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Staff's charitable giving goes up



FCBMRDD staff have contributed \$92,524.11 to the 2008 Combined Charitable Campaign, surpassing last year's total by 19.8%, and exceeding the agency's goal by \$12,524.11.

For the past six years, FCBMRDD has led all county agencies in dollars raised. At press time, it appeared very likely that such would be the case again.

The annual drive asks staff to support a variety of charitable causes.

Most contributions are through payroll deduction.

Board member Helen Ninos, who chairs the FCBMRDD's Human Resources Committee, praised the staff's generosity.

"To increase their contributions by such an amount, especially in difficult economic times, is a real tribute to the staff's benevolence."

Superintendent Jed Morison thanked all contributors for "a fantas-

+ 19.8%

tic response to the many needs in our community."

Campaign coordinator Martin Kerscher credited the success of the campaign to the nineteen staff coordinators who volunteered to lead the effort.

"They worked very hard and effectively," he said.

United Way, Ohio Health upgrade fields

Each year, the United Way of Central Ohio sponsors Community Care Day, in which volunteers complete projects that are proposed to the agency.

Gladden Community House had proposed to upgrade the ball fields located behind West Central School in three phases: repairing the bleachers, rebuilding the dugouts, and repairing the concession stand.

When representatives from Ohio Health visited the fields to determine how best to proceed, they decided that all three phases should be completed, which was a pleasant surprise for Gladden Community House, as well as West Central School, and Special Olympics. All three use the fields.

On September 16th, forty-one representatives from Grant, Riverside, Grady Memorial, Dublin Methodist, Doctors Hospital, Neighborhood Care, and the corporate office of Ohio Health, pulled together to make a dream come true.



Ohio Health volunteers from Riverside Hospital plan their next move. Photo courtesy United Way, Inc.

Each phase had a team leader who planned the project, ordered materials, and recruited workers. Work started at the fields at 7:30 a.m. Volunteers worked all day.

As a result of their efforts, the bleachers got all new wooden seats, the dugouts were rebuilt including new roofs, and the concession stand was

completely remodeled with a new roof, countertop, door, and lighting.

Dan Moehrman and Kevin Ballard from Gladden Community House were on hand during the construction. They praised D.M. Marvin, who has maintained the fields for many years. He also grades the fields and lines them for the games.

Business First honors ARC Industries

Columbus Business First honored ARC Industries, Inc., at its Fast 50 luncheon on October 16th.

The business news journal gave ARC a check for \$2,500 in recognition of ARC's contribution to the local business community.

John Mitchem, Chief Executive Officer of ARC Industries, accepted the award. "We're very grateful for this show of support," he said.



Hearing set on action plan

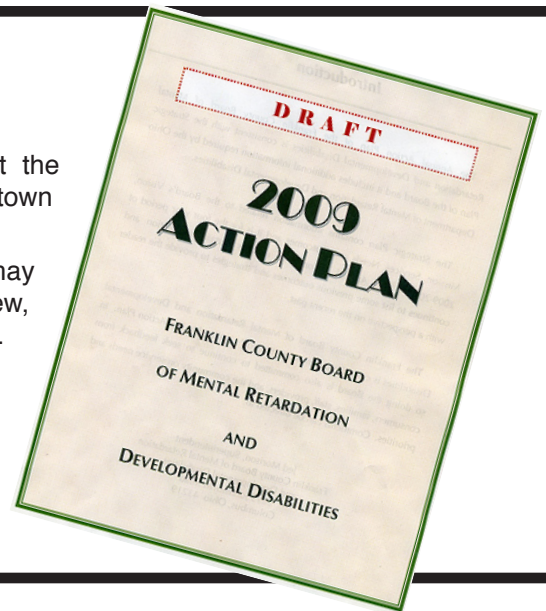
FCBMRDD's proposed Action Plan for 2009 will be the subject of a public hearing on Monday, November 15th, at 4 p.m.

Concerned members of the community are encouraged to attend the hearing and provide input on the plan.

The annual plan outlines the agency's projected needs, goals and strategies in major service areas.

The hearing will be held at the Pleasnick Center, 2879 Johnstown Road.

A copy of the proposed plan may be obtained by calling Frank New, Director of Planning, at 342-5972.



Emergency shelter program launched

Ready When the Time Comes, a new program from the American Red Cross and Grainger, was launched at the Peace Lutheran Church in Gahanna Saturday, October 4th, with a full-scale emergency shelter simulation.

More than 100 newly trained volunteers participated. They included staff from FCBMRDD.

A disaster scenario was played out with some volunteers acting as residents forced to evacuate their homes because of heavy flooding, while others practiced lessons they learned in Red Cross training as they welcomed and fed clients at a Red Cross emergency shelter.

"We are incredibly excited about *Ready When the Time Comes*," commented Michael Carroll, CEO of the American Red Cross of Greater

Columbus. "It's a program that recognizes the need for trained volunteer disaster responders, and the unique need and desire of the corporate sector and community organizations, to become a source of these volunteers."

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

Meet Laura...

Laura Dailey is a micro-enterpriser, successfully operating her own online business. Since 2005, Laura has been selling baby clothes, doll clothes and books through eBay. She has a following of customers, and is making a profit.

Laura's success would not have been possible without the support of her mother Jan Dailey, home staff from LIFE, and FCBMRDD's Job Placement Services staff Patty Jordan, Program Manager, and Patricia Batdorf, OJT Specialist.

She has also been helped by the Ohio Outcome Project, which promotes options in employment.

Laura's success story is proof that, with a bit of creative problem-solving and persistence, anything is possible.

From left are: Laura, Patty Jordan and Patricia Batdorf.



Retirees change breakfast spot

Retired FCBMRDD bus drivers who meet monthly for breakfast have selected a new location for their get-togethers.

Beginning on Wednesday, November 12th, the informal group will gather at Marie's Scrambler, 6152 N. Cleveland Avenue, just south of I-270. The 9 a.m. meeting time remains unchanged.

According to retired driver Evelyn Meyers, all former staff and friends are welcome.

Any questions should be directed to Evelyn at 476-9283 or 842-7064.

In memoriam *Linda Walraven*

The FCBMRDD community lost a much loved member on September 13th. Linda Walraven, bus assistant, passed away at age 62.

Linda was a valued part of the Transportation Department. During her ten years of service, she was a model staff member, known for her dedication, attention to detail, and respectful, compassionate treatment of the passengers who rode with her. She was also known for her wonderful sense of humor.

Linda was survived by her husband George, four daughters, three sons and fourteen grandchildren. Our condolences go to them.

Linda will be sadly missed by all whose lives she so lovingly touched.



Linda Walraven shown here signing the Transportation Department's Collective Bargaining Agreement with Superintendent Jed Morison.

Siblings to gather Nov. 7-8

The 8th Annual Ohio Adult Sibling Conference will be held Friday, November 7th, and Saturday, November 8th, at the Columbus Airport Marriott Hotel.

The featured speakers at this year's event are Jeff and Cindy Daly, a couple from Oregon. Jeff Daly's sister, Molly, was removed from his family when he was only 6 years old. At age

3, she was sent to an institution, and Jeff was told she no longer existed.

As an adult, Jeff was able to find his sister and reunite their relationship.

Other speakers include Dr. Terry Ryan, Cuyahoga County Board of MRDD Superintendent; Dr. Jill E. Senner, President, Illinois Network for Augmentative and Alternative Commu-

nications; Derrick Dufrense, leadership consultant; and Dr. Thomas Keating, Managing Partner, Cognitopia Software and Adjunct Professor, University of Oregon.

Registration may be completed online at www.ohiosibs.com.

Susie Burke to address families

At their next meeting, Families United will hear Susie Burke, Program Director, Franklin County Residential Services, compare rules related to intermediate care facilities and supported living arrangements.

The meeting will be held Thursday, November 13th, at 7 p.m., at the Overbrook Presbyterian Church, 4131 N. High Street, Columbus.

The public is invited.

Did you know?

The Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence (OCALI) operates a lending library of books, videotapes, DVDs, assistive technology, and other media regarding autism and low incidence disabilities.

The program is available to parents and educators in Ohio.

For more details, please visit www.ocali.org, or call Karen Bauer toll-free at 866-886-2254 (Ext. 0752).

Holiday Wish now accepting donations

Many children in our community are faced with a variety of problems including abuse, domestic violence and poverty. During the holiday season, the kindness of strangers and the donation of gifts can bring much needed hope into these children's lives.

More than 5,000 abused, neglected and troubled children in Franklin County may receive no gifts this holiday season without the help of the community. These children are under the care of Franklin County Children Services and may have suffered through a variety of abuses.

For more than 30 years Franklin County Children Services has asked the community to help fill the holiday wishes of children through the agency's Holiday Wish program. And year after year thousands of individuals, businesses, churches, and civic groups have come forward to help.

This gift-giving program allows each child under the care of Children Services to wish for a specific gift. The child's wish comes true through the generosity of community donors. Each child through 11 years may ask for a gift worth \$40, and each youth 12 through 18 receives a gift certificate valued at \$50. In addition, any kind of toy donations and tax-deductible cash donations are also needed.



Fill a Child's HOLIDAY WISH
through **Franklin County Children Services**
Donate new toys of any kind...

NEW! Make a donation On-Line:
franklincountyohio.gov/children_services

- Footballs, Basketballs and Soccer Balls
- Remote Controlled Cars
- Hand-Held Electronic Games
- Board Games
- Personal CD Players or Small Stereos
- Barbie and Bratz Dolls of All Races
- Soft Baby Dolls and Plush Toys
- Infant and Baby Toys
- Hot Wheels Cars or Playsets
- Action Figures
- Arts & Crafts Kits
- Building Kits (Legos, Kinex)
- Trading Cards & Games (Yu-Gi-Oh!, Pokemon, Bella Sara, etc.)
- Educational Toys
- Tonka Trucks
- Plug & Play TV Games
- Nickelodeon Toys (SpongeBob, Dora, Blue's Clues, etc.)
- Fisher Price and Playskool Toys
- Toddler Toys (Sesame Street, Bob the Builder, etc.)
- Play Doh Sets
- Disney Toys & Games (Hannah Montana, Jonas Brothers, etc.)
- Infant Sleepers and Blankets
- Skateboards & Helmets

For more information or additional suggestions, call:
Holiday Wish
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Good For You

Notable Achievements in the FCBMRDD Community

Career Milestones

Michele Mineo, Language Developmental Specialist at ARC North and ARC South, has been chosen to serve as the 2009 Honors and Awards Chair for the Ohio Speech/ Language/ Hearing Association.

The following FCBMRDD Departments earned honors for leadership in the 2008 Combined Charitable Campaign: **Service Coordination** (Coordinator **Diane Kaiser**) most funds raised; **Psychology** (Coordinator **Angela Ray**) highest participation rate; **Transportation South** (Coordinator **Dorcias Sharp**) greatest improvement.

Speaking of the Combined Charitable Campaign, these staff were the lucky winners in the prize drawing: **Bonny Francisco** won a 19" LCD television; **Rosetta Cousar**, a \$50 gift card to Cameron Mitchell Restaurants;

Kathy Rudolph, "The Winner's Manual" by Jim Tressel; and **Amy Kulow**, a \$35 gift card to City Barbeque.

Mary Martin and **Carl Scott** coordinated another successful blood drive on October 24th. The Red Cross collected 40 units of blood.

Twelve students from **Columbus Academy** spent most of the day assisting staff and consumers at ARC North on September 26th. The students gained valuable experience while lending a much-needed, helping hand at the facility. Shown below, from left to right: **Kahlen Washington, Sheena Koushick, Nicole Humphrey, Garrett May, Austin Bening, Matt Coffin, Ben Mozenter, Maureen "Mo" Stefan, Max Hoster, Xander Skoulis, Sam Korda, Divya Manda.**



Columbus Academy students named above. Photo by Sharon Evrard.

30 years

Karen Shaffer

20 years

Doreen Bailey

Michael Brewer

Sharon Edwards-Shelton

Loren Kohl

15 years

Pamela Creadon

William Croce

Zachary Kendall

10 years

Leeann Vanorder

5 years

Patricia Aellig

Doris Bryant

Carolyn Evans

Priscilla George

Tonia Hamilton

Desiree Lechleiter

Tamika Lewis

Richard Markuson

Tabatha McCown

Charise Simmons

Dorothy Tarpch

Remember to put people first

Language is a reflection of how people see each other. That's why the words we use can hurt. It's also why responsible communicators are now choosing language that reflects the dignity of people with disabilities -- words that put the person first, rather than the disability. Read on for a short course on using language that empowers.

1. Think "people first." Say "a woman who has a developmental disability" rather than "a developmentally disabled woman."
2. Avoid words like "unfortunate," "afflicted," and "victim." Try to avoid casting a person with a disability as a super-human model of courage. People with disabilities are just people, not tragic figures or demigods.
3. A developmental disability is not a disease. Do not mention "symptoms," "patient" or "treatment," unless the person you're writing about has an illness as well as a disability.
4. Use common sense. Avoid terms with obvious negative or judgmental connotations, such as "crippled," "deaf and dumb," "lame" and "defective." If you aren't sure how

to refer to a person's condition, ask. And if the disability is not relevant to your story or conversation, why mention it at all?

5. Never refer to a person as "confined to a wheelchair." Wheelchairs enable people to escape confinement. A person with mobility impairment "uses" a wheelchair.
6. Try to describe people without disabilities as "typical" rather than "normal."

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Calendar

November, 2008

- 4 Election Day - please vote!
- 11 Veterans' Day - all county facilities closed.
- 13 Franklin County Residential Services Board of Trustees meeting, 1021 Checkrein Ave., 11 a.m.
- 13 Families United meeting, 4131 N. High St., 7 p.m.
- 15 Public hearing on FCBMRDD's Action Plan for 2009, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 4 p.m.
- 19 Parent League meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 9:30 a.m.
- 20 FCBMRDD Finance and Human Resources Committees meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 4 p.m.
- 20 FCBMRDD Board meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 5 p.m.
- 24 ARC Industries Board of Trustees meeting, Holiday Inn On-the-Lane, 11:30 a.m.
- 27 Thanksgiving Day - all county facilities closed.
- 28 Thanksgiving Recess - Early Childhood, schools and adult facilities closed.

"Quotable quotes"

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

-- John F. Kennedy

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www.fcbmrdd.org