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## Polls to open at 6:30 a.m. Tuesday

Polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., next Tuesday, November 8th.

Issue 22, FCBDD's 3.5 mill replacement levy, will be on the ballot. Passage will allow FCBDD to continue to provide basic services for six more years. FCBDD's services go to more than 16,000 children and adults with developmental disabilities.

In order to vote, voters must bring acceptable identification to the polls. This includes a current and valid photo identification or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check or paycheck that shows the voter's name and current address.

Campaign supporters have stepped up recently. According to Superintendent Jed Morison, over

500 people have volunteered to help distribute over 200,000 pieces of campaign literature.

"We are fortunate to have so many volunteers helping out. We really depend on them"

## Columbus Crew hosts soccer clinic

Columbus Crew players worked side-by-side with other volunteers in a soccer clinic for over 30 kids with Down Syndrome and their siblings on October 4th. Crew Stadium was the site of the clinic.

The clinic, which is in its third year, is jointly sponsored by Franklin County

Special Olympics, the Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio (DSACO) and the Columbus Crew.

"This is a great event, and we are honored to be a part of it," said Ryan Phillips, Special Olympics Director. He credits DSACO's Laura Berger with coming up with the idea for the camp.

Goalkeeper Andy Gruenebaum and forward Tommy Heinemann were two of the participating Crew players.

For more information, please contact Ryan Phillips at 342-5984 or at [ryan.phillips@fcbdd.org](mailto:ryan.phillips@fcbdd.org).



Goalkeeper Andy Gruenebaum and forward Tommy Heinemann led the participants in preliminary stretching exercises.



Special Olympics coach Carly Baird having some fun after the clinic.

# Dispatch endorses Issue 22

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In its lead editorial on October 18th, the *Columbus Dispatch* gave Issue 22, FCBDD's replacement levy, a ringing endorsement. Excerpts are below.

*Approval of this levy is a wise investment: The agency serves more than 16,000 children and adults, many of whom have both intellectual and physical disabilities; 90 percent of children receiving early-intervention and preschool services can attend a regular school, rather than a special school; and placement services help disabled adults find jobs, reducing the need for other tax-supported services.*

*The agency has been supported with two property-tax levies, each 3.5 mills. One is a permanent property tax, which voters approved in 2008 to give the agency a stable source of income*

*necessary for long-term planning and for receiving federal and state grants.*

*The other, a temporary property tax that voters last approved in 2001, provides a tool to hold the agency accountable; it is this levy that requires renewal this fall. But instead of requesting another 10-year renewal, the agency scaled back its request to six years.*

*Likewise, it has stretched dollars, aggressively securing more federal money than any other county in the state and teaming up with Goodwill, Easter Seals, Nationwide Children's Hospital and others to efficiently deliver services...*

*Its dollars help toddlers learn to walk and give a sense of accomplishment and*

*pride to adults in sheltered workshops. And the agency helps families, many of whom now are raising adult children with developmental disabilities.*

*A yes vote also will allow the agency to keep up with demand that is increasing 4 percent to 5 percent per year, partly because of greater outreach and a growing central Ohio. At the same time, however, funding is shrinking; the agency faces a 30 percent drop in state support over the current two-year budget, as well as declining property taxes and a loss of Medicaid funding for its schools.*

*To its credit, the agency opted against requesting an increase at a time when many taxpayers are struggling, and it is tightening its budget...*

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## Riverside employee learns to adapt and excel

by Elizabeth St. John

Fritz Almario has completed ten years of successful employment at Riverside Methodist Hospital. Fritz was hired in 2001 to work in the radiology records department. He and five other workers were responsible for tracking and logging up to 900,000 x-ray jackets.

In 2006, the file room was digitized and several employees were released from their employment in radiology records. At that time, Fritz began working in nutritional services in Café 1 where he washed dishes, and assisted with trash disposal. Fritz kept a positive attitude despite the change in job duties. Fritz has always had a great sense of humor, and is well liked by all the hospital staff. His work ethic was recognized and he was promoted to work in Café 2.

According to Sandi Kyle, Fritz's job coach from FCBDD's Job Placement Department, "Fritz can best be described as awesome. Once he learns a task, he will not forget."

Fritz is a native of the Philippines. He has family living in the Philippines and travels there often. In his free time, Fritz enjoys reading maps, following construction, traveling, and watching football. If you ask Fritz where any future sporting event might be taking place, he'll give you the location, as well as directions to the event.

Keep up the excellent work Fritz. You're a role model for all of us.



# 'Stars' honored at award dinner

Nearly 500 members of the FCBDD community gathered at the Villa Milano on the evening of October 5th to recognize the fifteen winners of the 2011 Community Star Awards.

The annual awards program was established in 2003 to honor individuals and organizations who, through outstanding work, help advance the agency's mission.

The 2011 winners were: Troy Barnett, *Child Participant*; Marsha Whitehead, *School Staff*; Candy Fisher, *Adult Participant*; Sandra Snellham, *Transportation Staff*; Paul's Fifth Avenue Restaurant, *Employer*.

Sandy Tillett-Ferguson, *Early Childhood Staff*; Jonathon Zuhosky, *Service Coordination Staff*; Jackie Suver, *Adult Services Staff*; Jennifer Hamant, *Volunteer*; Lulu Price, *Organization*.

Amy Clayton, *Support Services*; Todd Mitchell, *Residential Staff*; Darlene Rankin, *Parent/Family Member*; and Michael Boyce, *Management/Supervisory Staff*.

Frank New, former Director of Planning for FCBDD, was presented a special award for his seven years of work with the Community Star Awards program. Frank retired in 2010.

FCBDD board members attending included Helen Ninos, President; Dean Fadel, Vice President; Jean Williams, Secretary, Linda Craig, Leah Reibel, and Renee Stein.

Superintendent Jed Morison opened the ceremony by expressing appreciation to the award winners. "Your achievements have made us all proud. Your dedication and hard work provide a wonderful example to all of us."

Channel 4 news anchor Marcus Thorpe served as Master of Ceremonies. Musical entertainment was provided by the Dave Powers Trio.

In closing remarks, Board President Helen Ninos thanked agency staff for their service and complimented them for their dedication to their work.



Troy Barnett, honoree for Child Participant.



Superintendent Morison with Gordon Zorich who accepted the award for Employer on behalf of Paul's Pantry.



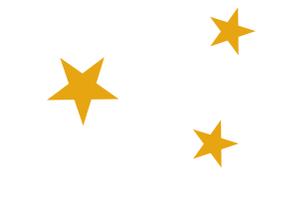
At left is Sandy Tillet-Ferguson, winner for Early Childhood Staff.



At right Candy Fisher, winner for Adult Participant.



Jed Morison congratulates Marsha Whitehead, winner for School Staff, with Helen Ninos Board President.



Amy Clayton, the honoree for Support Services.



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*At left, Jonathan Zuhosky, honoree for Service Coordination staff, is congratulated by Superintendent Morison and Board President Helen Ninos.*

*At right is Jackie Suver, honoree for Adult Services staff, with Board Vice- President Dean Fadel.*



*Sandra Snailham, honoree for Transportation staff with her husband.*



*At left is Frank New, Special Award honoree.*

*At right is Darlene Rankin, honoree for Parent/Family Member.*



*Jennifer Hamant, honoree for Volunteer.*



*Todd Mitchell, honoree for Residential Staff, here being congratulated by Dean Fadel.*



*Mike Boyce, honoree for Management staff*

*Lula Price, honoree for Organization, receives her congratulations and Star award from Jed Morison and Dean Fadel.*



# Good For You

## Notable Achievements in the FCBDD community



Superintendent **Jed Morison** was honored by the Professionals, Advocates, Resources (PAR) organization with their 2010 Lifetime Achievement Award October 5th. The award honors Jed for his 41 years of service in the field of developmental disabilities. Jed began his public service career as a bus driver for Westerville City Schools. He then worked for FCBDD as a physical education teacher. He next did a stint as Ohio's Director of Special Olympics. After serving as FCBDD's Deputy Superintendent, he went on to become Superintendent in 2000. Jed is also in leadership positions with the Education of Children with Disabilities, Family and Children's First Council, Bexley City Council, and the Nisonger Center's Citizen's Advisory Committee. In his remarks when accepting the award, Jed thanked those in attendance and made it clear he has no plans to retire.

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FCBDD staff have once again showed their strong support of the American Red Cross. A blood drive conducted at Administration on October 7th resulted in the collection of 25 units of blood. A total of 30 staff members donated. According to the Red Cross, the donated blood could potentially save the lives of 75 patients. Special thanks go to staff members **Carl Scott** and **Mary Martin** who coordinated the drive.

Besides handling her many other responsibilities, Executive Assistant **Linda Fleming** organized another highly successful Community Star Awards Dinner on October 5th. Thanks so much, Linda, for a wonderful evening!

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The Fall, 2011 issue of *Edible Columbus* featured a delightful story about ECEFC's edible schoolyard program and Farmer **Paul Etheridge**, the in-the-garden teacher. The program ensures that children get ample time in the garden to explore, plant, water, compost and harvest. "It's a sensory experience for our students," said **Becky Love**, ECEFC's Director.

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**Pete Cox**, who is a staff member at ARC Industries central office on Marilyn Lane, also serves as an E-4 Specialist in the Army National Guard. He will soon begin a tour of duty in Afghanistan. Thanks, Pete, for your service and best of luck!

## Career Milestones

**25 years**

**Debbie Barte**  
**Mona Decker**  
**Joyce Taylor**

**15 years**

**Brenda Fletcher**

**10 years**

**Emmanuel Madueme**  
**Benjamin Terflinger**

**5 years**

**Valorie Ashburn**  
**Lauren Barton**  
**Marrianna Bobo**  
**Janet Bond**  
**Sandra Ford**  
**Tim Hendren**  
**Melvyn Little**  
**Nancy Rinehart**  
**Jo Rodehaver**  
**Pamela Waite**

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## Boards convention set

The 28th annual convention of the Ohio Association of County Boards Serving People with Developmental Disabilities will be held Wednesday, November 30th through Friday, December 2nd. The location will be the Hilton at Easton.

The convention will feature several tracks that will allow attendees to participate in diverse sessions.

For more details, please visit [www.oacbddd.org](http://www.oacbddd.org), or call Ann Neu at 431-0616.



## Tune in for closing news

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

Radio AM	Radio FM	Television
WBNS (1460)	WCOL (92.3)	WCMH (4)
WMNI (920)	WCVO (104.9)	WSYX (6)
WOSU (820)	WNCI (97.9)	WBNS (10)
WTVN (610)	WSNY (Sunny 95)	WOSU (34)
	QFM (96)	

## Dateline

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## November, 2011

- 8 Election Day - please vote!
- 8 Franklin County Residential Services Board of Trustees meeting, 1021 Checkrein Ave., 11 a.m.
- 11,12 Ohio Adult Sibling Conference, Columbus Marriott Airport Hotel. Please contact Tom Fish at 292-7550.
- 11 Veterans' Day - all county facilities closed.
- 11,12 Ohio Adult Sibling Conference, Columbus Marriot Airport Hotel, Please go to [www.ohiosibs.com](http://www.ohiosibs.com) for more details.
- 16 Family Support (formerly Parent League) meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 9:30 a.m.
- 17 FCBDD Finance and Human Resources Committees meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 4 p.m.
- 17 FCBDD Board meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 5 p.m.
- 24 Thanksgiving Day - all county facilities closed.
- 25 Thanksgiving Recess - Early Childhood, schools and adult facilities closed.
- 26 Ohio State Buckeyes vs. Michigan Wolverines at Ann Arbor. GO BUCKS!
- 28 ARC Industries Board of Trustees meeting, Fawcett Center, 11:30 a.m.
- 30,1,2 OACB 28th Annual Convention at the Hilton at Easton, 3900 Chagrin Dr. For more information, please contact Ann Neu at 431-0616.

## “Quotables quote”

“The greatest accomplishment is not in never failing, but in rising again after you fall.”

-- Vince Lombardi

“One’s destination is never a place, but a new way of seeing things.”

-- Henry Miller