

## Linda Craig appointed to board

At its regular meeting on November 18th, the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities welcomed its newest member.

Linda Craig was appointed to the board by the County Commissioners on November 9th.

Ms. Craig is employed as executive assistant and community outreach coordinator for the Franklin County Treasurer's office. Before that, she was development manager with the Breathing Association, a charitable organization serving people with asthma and lung disease.

Ms. Craig lives on the southside of Columbus with her husband, Herschel. He is a member of Columbus City Council.

"We are fortunate to have Linda on our board," said Superintendent Jed Morison, "and look forward to working with her as we support over 16,000 children and adults, and their families."

The board is made up of seven members, five of whom are appointed by the County Commissioners and two by the Probate Judge. Board members serve without compensation.



## Agency earns highest CARF outcome

The Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) has awarded FCBDD a 3-year accreditation, which is the longest term of accreditation granted by the organization.

In a report issued last month, CARF complimented the agency's "total commitment to quality improvement and service enhancement." The report went on: "Particularly noteworthy is the very welcoming and positive environment that results from staff

members and persons served who clearly enjoy their jobs and coming to work."

The report praised FCBDD for establishing a self-advocate council. "The board...recognizes the importance of self-advocate input for strategic planning purposes."

Commendation was given also for the agency's "well-organized and easy-to-understand information measurement and management system."

CARF's survey team visited FCBDD for three days in September. Their review covered eight areas of the agency's services for adults.

Commenting on the results of the survey, Superintendent Jed Morison said, "It is wonderful news, and a great credit to our staff that we received the longest possible accreditation."

In preparation for the CARF review, FCBDD staff conducted a detailed self-review concerning each service area.

# Sibling conference 10 years old

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Ten years ago last month, Dr. Tom Fish, Director of Social Work and Support Services at the Ohio State University's Nisonger Center, organized the first statewide conference for adult siblings of persons with developmental disabilities.

At the time, he envisioned that both siblings and professionals would benefit from getting together to share insights and ideas. Over the past decade, he has become even more convinced of the value of the gatherings.

"I don't think there is a single person who has attended one of our conferences who wasn't significantly impacted by the experience," he said.

The tenth annual Ohio Adult Siblings conference was held at the Airport Marriott hotel in Columbus on November 5th and 6th. Nearly 100 persons attended, representing 26 counties.

Writer Judy Karasik spoke on *The Autism Experience: A Sibling's Perspective*. She is the co-author of *The Ride Together: A Brother and Sister's Memoir of Autism*, which was excerpted in the *New York Times*.

Cynthia Chambers, an assistant professor of Special Education at East Tennessee State University, addressed *What We Know About Siblings across the Lifespan* and *How Sibling Support Groups Can Be Helpful*.

The *Importance of Engaging Self-Advocates* was the topic of a talk by Lewis Hurst, Superintendent of the Seneca County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

Vicki Snyder, Director of Children's Options for the Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities, and her sister, Peggy Cookson, presented *Inspiring Possibilities*.

Dr. Fish urged all conference attendees to get involved with Ohio SIBS, a newly established not-for-profit organization dedicated to adult siblings of persons with developmental disabilities. For more information, please visit [ohiosibs.com](http://ohiosibs.com).

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## "Drivers, start your engines."



Thomas Young receives his ribbon for 'Most Pit Stops'.

This was the announcement that participants, staff, and visitors heard at the start of the first ever Bixby 500. The event was held at the Bixby Living Skills Center on September 22nd.

Each room designed a unique car for the room's designated driver. Among the names chosen for the cars were "Road Warrior," "Lightning," "Speed Racer," "Buckeye Bullet," and "Treasure Hunter."

The race was conducted in heats - four drivers at a time raced against each other, using a randomizer switch to determine how far each would go. They had to watch out for the Pit Stop, which gave others a chance to go ahead.

The pit crew was kept very busy - especially when 3 of 4 drivers were in the pit at once. After the heats, the top two drivers in each head competed again. Finally, the Grand Champion Race was won by "Tasmanian Devil" with driver Arthur Chrysler.

Besides Grand Champion, trophies were awarded as well as for "Best Decorated Car," and "Best Spirit." Everyone had a great time decorating the cars, making signs to support their drivers, and cheering hard!

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## Buckeye Connections offering summer experience

With its first pilot program successfully completed last summer, the Buckeye Connections program of the Association for the Developmentally Disabled (ADD) is offering a new opportunity in 2011. The Summer Experience program is for high school students, ages 14-17.

The program will provide social, recreational, and experiential learning components, as well as exposure to post-secondary education.

Students will have the chance to take part in a variety of activities, including: campus exploration, a presentation on college life, obtaining a BUCK-ID, campus volunteering and internships, tours of university landmarks, museums,

exhibits, art galleries, Next Chapter Book Club, swimming and recreation. Transportation will be available.

Summer Experience sessions will be offered June 20th through August 17th, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Wednesday. Space is limited. For more information, please contact Amanda Kennedy at 291-9411 (ext. 516) or [akennedy@addohio.org](mailto:akennedy@addohio.org).

# Star award winners get spirited reception

In the company of family, friends, colleagues, and community leaders, the recipients of FCBDD's 2010 Community Star Awards were recognized at a banquet at Villa Milano on Wednesday evening, November 3rd. Even Ohio's most beloved mascot joined in the celebration.

Eleven persons and three organizations were honored for extraordinary efforts to advance FCBDD's mission. They were: Erika Wilson, *Youth Participant*; Dorothy Brown, *School Staff*; Barbara Rice, *Adult Participant*; Dan Espinoza, *Transportation Staff*; Nationwide Children's Hospital, *Employer*.

Susan Fast, *Early Childhood Staff*; TaRonda Curry, *Service Coordination Staff*; Debbie Barte, *Adult Services Staff*; Palmer-Donavin Manufacturing, *Volunteer/ Good Neighbor*; Deaf Team of SEMHC, *Organization*.

Tom Fish, *Support Services*; Amy Green, *Residential Staff*; Patricia Davis, *Parent/Family Member*; and Doug Meier, *Management/ Supervisory Staff*.

A special award was presented to Dr. Ed Sterling, who has headed the Ohio State University Nisonger Center's Dental Program since 1972. He will retire at the end of the year.

Superintendent Jed Morison opened the evening by urging those attending to "listen to the stories of these well deserving award winners. By doing so, you will learn a lot about our agency's mission and values."

Emcee Frank New introduced the recipients and described how each had earned recognition. The Dave Powers Trio provided background music. Andy Love and Sam Shepherd -- who call themselves "Innervision" -- sang the *Star Spangled Banner*.

The large crowd roared its approval when a surprise guest, the legendary Brutus Buckeye, made his way to the stage. As Brutus danced, the band played a medley of Ohio State tunes, and fans of all ages shouted out, "OH-IO!"

The fired-up spirit continued to pervade as award winners came forward, greeted by loud cheers and warm, welcoming applause. Board President Helen Ninos closed the evening with best wishes to all and thanks for their continued support of FCBDD.



*Andy Love and Sam Shepherd sang a beautiful rendition of the national anthem.*



*Erika Wilson is the Youth participant winner.*



*FCBDD President Helen Ninos, Dorothy Brown, honoree for School staff, and Superintendent Jed Morison.*



*Barbara Rice, winner for Adult participant, and Superintendent Morison.*

*More award winners on next two pages.*

# Star awards continued



*Dan Espinoza, winner for Transportation staff.*



*Helen Ninos, Susan Fast, honoree for Early Childhood staff, and Superintendent Morison.*



*FCBDD Vice-President Dean Fadel, TaRonda Curry, honoree for Service Coordination staff, and Jed Morison.*



*Dean Fadel greets Joe Butora from the Deaf Team of SEMHC, honoree for Organization.*



*Dean Fadel, Debbie Barte, honoree for Adult Services staff, and Jed Morison.*



*Kristopher Morrison from Nationwide Children's Hospital, honoree for Community Employer.*



*Tom Fish, Ph.D., is the honoree for Support Services.*



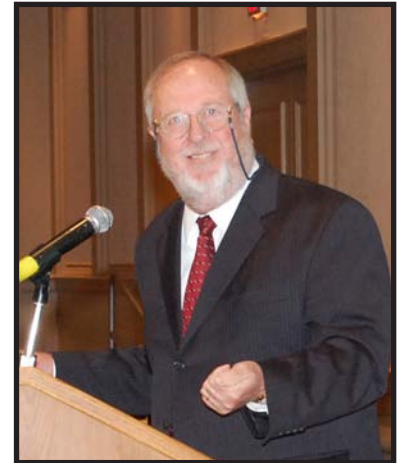
*Dean Fadel, Ron Calhoun, CEO of Palmer-Donavin, Inc., the honoree for Volunteer/Good Neighbor, and Jed Morison.*



*Dean Fadel and Patricia Davis , honoree for Parent/Family Member.*



*Amy Green is the honoree for Residential Staff.*



*Frank New returned from retirement to act as emcee.*



*Dean Fadel and Doug Meier, honoree for Management/Supervisory Staff.*



*The Dave Powers Trio includes, from left: Dave Powers, Andy Smith from ARC Industries South, and Dr. Michael Cox from Capital University.*

# ECE holds 'barn raising'

The ECE community held a fun event on the evening of October 13th.

Over a hundred families and friends gathered in ECE's outdoor learning environment for the official dedication or 'barn raising' of the new play barn. Food, a petting zoo and lots of fun activities were shared.



Jodi Dayan holds the rabbit for Carlos Torres and his mom, Savannah.



Adults helping with the ribbon cutting are: Joyce Ray representing the Columbus Foundation, Superintendent Jed Morison, ECE Director Becky Love and architect Jean Gordon.



## The green spot by Cindy Wilcox

Americans spend over 1.5 billion on gas everyday. More carbon dioxide emissions are being released into the air the more we drive individually. So ask yourself: how can we decrease gas consumption and our greenhouse gas emissions while still getting where we need to go? One answer is a ride share.

What is ride share? Ride sharing is when people travel together in one car rather than driving on their own. It is

most widely used by people commuting to and from work.

What are the benefits of ride sharing? Saves money on gas and maintenance expense on your vehicle, results in less traffic. Conserves non-renewable resources like oil, lowers cost per mile with shared expense, reduces carbon dioxide emissions, and reduces your stress levels.

Ride sharing is a great choice for those who do not need their car at work everyday and have a consistent

work schedule. Talk to your coworkers and see if anyone lives in your area who would benefit from ride sharing as well.

If sharing a car is not possible, consider the possibility of taking the bus. Check COTA's web site for "Park and Ride" locations and bus route information. The web site is [www.cota.com](http://www.cota.com). Or better yet, for the benefit of your health considering riding a bicycle.

A bike costs only about \$300 per year to operate. Bicycle commuting burns an average of 540 calories per hour and is associated with an overall 11% reduction in cardiovascular risk.

# Good For You

## Notable Achievements in the FCBDD community

Former FCBDD board member **Ben Hale** was featured in *Business First* as one of central Ohio's "Lawyers of the Year." The prominent real estate attorney is the longest serving board member in FCBDD history, having served initially from 1982 to 1990, and again from 1997 through 2008.

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Congratulations to **Debra Harris**, Transportation South staff member, on winning the top prize at the Combined Charitable Campaign drawing on November 4th. Debra was the lucky winner of a 19" flat-screen LCD television. Thanks again to all the campaign coordinators, and especially to **Kay Nophsker** of the Psychology Department for service above and beyond the call of duty.

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Among her many other duties, Executive Assistant **Linda Fleming** organized another highly successful Community Star Award Banquet on November 3rd. She shared a free moment with special guest Brutus Buckeye.



Two Franklin Countians were honored at the 10th annual Ohio Adult Siblings conference last month. **Dean Fadel**, Vice President of FCBDD, received a Certificate of Recognition from the Ohio Department of Disabilities for his work on behalf of Ohio siblings as well as for being outstandingly supportive to his brother Jeff. **Dr. Tom Fish** also received a Certificate of Recognition for his work in organizing the annual conference over the years and for founding the Ohio SIBS group.

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## Career Milestones

**35 years**

**Caron Myers**

**30 years**

**George Boyer  
Teresa Drummond  
Douglas Smith**

**25 years**

**William Borden  
Ron Harrison**

**20 years**

**Linda Dudley  
Janet Mattingly  
John Salley**

**10 years**

**Laura Patzer**

**5 years**

**Patrick Keenist**

## Bowling fun set for Jan. 22

FCBDD staff bowlers will wage a friendly battle among themselves at the Columbus Square Bowling Palace on Saturday afternoon, January 22nd.

The sixth annual *For the Fun of It* bowling tournament will feature up to 64 teams of four. Each will bowl three games.

Awards will be presented for top team, top male and female bowlers, and low team.

The event will run from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Proceeds will go to Franklin County Special Olympics.

For more information, please call Jack Brownley at 342-5960.

## CCC total hits new high

The final results of FCBDD's 2010 Combined Charitable Campaign are in, and once again, agency staff have set a new record.

The amount pledged is \$103,880 surpassing last year's record total of \$103,693.

Campaign Coordinator Joe Edwards thanked all who contributed as well as the volunteers who helped lead the drive.

# Tune in for closing news

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For information concerning emergency closings of FCBDD facilities, please listen to the following after 5:30 and 6:30 a.m.:

Radio AM  
WBNS (1460)  
WMNI (920)  
WOSU (820)  
WTVN (610)

Radio FM  
WCOL (92.3)  
WCVO (104.9)  
WNCI (97.9)  
WSNY (Sunny 95)  
QFM (96)

Television  
WCMH (4)  
WSYX (6)  
WBNS (10)  
WOSU (34)

## How are we doing?

Please take a few minutes to complete the enclosed survey regarding FCBDD services, and return it to: Superintendent's Office, FCBDD, 2879 Johnstown Road, Columbus, Ohio 43219, by February 15th.

Anyone desiring additional survey forms may contact Linda Fleming at 342-5950.

## Dateline

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## Calendar

### December, 2010

- 1 Hanukkah - Happy Hanukkah!
- 2-3 Fall Conference, Ohio Association of County Boards, Hilton Easton. For more information please call 431-0616 or visit oacbmrd.org.
- 6 Public hearing on FCBDD's Annual Action Plan, 2879 Johnstown Road, 4 p.m.
- 14 Franklin County Residential Services Board of Trustees meeting, 11 a.m. Please call 844-3800 for location.
- 15 Family Support (formerly the Parent League) meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 9:30 a.m.
- 20 ARC Industries Board of Trustees meeting, Fawcett Center, 11:30 a.m.
- 21 Winter begins.
- 22-31 Winter recess for ECE and schools. Classes resume January 3rd.
- 24 Christmas Day observed - all county facilities closed.
- 25 Merry Christmas!
- 27-31 Winter recess for adult services. Programs resume January 3rd.

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## “Quotable quotes”

“What a grand thing, to be loved!

What a grander thing still, to love!”

- Victor Hugo