Last year, FCBDD continued its long tradition of leading all county agencies in funds raised.

County Commissioner Paula Brooks is chairing the county's campaign this year.

Larry Macintosh, FCBDD's Director of Administrative Support Services, will serve as the coordinator of the agency's campaign. "We're hoping for another strong showing," he said.



CRC decides to dissolve

The fate of the organization that laid the groundwork for community services in Franklin County has been sealed.

On August 20th, the Council for Retarded Citizens, Inc. (CRC) decided to dissolve and to distribute its assets to other organizations that will carry on its work.

A nonprofit corporation, CRC was established in 1951 when community services for county residents with developmental disabilities were nonexistent. FCBDD Superintendent Jed Morison credits CRC with working to establish such services in the county.

"Children and adults had been routinely denied education and work programs. That changed largely due to the efforts of people like Roger Gove, Herschel Nisonger, Robert and Anne Woodward, and others active with CRC."

According to CRC Board President Janice Bryant, "We are very proud of all



that was accomplished over the years. Disbanding was a tough decision, but one that will support future services for many years to come."

Since the November, 2011 death of Garnett Steele, Executive Director of CRC for over 33 years, the CRC Board of Trustees had been considering options with input from its members.

"Garnett was passionate about recreation and latchkey services," President Bryant said. "We wanted to honor her by distributing assets to

organizations that provide excellent services in these areas."

Franklin County Residential Services (FCRS) and the Association for the Developmentally Disabled (ADD) will receive CRC's assets. FCRS will utilize the funds for its *Extensions* program, which provides care for individuals before and after school or work. ADD will receive the CRC building located at 2344 E. Fifth Avenue.

Stelzer/ Johnstown intersection to close soon

According to the Franklin County Engineer's Office, the intersection of Stelzer and Johnstown Roads will be closing soon for a reconstruction project that is expected to last about four months.

The construction will include widening of the intersection to accommodate the addition of left and right turn lanes, resurfacing, construction of a water line, storm sewers, driveway aprons and sidewalks. New traffic lights and signs will also be installed.

During the closure, Johnstown Road will be closed to through traffic east and west of Stelzer. The posted detour route for eastbound motorists will follow N. Cassidy Avenue north to Agler Road, east to Stygler Road and south to Johnstown. Westbound traffic will follow the detour route in the opposite direction.

For more details, please visit the web site of the Franklin County Engineer's Office at www.fceo.co.franklin.oh.us.



NCD advocates phase-out of sub-minimum wages

The National Council on Disability (NCD) released a report on August 23rd calling for the phase-out of a provision in the Fair Labor Standards Act, known as the 14(c) program, that allows employers to pay less than federal minimum wage to workers with disabilities.

NCD recognizes that these recommendations impact thousands of individuals and their families. NCD further recognizes that it will take support from many stakeholders to

eliminate the 14(c) program and build a sustainable supported employment infrastructure along with other supports.

As a step toward accomplishing these goals and to create momentum for the change, NCD plans to draft proposed legislation this fall.

Still time to register

If you haven't yet registered to vote in the November 6th general election, your time to do so is running short. The deadline for registration is Tuesday, October 9th.

In order to be eligible, you must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old as of November 6th (election day), live in Ohio for at least 30 days before the election, and must not have been found incompetent to vote through an order of the Probate Court.

For more information, please call the Franklin County Board of Elections at 525-3100 or go to vote.franklincountyohio.gov.

Focus on ARC Business Advisory Council

In February, ARC Industries established its first Business Advisory Council (BAC). Spearheading the effort were Kurt Schmitter, Employment Services Director, and Leslie Wilson, President and CEO of Wilson Resources, Inc., and consultant to the Ohio Business Leadership Network, an organization promoting the employment of people with disabilities.

What is the purpose of the BAC?

The BAC serves three purposes: The first is to increase awareness of ARC's Community Employment Program as a resource for employers.

Second, the BAC gathers employer input and assistance in developing targeted marketing materials.

Third, the BAC helps break down the "disconnect" that exists between employers and the hiring of people with intellectual disabilities.

Who serves on the BAC?

The members are: Robin Agler, ARC Industries, Inc.; Gary Coats, Parker Hannifin Corporation; Terry Conti, ARC Industries, Inc.; Christy Egler, Ohio Dominican University; Libby Gierach, Hilliard Chamber of Commerce; Jeff Girard, DSW; Laurie Green-Lauber, ARC Industries, Inc.; Patricia Hohlbein, Otterbein University; Cathy Hutzler, ARC Industries, Inc.; Teresa Kobelt, FCBDD; Ray Lawton, ARC Industries, Inc.; Scott Martin, Gordon Flesch Company; Wes Mayer, Focal Point Coaching; Cindy McNeal, Essilor of America; Mike Minnix, Eartha; Clark Mount-Campbell, ARC

Industries, Inc.; Kris Potridge, ARC Industries, Inc.; Marcy Samuel, FCBDD; Kurt Schmitter, ARC Industries, Inc.; Maggie Scott, ARC Industries, Inc.; Nicole Sherrod, ARC Industries, Inc.; Robyn Taylor, Essilor of America; Janetta Tischer, Hilton Columbus Easton; Joe Valentino, City of Upper Arlington; Leslie Wilson, Wilson Resources, Inc.; and Jeff Zimmerman, Columbus Chamber of Commerce.

What are some current projects?

As part of ARC's membership with the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, it has joined the Columbus Region Logistics Council. The BAC is participating in the subcommittee on Workforce Development. Also attending are representatives from Columbus Public Schools, the Ohio Department of Education, Columbus State Community College, and several corporations in Columbus.

In addition, a member of the BAC will be nominated to the Ohio Business Leadership Network.

When does the BAC meet?

The BAC meets quarterly from 8:30 to 10 a.m., recognizing that business professionals have very busy schedules. Efforts are made to "network" between meetings.

How can one obtain more information?

Terry Conti of the ARC Industries Sales Department is the "go to" person for additional details. She can be reached by e-mail at Terry.Conti@fcbdd.org or by phone at 342-5693.

Nisonger clinic has new program director

Dr. Jessica Hellings has been named program director of the Dual Diagnosis Clinic at the Ohio State University's Nisonger Center.

An associate professor of psychiatry at Ohio State's College of Medicine, she previously served as an associate professor of psychiatry at the University of Kansas Medical Center.

"Dr. Hellings has an impressive reputation as a psychiatrist and expert in mental health clinical services, and researcher with persons with intellectual disability, autism spectrum disorders and related developmental disabilities. We are excited to have her join the Nisonger Center faculty," said Dr. Mark J. Tassé, Director of the Nisonger Center.

The Nisonger Center's Dual Diagnosis Clinic provides outpatient psychiatric services to children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and mental health needs. The clinic provides diagnostic consultation services to community physicians and ongoing psychiatric services and medication management.

"Dr. Hellings will bring additional psychiatric expertise to helping the patients in the Nisonger Dual Diagnosis Clinic. She has rich experience in both clinical and administrative responsibilities, coupled with a compassionate, caring, and congenial personality," said Dr. L. Eugene Arnold, professor emeritus of psychiatry.



The green spot

by Brian Baldrige

ARC South Instructors, Teresa Hall and Brian Baldrige, challenged the Arc South Unlimited Possibilities (UP) Club members to design a recycling bin made out of recyclable materials for their area. Participants came up with the creative idea of molding their daily newspapers into a garbage can shape. It was constructed using strips of newspapers held together with a mixture of water, flour and salt. The receptacle was reinforced using strips from old magazines. Not only can they fill it with their area recyclables, the group can actually recycle the container itself!

Here are some interesting facts involving recycling with an emphasis on paper:

<http://recycling-facts.net/recycling-myths-and-facts/did-you-know-recycling-facts/>

- In 1974, the first curbside recycling program took place in University City, Missouri with the collection of newspapers.
- It takes 500,000 trees to produce each week's Sunday newspaper.
- Every year in the USA, enough paper is thrown away to build a 12 foot wall from New York City to Los Angeles.
- Americans throw away 44 millions newspapers away everyday, which is the same as dumping 500,000 trees in the landfill each week.
- Every ton of recycled paper saves 380 gallons of oil.

ARC South will continue to reduce, reuse, and recycle and be a major player on the Franklin County Board of DD Green Team.



John Smith, member of ARC South Unlimited Possibilities Club, displays a recycling can. Photo by Jaime Graham.

A message from the wellness team...

Did you know that diabetes kills more people each year than breast cancer and AIDS combined? Did you know that, if present trends continue, one in three Americans born in 2000 will develop diabetes in their lifetimes?

The American Diabetes Association has launched a movement to prevent and cure diabetes, and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes. To raise awareness of this issue, the Association is hosting *Step Out: Walk to Stop Diabetes* at the Polaris Fashion Place, Saturday, October 13th at 8 a.m., (registration starts at 7:30 a.m.) Activities will include a 5K run and a family fun walk.

If you would want to support this worthy cause, please come join us. You can join the FCBDD team by registering online at <http://stepout.diabetes.org> or you can contact Cynthia Franklin at 342-5275.

Sibling conference coming to Marriott

The 12th Annual Ohio Adult Sibling Conference will be held at the Columbus Airport Marriott Hotel on Friday, October 26th, and Saturday, October 27th.

Featured speakers include Dr. Ann Kaiser, Scott Osterfeld, and Rob Snow.

Ann Kaiser Ph.D. is the Susan W. Gray Professor of Education and Human Development at Peabody College of Vanderbilt University and is the Director of Kid Talk. Dr. Kaiser's primary area of research is early language interventions for children with developmental disabilities and children at risk due to poverty. Her other research interests are sibling relationships and families of children with disabilities.

Scott Osterfeld works at the Butler County Board of Developmental Disabilities as the Coordinator of Community Outreach and Engagement, and is the President of Osterfeld Consulting.

Rob Snow began his comedy career in the late 1990s. In 2009, Rob and his wife had their second son, Henry, who was born with Down syndrome.

To register for the conference, please go to www.ohiosibs.com.

Good For You

Notable Achievements in the FCBDD community

FCBDD Board Vice President **Jean Williams** has returned home after undergoing cardiac bypass surgery and rehabilitation therapy. According to her husband, **Ted**, she is doing well and expected to make a full recovery. Best wishes, Jean!

The September 4th edition of the *Columbus Dispatch* included a letter to the editor from ARC South staff member **Francine Steward**, who wrote in response to an August 24th article regarding a report by the National Council on Disability. "The right thing to do" Francine said "is to meet their needs and not just have one option... for everyone."

Although FCBDD's former Director of Planning **Frank New** retired in 2010, it appears he's still keeping up his public

relations skills. While vacationing in Germany in July with his wife **Lois**, and friends **Hans Peter** and **Kathy Mueller**, Frank was interviewed by the *Schwarzwaelder Bote* newspaper which reported that he found the town of Horb "simply lovely with a stunning view."

The staff and participants at the **Bixby Livings Skills Center** recently completed a volunteer project collecting used cell phones for the members of the armed forces. The *Cell Phones for Soldiers* program has recycled more than 8 million phones since 2004. Over 35 cell phones and accessories were received at Bixby. Many thanks to all who supported this effort and especially to **Jessica Siebold**, Habilitation Assistant, who organized the project.



Franklin County's Self Advocate Advisory Council was pleased to host some special guests at their meeting on September 13th. A group of self advocates from Hamilton County paid a visit and received a warm welcome. The visitors included (from L to R) **Linda Kurnik**, **Diana Malrose**, **John Romer** (Director of Advocacy) and **Marvin Moss**. Photo by Jed Morison.

Career Milestones

30 years

Dennis Fisher

25 years

Thomas Critser

Jack Stockley

20 years

Brigida Alcaraz

Kim Allen

Deborah Manson

Dorothy Moore

Lynne Spinosi

James Yoder

15 years

Amy Hixenbaugh

Nancy Mills

10 years

Concetta Armentrout

Paula English

Deborah Etienne

Connie Hamm

Alethea Holz

Diana Montgomery

Amy Morse

Cathy Rogers

John Shoemaker

George Siegler

Gina Ward

Theresa Watkins

5 years

Sharon Bryant

Mandy Holland

Z. Juanita Pannell

Amber Schmitter

Kenneth White

Gertrude Woods

Golf outing a success by Steve Sparks

ARC Industries North sponsored its third annual agency-wide golf scramble on August 25th. Twelve enthusiastic teams were in attendance at Royal American Links in Galena.

After 18 holes under a bright sun, Jel Workman, Brad Spurlock, Loraine Culp and Stephen Middlebrook turned in the winning card with a score of 61. With a

very respectable score of 63, Joseph Wallake, Mike Beckner, Jim Leake and Jeff Wisecarver turned in the second place card. FCBDD board member Beth Savage lent her experience to the team consisting of Nan Burns, Clarice Pavlick, Jan Montgomery and Linda Monroe. Sadly though, her helpful tips and positive attitude were not enough to prevent the team from

finishing in last place (a "three-peat"). They did, however, improve their score over previous outings.

The silent auction and 50/50 raffle were successful and resulted in \$1,609 going toward the Citizens Committee for Persons with Developmental Disabilities. Thanks to all who joined us and hope to see you in 2013!

Serving our country

At *Dateline*, we are planning to revive our practice of honoring members of the FCBDD community who are serving in the armed forces. If you or a member of your family is in the service, please provide us background information and a photo for publication.

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Calendar

October, 2012

- 2 Community Star Awards banquet at Villa Milano, 5:30 p.m. Please call 342-5950 for details.
- 3,4,5 Synergy Conference in Dublin, sponsored by OSDA/ PAR. For details, please call 419-522-6207.
- 6 Nebraska Cornhuskers vs. Ohio State Buckeyes, Ohio Stadium, 8 p.m.
- 8 Columbus Day - all county facilities closed.
- 9 Franklin County Residential Services Board of Trustees meeting, 1021 Checkrein Ave., 11 a.m.
- 13 Ohio State Buckeyes vs. Indiana Hoosiers, Memorial Stadium, 8 p.m.
- 17 Family Support (formerly Parent League) meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 9:30 a.m. Meeting is open to all family members.
- 20 Purdue Boilermakers vs. Ohio State Buckeyes, Ohio Stadium, TBD.
- 22 ARC Industries Board of Trustees meeting, Fawcett Center, 11:30 a.m.
- 24 FCBDD Self Advocacy Conference, Xenos Christian Fellowship, 1934 N. 4th Street, 9 a.m.
- 25 FCBDD Finance and Human Resources Committees meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 4 p.m.
- 25 FCBDD Board meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 5 p.m.
- 26,27 Sibling Conference, Columbus Marriott Airport Hotel, 1375 N. Cassady Ave. For more information, go to www.ohiosibs.com.
- 27 Ohio State Buckeyes vs. Penn State Nittany Lions, Beaver Stadium, 6 p.m.
- 31 Happy Halloween!

“Quotable quote”

“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”

-- *Martin Luther King Jr.*