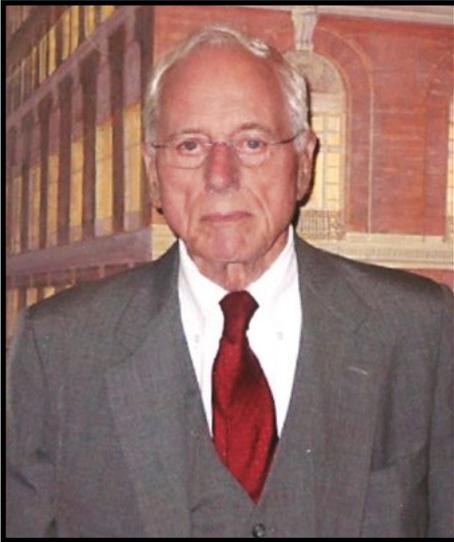


## Longtime Creative Housing board member Robert Albright resigns



Robert Albright has resigned from the board of trustees of Creative Housing, Inc. One of three co-founders of the organization, he had served on the board continuously since 1991.

An attorney with Lucas, Pendergast, Albright, Gibson, and Newman, Mr. Albright provided needed expertise in legal and real estate matters.

"I can't say enough about what Bob has meant to Creative Housing," said Pat Rafter, Creative's President/CEO. "His legal and real estate advice as we acquired properties over the years was invaluable. He also has incredible

contacts in municipal governments throughout the county which helped pave the way for our development over the last 20 years."

Over the years, Creative grew dramatically to the point where it now provides housing to approximately 1,500 individuals in over 900 locations.

In 2005, Mr. Albright was recognized by FCBDD with the Community Star Award for outstanding volunteer service. In addition to serving on the board of Creative Housing, he also has been Treasurer of the Committee for Persons with Developmental Disabilities and an official in Special Olympics swim meets.

## Jed Morison named Champion of Children

Superintendent Jed Morison will be recognized as the 2013 Champion of Children on February 13th. The award will be presented at the 20th Annual Champion of Children Signature Event to be held at the Southern Theatre, 21 E. Main Street, at 5:30 p.m.

Jed has served as FCBDD Superintendent since 2000. Before that, he served as Assistant Superintendent since 1977.

"Over his long and distinguished career, Jed has been a steadfast leader of efforts to ensure all children, especially those with disabilities, get the high quality education they deserve," said Elfi DiBella, President of YWCA Columbus and Chair of the Champion of Children Selection Committee.

"Jed understands that providing educational opportunities not

only improves individual lives, but strengthens our entire community. He has had a deep and far-reaching impact that will continue to inspire us for years to come."

Past winners of the Champion of Children Award include: Patrick Losinki, Executive Director of the Columbus Metropolitan Library, John Bickley, former president of the YMCA of Central Ohio and current FCBDD board member, and E. Gordon Gee, President of the Ohio State University.

A highlight of the Signature Event will be a conversational interview with Geoffrey Canada, founder of the Harlem Children's Zone in New York City. The interview will be conducted by Fred Andrle, former host of WOSU's "Open Line" program.



## Dean Fadel reelected to lead board

The Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities has chosen its officers for 2013. Dean Fadel was reelected President, Renée Stein was elected Vice-President, and Linda Craig, Secretary.

Other members of the board are Helen Ninos, past President, John Bickley and Beth Savage. John Bickley has been appointed Chair of the Human Resources Committee and Beth Savage, Chair of the Finance Committee. The board position previously held by Jean Williams remained vacant at press time.



## Family support meetings monthly

You are invited to attend monthly meetings with Superintendent Jed Morison which are held regularly on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room 114 at 2879 Johnstown Road.

The group is called "Family Support." All family members and guardians of persons served by FCBDD are welcome.

## Nisonger announces leadership changes

Dr. Paula Rabidoux began a new leadership role at the Nisonger Center on January 1st. She accepted

the position of Associate Director, succeeding Dr. Margo Izzo who retired. Dr. Rabidoux has continued in her role co-directing the LEND program.

Dr. Andrea Witwer has succeeded Dr. Rabidoux in the position of Director of Training and Community Outreach.

"We are very fortunate to have high caliber faculty at Nisonger and know that Paula and Andrea will provide the Center with critical leadership in their respective roles," said Dr. Mark Tassé, Director of Nisonger Center.

## Cedar Point date set

If you want to check out the newest roller coaster, "Gate Keeper," which will take guests on a winged ride unlike anything else at the park, mark your calendar now. Wednesday, May 22nd, will be "Arc of Ohio Day" at Cedar Point Amusement Park in Sandusky. For more details, please go to: [www.thearcofohio.org](http://www.thearcofohio.org).

## Arc of Ohio donates toys to children

Children attending FCBDD early childhood classes were given gifts this past holiday season by the Arc of Ohio. Over 200 gifts were given. Coordinator of the project was Dave Lewis.

The Arc of Ohio is a statewide organization made up of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families, friends and other concerned citizens.

ECE Director Rebecca Love commented, "The toys brought joy and wonder on the faces of our children. Arc of Ohio deserves many thanks for thinking of them in such a grand way."



# Psychology welcomes Dr. Jeff Shrivvers

Jeff Marinko-Shrivvers, Ph.D., has returned to the FCBDD Psychology Department as Psychology Supervisor, replacing Dr. Karen Laub who retired in November. His duties include providing direct services (psychological assessments and consultations) as well as supervising four psychology assistants who are assigned to the FCBDD adult services programs.

Many may know Jeff from his work as a behavior support specialist at Fenton, site of the agency's first Functional Living Skills Center, where he began his career helping people with disabilities. Since then, Jeff returned to graduate school, completed his doctorate degree in Developmental Psychology at the Ohio State University and interned with

FCBDD's Psychology Department. As an intern, Jeff worked several years at West Central School.

Jeff left the Psychology Department in 2000 to focus on child rearing and to start a small private practice.

He has expertise in psychological evaluation, counseling and consultation, as well as parent and staff training. He has experience working with persons of all ages who are dually diagnosed with developmental disabilities and mental illness.

When not working, Jeff enjoys hiking, creative writing, and spending time with his wife and two teenage children.



## OJT specialist Bob McCarthy retires

One of FCBDD's Job Placement Department's longest-serving staff members bid the agency adieu at the end of 2012. Bob McCarthy had served as an On-the-Job Training Specialist since 1988.

Bob began his career with the agency in 1981 as a Teaching Assistant at old Southeast School. In 1985, he transferred to ARC Industries South where he provided janitorial training.



"Dave Tisdale (former Director of the Job Placement Department) was someone I'd known from high school," Bob explained. "He recruited me to Placement in '88, and the rest, as they say, is history."

Bob is looking forward to having more free time with his wife of 25 years, Pam. She is the Executive Director of Central Community House.

"We wish Bob the very best," said Superintendent Jed Morison. "He has certainly been a hard-working and valuable member of our team."

## Nisonger offers SIBS retreat

A sibling retreat program, "SIBS Looking Forward," will be offered on the weekend of April 5-7th at YMCA Camp Wilson in Bellefontaine.

Sponsored by the Nisonger Center, the program is aimed at transition-age students with disabilities and their siblings. A variety of transition-related topics will be discussed. Some recreational and leisure activities will be offered.

Co-facilitators of the program will be Sarah Hall, Ph.D., Assistant Professor in the Department of Inclusive Services and Exceptional Learners, Ashland University, and Tom Fish, Ph.D., Director of Social Work and Family Support Services at the Nisonger Center.

Cost for the retreat is \$25. Families will be responsible for dropping off their children by 5 p.m. on the 5th and picking them up by noon on the 7th.

Please contact Dr. Tom Fish for more information ([thomas.fish@osumc.edu](mailto:thomas.fish@osumc.edu), or 685-8723).

## In memoriam

### Pat Blum

Jennie May “Pat” Blum died on January 9th. She had retired as a secretary at FCBDD Administration after 19 years of service in 1988. Among her duties was typing *Dateline*.

Pat was a highly dedicated staff member well known for her mastery of English grammar. She also possessed remarkable talent for tracking down facts and figures, which was not always easy to do in those pre-internet days.

Although she never mentioned it, Pat served in the Women’s Army Corps from 1943 to 1945. Like so many veterans of World War II, Pat felt that she merely did her duty and saw no reason to “brag” about it.

Pat lived her later years at Madison Senior Living Community in London, where despite mobility limitations, she kept busy cleaning up flower beds and the lawn while driving an electric scooter.

Pat was predeceased by her husband of 61 years, David, and was survived by her four children and four grandchildren.

### Kim Collins

Kimberly Collins passed away on December 17, 2012. A Service Coordinator, she had over 20 years of service with FCBDD. She routinely went above and beyond the call of duty to ensure the well being of individuals served.

Kim believed that education was the key to success. She earned her Bachelor’s degree from Ohio Dominican University and her Master’s from Franklin University. She was just one quarter away from earning her doctorate.

Kim believed that diversity was critically important and was concerned about issues of social justice and inequality. She offered lectures on diversity and cultural competency as related to the local Somali community and other minority groups.

She was an active member of her church and traveled to Haiti to assist survivors of the 2010 earthquake.

Kim’s generosity and positive attitude pervaded her life even amidst her battle with leukemia. Indeed, she underwent additional testing for future research and was instrumental in organizing several bone marrow match drives to save others.

She deeply loved her family, especially her son, Isaiah, who was truly the light of Kim’s life.



## Awareness and advocacy to be paired March 5

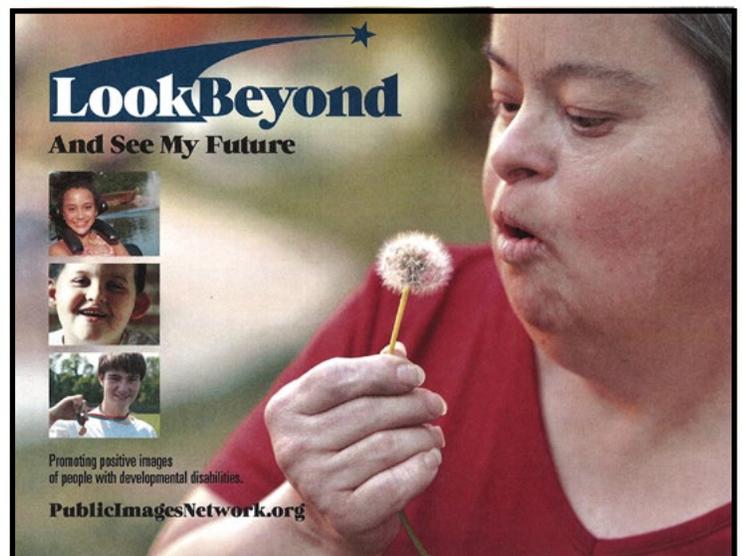
Like peanut butter and jelly, some things just seem to go together. This is the underlying rationale for the decision of state leaders to combine the kickoff of Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month with Legislative Advocacy Day this year.

The joint program will begin at the Ohio Statehouse Atrium on Tuesday, March 5th at 9:45 a.m. Speakers will include DODD Director John Martin and Rehabilitation Services Commission Executive Director Kevin Miller. Advance registration for those wishing to meet with legislators nearby will be required.

“Look beyond” is the theme for awareness month this year. According to FCBDD Superintendent Jed Morison, it is an appropriate choice.

“We are being urged to consider developmental disabilities from a different perspective and to appreciate that all of us have something positive to offer.”

The awareness and advocacy activities are a joint effort of DODD, Ohio Public Images, Ohio SIBS, the Developmental Disabilities Council, the ARC of Ohio and others.



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# Good For You

## Notable Achievements in the FCBDD community

A watercolor collage created by **Bonnie Van Meter** of ARC South has been selected to be included in the 18th annual *Accessible Expressions Ohio Exhibit and Tour* of VSA Ohio. The statewide exhibit aims to challenge perceptions and raise awareness about the arts and abilities of all citizens. An opening ceremony is set for Saturday, March 22nd, at the Westerville Community Center as part of "A Day of Arts for All." Congratulations, Bonnie!



Hats off to **Bernie Thurn** and all staff members involved in FCBDD's school lunch program for their success in the recently completed review by the Ohio Department of Education. Not only did the inspector find "everything in order," but she also commented positively about the care provided the students.

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A special shout out to Franklin County Special Olympic swimmers **Hugh Brunney** and **Tyler Cooper**. They won medals in the 25 meter freestyle and the 4x50 relay events at the Special Olympics State Aquatics Meet held at OSU December 15-16th. Way to go, guys!

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Each year Columbus radio station Sunny 95 salutes 20 outstanding women in order "to celebrate ordinary women who do extraordinary things." At the 2013 celebration, FCBDD staff member Jennifer Cunningham, a former honoree, congratulated Maddie Spielman on her receipt of the honor this year.

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## Career Milestones

### 30 years

Patricia Glick  
Pamela Hager

### 25 years

Carl Curtis  
John Huntzinger  
Debra Rose  
Shannon Shannon

### 20 years

Peter Williams

### 10 years

Jeff Baird  
Brenda Carpenter  
Danielle Evoy  
Bonnie Ford  
Julie Maynard  
Robert Miller  
Valerie Pitts

### 5 years

Lisa Anderson  
Karen Gasaway  
Kimberly Goleb  
Joko Ohana  
Teresa Prince  
Nichole Redic  
Julia Stevens

## Dominating the water by Emily Schultz

Franklin County sent 33 athletes to the Special Olympics State Aquatics Meet at Ohio State University in December. Athletes started early on Saturday morning, December 15th and continued until Sunday evening, December 16th. Franklin County came out on top, with 33 athletes earning an astounding 32 medals!

Of the medals, 14 were first place. Congratulations to all those who medaled! We are very proud of all our athletes.

For those who missed the event or would like to see a recap, check out our slideshow on Facebook at Franklin County Special Olympics. For more information, please contact Ryan Phillips, at 342-5984, or [ryan.phillips@fcbdd.org](mailto:ryan.phillips@fcbdd.org).



From left are: Kyle Pigman, Hugh Brunney, Bryan Fox, and Tyler Cooper. Photo by Ryan Phillips.

## The green spot by Cindy Massenelli

The Green Committee is able to report that all FCBDD locations are 100% onboard in recycling. This includes recycling of aluminum, plastic, paper, glass, metal, corrugated cardboard, shredded documents, batteries, toner cartridges, and styrofoam. The Transportation Department went a step further and included metals, waste oil, anti-freeze, parts cleaner, alternators, starters, engines, and transmission parts.

Agency location tracking from January to December yielded 208,848.33 pounds of recycled materials and 2,398 gallons of recycled fluids. This represents an increase of 83,387.33 pounds over 2011.

The agency completed all 2012 scheduled site projects by replacing old and outdated lighting fixtures with more energy efficient products. These changes will have a dramatic impact on future energy usage.

In 2013, we will continue our efforts by purchasing recycled materials, both paper and cleaning products, and Energy Star rated appliances. FCBDD will continue to be part of "Get Green Columbus" sponsored by the City of Columbus and supported by numerous surrounding businesses with "Go Green" initiatives.

## Flourishing program coming to FCBDD

Psychologist Steve Wilson is well known in central Ohio for presenting annual humor seminars aimed at professionals in human services. After 30 years, Steve is now taking a new approach. Shifting to a briefer, more cutting-edge format, he will offer an interactive, experiential program in the iMeetup format.

The first such program will be held at FCBDD's Administration Building, Wednesday February 20th, from 1 to 4 p.m. The theme will be "Optimal Mental Health, Otherwise known in the research literature as FLOURISHING!"

The registration fee is \$49. All proceeds will provide scholarship assistance for students in Columbus State Community College's Mental Health, Addiction Studies, and Developmental Disabilities programs.

Due to space limitations, only the first 75 people can be accommodated. FCBDD staff members should check with their supervisors for details.

## Dateline

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## Calendar

### February, 2013

- 2 Groundhog Day
- 9 "For the Fun of It" bowling tournament, Columbus Square Bowling Palace, Rte. 161 and Cleveland Ave., 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Please call 342-5960 for details.
- 12 Franklin County Residential Services Board of Trustees meeting, 1021 Checkrein Ave., 11 a.m.
- 14 Happy Valentine's Day!
- 18 Presidents' Day - all county facilities closed.
- 20 Family Support, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 9:30 a.m.
- 25 ARC Industries Board of Trustees meeting, Fawcett Center, 11:30 a.m.
- 28 FCBDD Human Resources and Finance Committee meetings, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 4 p.m.
- 28 FCBDD Board meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 5p.m