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

Staff working hard on charitable campaign

FCBDD staff have been busy this past month supporting the 2013 Combined Charitable Campaign. The annual drive seeks financial contributions to support charitable organizations. Donors may choose from among 14 federations and 664 charities.

Jack Beatty, Director of Service Coordination, is spearheading the effort with assistance from building or department coordinators.

"Our agency has a history of strong support for the campaign," he said. "That support is all the more critical in these uncertain times."

Full results will be published in the December issue of *Dateline*.

The slogan of the campaign is: "Choose to Give, So That Others Do Not Have to Choose What to Give Up."

For more information, please call Jack Beatty at 342-5519.



Front row: Angie Wright, Northeast; Pam Lenahan, ARC East; Susan Nagy, Service Coordination; Jennifer Schueneman, Administration; JoAnn Howard, BLSC.

Back row: Randy Cuenot, Psychology; Kris Potridge, ESD Placement, ARC Business Office & Sales; Larry Macintosh, Administrative and Support Services; Julie Kaber, ESD Janitorial; Debbie Schafer, ESD Placement, ARC Business Office & Sales; Cathy Gordon, ECEFC; Debbie Guyton, HLSC; Jack Beatty, Campaign Coordinator; Jim Leake, ARC South.

Coordinators not pictured: Lynn Herron, ARC North; Jan Montgomery, ARC West; Gretchen Uhl, ECLC; Greg Sorenson, ESD On-Site Crews; Jack Brownley, Schools Administration, Recreation & Special Olympics; Amy Kulow, Transportation; Debra Matthews, West Central.

Excellence award goes to Nisonger dental clinic



Front row: Dr. Diego Solis, Amanda King.
Back row: Stacey Grubb, Jessie Ardner.

The Johnstown Road Dental Clinic, which is located in FCBDD's Early Childhood Education and Family Center at 2879 Johnstown Road, has received a highly prestigious honor. The DentaQuest Institute has chosen the clinic to receive its "Center of Excellence" award.

The award recognizes "dental programs that have displayed tremendous leadership and excellence in oral health management and have greatly improved the oral health status of their patients."

The award will be presented at the National Primary Oral Health Conference in Denver on November 12th. Pediatric dentist Diego Solis, D.D.S., will accept the award on behalf of the team of dentists and dental assistants at the clinic.

The Johnstown Road Dental Clinic provides comprehensive dental services for preschool and school-age children. The clinic is part of the Nisonger Center Dental Program.

Cathy Bregar receives leadership award



Cathy Bregar, Director of Special Education for Reynoldsburg Schools, has received the 2013 Kathe Shelby Leadership Award. The state award is given annually to an outstanding special education leader.

The award was presented at the Ohio Special Education Leadership Conference in early October by Dr. Sue Zake, Director of the Office for Exceptional Children with the Ohio Department of Education.

Cathy was nominated for the award by Steve Dackin, Superintendent of Reynoldsburg Schools. In nominating her, Superintendent Dackin wrote that Cathy has worked with new principals and others to "help them be special education leaders." FCBDD's Superintendent Jed Morison and Director of Schools Jack Brownley wrote letters of support.

Over 1,000 were in attendance at the Columbus Convention Center to observe the award presentation.

Fountain installed at Johnstown Rd.

If you enjoy the soothing sounds of nature, you should pay a visit to FCBDD's Administration and Early Childhood facilities at 2879 Johnstown Road. Just outside the main entrance, you will find the latest addition to the garden area -- a beautiful two-tiered fountain.

Water trickles down from the center of the fountain producing a soft sound and a pleasant effect.

The fountain was donated to FCBDD by the MJB Foundation, a charitable group established by Jim and Annette Brochowski in honor of their late daughter, Meghan Joy. She attended FCBDD's Early Childhood program.

Each year the foundation sponsors both a bowling tournament and a golf tournament to raise funds. For more information, please go to www.mjbfoundation.org or to facebook.com/mjbfoundation.



Ohio SIBS conference set for Nov. 8-9

The 13th Annual Ohio Adult Sibling Conference will be held at the Columbus Airport Marriott Hotel on Friday, November 8th, and Saturday, November 9th.

Featured speakers will include:

Tom Fish, Ph.D., who serves as Director of Social Work and Family Services at Ohio State University's Nisonger Center. He is the founder of the Next Chapter Book Club, a literacy and friendship program.

Nora Fox Hand Handler, an advocate for people with disabilities and their families. She is the author of *Thicker Than Water: Essays by Adult Siblings of People With Disabilities*.

Mark Tassé, Director of the Nisonger Center and a professor of psychology and psychiatry at Ohio State.

You may register for the conference online at www.ohiosibs.com.

Videos aim to explain court system

The Ohio State Bar Foundation has released three videos designed to help youth with disabilities navigate the court system.

Titled *Orienting Young People with Exceptional Needs (O.P.E.N.)*, the videos can be seen online at www.osbf.net/opencourt. Each video is less than ten minutes. The website also provides resources to go with the videos.

Superintendent Jed Morison and Director of Service Coordination Jack Beatty attended the premiere of the videos. "They are well done. Families, young people and adults with disabilities, as well as staff, all can benefit," said the Superintendent.

From Sunapple Studio by Jan Montgomery

On September 19th, a group of artists from ARC West spent several hours touring Glass Axis, a glass blowing facility in Grandview.

Glass Axis provides classes for those interested in learning glass blowing techniques.

After touring the facility, the artists took turns working with a glass blower to make a glass ornament. They selected the colors and held the glass in the hot fire until it turned red. The artists then blew into a tube, filling the glass with air, much like a bubble, while the Axis staff shaped the molten glass and instructed the artist on when to blow and when to stop.

Each artist will keep his or her ornament as a reminder of the fun they had.



Scholarships awarded to agency staff

Seven agency staff members who won Siebold scholarships were the featured guests at a luncheon held by ARC Industries at the Creekside Conference Center on September 23rd.

Annually since 2003, ARC Industries has been assisting FCBDD staff members with furthering their education through the John J. Siebold scholarship program. Program requirements include employment by

FCBDD for at least one year and studies must be related to developmental disabilities.

The program is named for John Siebold, who was a FCBDD adult services staff member for 27 years before his sudden death in June, 2003.

For more information regarding scholarships, please call 475-7007.



*The scholarship recipients are:
From left: Tina Turpin, ARC East; Farrah Langlois, Service Coordination; Levi Pryor, ARC West; Sharon Bryant, ARC South; Christine Hunter, ECE; Andrea Lyle, West Central/Northeast; Jonathan Mayton, Business Office.*

ADD phasing out employment program

The Association for the Developmentally Disabled (ADD) has decided to discontinue its Employment Services program.

In a letter to FCBDD Service Coordinators, ADD Chief Executive Anthony Hartley said that the change will ensure that ADD will "remain a viable organization that will continue to serve individuals with disabilities in ADD's other programs."

Individuals served by ADD's Employment Services program will be offered day programs, including opportunities for social interaction, volunteer work, education, creative arts, theater and recreation and leisure.

The initial stage of the phaseout, affecting 148 employees, began October 31st. The second stage will affect 86 employees and is scheduled for June, 2014.

11th annual Star Awards night was special

"Oh, what a night" is a familiar line to fans of 1960s-era oldies. That catchy lyric by The Four Seasons might well have described the evening of October 9th as the FCBDD community celebrated its 11th Annual Star Awards at the Villa Milano.

The awards program recognizes individuals and organizations for extraordinary contributions to the community. Winners are chosen in 14 categories.

Superintendent Jed Morison opened the program, noting "This is one of my favorite nights of the year because it demonstrates what we are all about." He introduced staff member and self-advocate Jennifer Fox Cunningham, who in turn, introduced the emcee, NBC-4's Marcus Thorpe.

The reporter and co-anchor expressed thanks for being invited to return to hosting duties. "I enjoy this so much... you do wonderful work that makes our community proud."

He went on to introduce the award recipients while slides showing their images played. As the recipients' names were announced, they came forward to an appreciative audience's enthusiastic applause (not to mention shouts, whistles, foot-stomping and sign-waving).

Musical entertainment throughout the evening was provided by the Dave Powers Trio.

Superintendent Morison introduced special guests in the audience, including former board member Jean Williams, Columbus City Council member Hearcel Craig, and Jane Gove, who in 1951, was one of 22 parents who organized the citizens group that started community developmental disabilities services in Franklin County. Her late husband, Roger Gove, M.D., once served as head of Ohio's service system and later as a FCBDD board member.

FCBDD Chairman Dean Fadel closed the festivities. He congratulated the award winners, praised the efforts of self-advocates and thanked "all the folks who pulled this evening together, especially Linda Fleming."



Superintendent Jed Morison congratulates Jill Davis, recipient of Star Award for Adult Participant, as Mariann Brush and President Dean Fadel look on.



FCBDD Bus Driver Paula Kassa was honored with Star Award for Transportation Staff.



A thankful Becky Love received Star Award for Management/ Supervisory Staff. She is Director of the ECE program.



Emcee Marcus Thorpe urged the crowd to show appreciation for award winners.



Forest Hills Center was represented by Susan Whitney. The Center won the Star Award for Employer.



Bob Thomas, winner of Service Coordination Staff Star Award.



Enjoying the celebration was FCRS board member Debbie Freece, who attended with her son Ian and husband Eric.



Longtime agency supporter Jane Gove attended the festivities.



Margo Crabtree of ARC West received the Adult Services Staff Star Award.



Shawn Mafi of Home Health Connections accepts congratulations from FCBDD President Dean Fadel on winning Star Award for Organization.



Pat Chapman won the Star Award for Residential Staff.



The Star Award for Volunteer was won by Theresa Setser.



Star Award winner for Child Participant was David Cope, shown shaking hands with Superintendent Jed Morison as FCBDD President Dean Fadel observes.



Accompanied by her son Rob, Psychology Department Secretary Kay Nopsker claimed the Sar Award for Support Services staff.



Dr. Tiffany Eggleston of Columbus Public Schools took home the Star Award for School Staff.



After receiving the Star Award for Early Childhood Staff, Mary Martin viewed a slide show with President Dean Fadel and Superintendent Jed Morison.

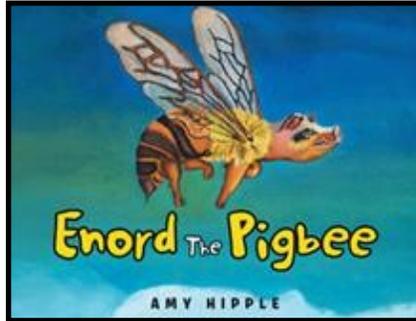


The Star Award winner for Family Member went to Nancy Beu.

All photos by Sarah Gillilan.

West Central staffer produces book

West Central School Art Instructor Amy Hipple has written a children's book that is available online through Amazon.com or in store at Barnes and Noble. Titled *Enord the Pigbee*, the book is about a young pigbee's search for something that was right in front of him. More information is available online at www.xlibris.com.



Grandparent support group formed

Grandparents of individuals with disabilities are invited to join other grandparents and gain information about ways to support their grandchildren.

Meetings are set for Monday, November 4th at 11 a.m. and Monday, December 9th at 10 a.m. Location of meetings will be Panera Bread, 875 Bethel Rd.

This will be an ongoing monthly support group.

No registration is necessary. For more information, please contact Nichele Lyndes or Shelly Atemnkeng at 685-3214, or Nichele.Lyndes@osumc.edu.

Convention center to be site of Calicon conference

Calicon 2013, a national autism and disabilities conference, will be held at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, 400 N. High Street, Wednesday through Friday, November 20th through 22nd.

The conference will feature over 100 concurrent panel, interactive discussion sessions.

For more information, please contact 410-0321 or www.ocali.org.

“Quotable quote”

"It's better to look ahead and prepare than to look back and regret."

-- Jackie Joyner-Kersey

The green spot by Chuck Lamb

In the interest of growing even greener, ARC East expanded its garden areas to include two large outdoor vegetable gardens as well as several patio herb gardens. Small table and container gardens were also constructed to enable consumers in wheelchairs to work independently.

Consumers planted, tended to, harvested, washed and sold their produce. Seeds were dried and kept for next year's planting. Cuttings and peels were used as compost.

Consumers learned the importance of healthy eating as well as how fresh produce tastes. One consumer remarked that it was the best salad he'd ever eaten. They also sharpened their skills by selling produce from carts at the workshop.

Over \$300 was raised this season, which will go back into the garden next year for seed, tools, dirt, mulch, etc. Some of the harvest was donated to Gahanna Residents In Need (G.R.I.N.), helping to support the local food pantry.

ARC East continues to Reuse, Repurpose and Recycle and encourages all to do the same.

Hearings scheduled

Two public hearings regarding FCBDD's future plans will be held on Monday, December 9th, beginning at 4 p.m.

The first will be for the purpose of reviewing FCBDD's proposed Action Plan for 2014. The second hearing will be to allow comment on agency plans to use federal IDEA Part B funds in programs and services.

The location will be the board room at 2879 Johnstown Rd. Please call Linda Fleming at 342-5950 with any questions.

Good for you

Notable achievements in the FCBDD community



State Representative **Michael Stinziano** was presented the 2013 ESDY Award at the annual Synergy Conference held by **OSDA/ PAR** at Dublin's Embassy Suites October 2nd.

The award recognized Representative Stinziano for his exceptional work on legislation related to individuals with disabilities. The ESDY award is intended to honor those who support the principles of self-determination. Self-advocate **Christine Brown** and Superintendent **Jed Morison** jointly nominated Representative Stinziano for the award.

The Synergy conference recognized two long time staff members of ARC Industries South. Named the PAR Members of the Year were Training Specialist **Dave Greiner** and his wife, **Denise Greiner**, Habilitation Specialist. They have combined service of over 66 years with FCBDD. The couple "has made a habit of going beyond the call of duty," says ARC Industries South Director **Kurt Smith**. Congratulations Dave and Denise!

Speaking of **Kurt Smith**, the ARC Industries South Director demonstrated a wide range of skills recently in rescuing a bird that had become trapped in the ARC facility. Kurt captured the bird, which he later identified as a "rare snapping sparrow," carried it outside and released it to freedom.



The **Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon** is the 17th largest combined marathon and 1/2 marathon in the U.S. Held October 20th, the event brought together 18,000 runners and raised \$1.25 million to support the hospital's mission. Hats off to the following members of the FCBDD community who took part: (Full) **Bill Burns, Carrie Kerscher, Martin Kerscher;** (Half) **Kimberly Ardit, Nan Burns, Lynne Johansson, Maribel Kerscher, Teresa Kobelt, Michael Ross, Karen Ross.**

Franklin County Commissioners, Goodwill Columbus and **The Columbus Clippers** teamed up to help area residents recycle their e-waste on October 12th. "With technology becoming outdated so quickly, we want to help residents to properly recycle e-waste," said Commissioner **John O'Grady**. Residents were encouraged to drop off old electronic equipment at Huntington Park for recycling during a 3-hour window.

Retired ARC Industries South staff member **Steve Knorr** is an **American Red Cross** Emergency Services Volunteer, serving on their Disaster Action Team. He has found this to be so rewarding, he is putting out a request that you join him and become a volunteer. If you are interested, please call the Red Cross at 253-2740 (ext. 2546).



FCBDD Blood Drive co-coordinators **Jeff Baird** and **Mary Martin** report that the agency's blood drive on October 1st exceeded all projections. A total of 26 donors participated, allowing collection of 23 units of blood. According to the **Red Cross**, these units have the potential to save 69 lives in central Ohio. Thanks to everyone who came out to donate!

Career Milestones

25 years

**Doreen Bailey
Michael Brewer
Sharon Edwards-Shelton
Loren Kohl**

20 years

**Pamela Creadon
Zachary Kendall**

15 years

Leeann Vanorder

10 years

**Patricia Aellig
Doris Bryant
Carolyn Evans
Priscilla George
Tonia Hamilton
Desiree Lechleiter
Tamika Lewis
Tabatha McCown**

5 years

**Robin Caminiti
Beverly Collins
Timothy Edwards
Tara Kridler
Ryan Phillips
Munazza Quraishi
Joannie Simmons
Debbie Stewart
Frederick Thomas**



Following a successful salsa competition in September, the **New Leaf Wellness Team** is holding another recipe contest. The focus this time is to find the best tasting homemade vegetable/ legume soup. Again prizes will be awarded in both vegetarian and non-vegetarian categories. The final round of the competition will be held at Administration on November 12th. Administration staff member **Anna Oscard** is coordinating the competition, which aims to encourage healthy eating habits.

Parade honors Ben and Jan Hale

Former FCBDD Board President Ben Hale and his wife, Jan, served as grand marshals of Marshall University's Homecoming Parade on October 5th. They are alumni of the university, which is located in Huntington, West Virginia, and have maintained close ties since graduating in 1966.

A senior partner with the law firm Smith and Hale, Ben devotes much time to public service. He carries the distinction of being the longest-serving FCBDD board member ever, having served from 1982 to 1990 and again from 1997 to 2009.

The couple fondly recalls their college days. In her senior year, Jan Hale (formerly Jenkins) was elected Miss Marshall. Ben ran track, played football and excelled academically.

The Hales apparently brought along good luck on their special day. The Thundering Herd beat the visiting University of Texas at San Antonio 34 to 10.

The Hales have two daughters, one of whom is served by FCBDD, and three grandsons.



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Calendar

November, 2013

- 5 Election Day
- 5 Adult Services Future Planning Committee, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 1 p.m.
- 11 Veterans Day - all county facilities closed.
- 12 Franklin County Residential Services Board of Trustees meeting, 1021 Checkrein Ave., 11 a.m.
- 14 Provider Fair, Aladdin Shrine Center, 3850 Stelzer Rd., 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- 20 Family Support meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 9:30 a.m.
- 21 FCBDD Finance and Human Resources Committees meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 4 p.m.
- 21 FCBDD Board meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 5 p.m.
- 25 ARC Industries Board of Trustees meeting, Fawcett Center, 11:30 a.m.
- 27 ECE and Schools Parent/Teacher Conference Day
- 28 Thanksgiving Day - all county facilities closed.
- 29 Thanksgiving Recess - Early Childhood, schools and adult facilities closed.
- 30 OSU Buckeyes v. Michigan football game, Michigan Stadium. Go Bucks!