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## Director Martin visits self-advocates

Members of FCBDD's Self-Advocate Advisory Council held a meeting on September 16th and welcomed a special guest, John Martin, Director of the Ohio Department of Disabilities.

Director Martin discussed his various job duties as the top official in Ohio's system of supports and services for persons with developmental disabilities. He also described a new Medicaid waiver that is being developed, and responded to questions.

The advisory panel serves as an official forum for discussion of policies, programs and related topics. It is composed solely of eight FCBDD service recipients.

Council members are Jennifer Petroskey, ARC East; Mary Stark, ARC North; Jason Gregory, ARC South; Travis Bare, ARC West; Barb Rice, Janitorial; Christine Brown, Central Ohio Self-Determination; Curt Wellman, People First; and Janet Keaser, Bixby Living Skills Center.

The next meeting of the panel is set for December 9th at 10 a.m.



Standing in back are: Travis Bare, Jason Gregory, Director John Martin and Superintendent Jed Morison. In front are: Curt Wellman, Mary Stark, Barbara Rice, Christine Brown and Janet Keaser.

## Charitable campaign underway

FCBDD's 2010 Combined Charitable Campaign was kicked off on September 20th and will run through October 22nd.

The annual campaign seeks staff contributions to one or more of over 500 charitable organizations.

For seven years in a row, FCBDD staff have topped all Franklin County agencies in funds contributed. Campaign leaders hope to continue that string this year.

A prize drawing will be held October 22nd, featuring a grand prize of a Broksonic LCD television. All staff who give at least \$2 per paycheck, or a one-time contribution of \$52, will be eligible for the drawing.

Joe Edwards, FCBDD's Director of Psychology, is overall coordinator of the campaign. All staff serving as coordinators are listed inside in *Good for You*.



## Longtime Heinzerling instructor retires

Pam Recko retired from her position as instructor with FCBDD on September 16th. She had been working with residents at Heinzerling Memorial Foundation for 29 years.

Pam began working as an instructor at Heinzerling in June, 1981. Throughout her tenure, Pam taught school-age children who were too medically involved to attend school programs outside of Heinzerling.

Commenting on Pam's contribution to her students, Chis Rafeld, Administrator, noted, "Pam's intense level of caring along with her innovative and creative methods tapped into their potential and ensured that their abilities increased, and that they had fun."

We all wish Pam the best in her retirement!



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## National Guard reaches out to employers

by Nan Burns

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In an effort to provide employers with helpful information, the Ohio National Guard held its Employer Event Day recently. I had the good fortune to represent FCBDD at the event. It was quite an experience.

The soldiers at Camp Perry will be deployed sometime in March or April of 2011. These combat troops will have a year long deployment in Afghanistan.

Captain Ashcroft explained that the soldiers usually receive their orders on short notice, unless it is a planned training. Orders can be changed at any time. It may take up to three weeks for the actual order to be sent to the employer. As a result, employers need to understand that a soldier is not procrastinating in giving the employer the information.

Upon return from deployment, a soldier will have an adjustment period. Some soldiers settle in rather quickly, others not. The suicide rate has been rising in the military, and the military is aware that proactive training is necessary. Employers should keep their eyes out for changes in behavior or signs of depression.

A nonprofit organization, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) will work with employers and employees who seek assistance or clarification regarding their rights and responsibilities. ESGR's toll free number is 1-800-336-4590 and their e-mail address is [www.esgr.mil](http://www.esgr.mil).

During the course of the day, employers had the opportunity to dress in military clothing (including personal

body armor, helmet and goggles), eat a military lunch, and shoot three types of weapons (an M4 rifle, a semi-automatic machine gun, and a 9 millimeter pistol).

The most moving and interesting part of the day was when seven soldiers told their personal stories. Each talked about how experience in the military had changed his or her life. As the soldiers spoke, I could not help but be impressed by the pride in their voices, and their willingness to do what was asked of them.



# Focus on Combined Charitable Campaign

*FCBDD's 2010 Combined Charitable Campaign began September 20th and will run through October 22nd. This article provides background information about the campaign.*

## What is the Combined Charitable Campaign?

The campaign is an effort to consolidate all charitable drives into one, seeking donations from county employees to help the community. Key features of the campaign are that it provides donors many options in terms of charities to support, and allows contributions through payroll deduction.

## What organizations are supported by the campaign?

Sixteen umbrella organizations -- called "federations"-- are participating in the campaign. Each of the federations is made up of individual charities that have similar missions. These federations are: A Special Wish Foundation, America's Charities, Community Health Charities of Ohio, Community Shares of Mid Ohio, Earth Share of Ohio, Global Impact, Independent Charities of Ohio, Neighbor to Nation, The United Negro College Fund/ The College Fund, United Way of Central Ohio, United Way of Delaware County, United Way of Fairfield County, United Way of Licking County, United Way of Clark, Champaign, and Madison Counties, United Way of Pickaway County, and United Way of Union County.

## Can I direct my contribution to a particular charity?

Yes, subject to certain limits, donors may designate particular federations as well as particular charities within the federations to receive their contributions. This can be done through filling out a pledge sheet using the appropriate code number(s). The code numbers for the various charities may be found in the resource guide. Your department's campaign coordinator can assist with any questions regarding this.

## How can I contribute?

Most agree that payroll deduction is the most convenient method since it allows the contribution to be spread out over an entire year. One-time contributions are also acceptable but should be accompanied by a completed pledge sheet. Any checks should be made payable to "Combined Charitable Campaign."

## Are contributions tax-deductible?

Yes. Every charity in the resource guide is a 501(c)(3) organization.

## What is FCBDD's past record in supporting the campaign?

Last year, FCBDD continued its tradition as the leader among county agencies in total support for the Combined Charitable Campaign. The 2009 campaign generated contributions from FCBDD staff in excess of \$100,000.

## How can I learn more about the Combined Charitable Campaign?

Contact the campaign coordinator at your facility or department. You may also contact Joe Edwards, Administration, at 342-5956.



*Some of the coordinators, support staff and management team now working on the FCBDD Combined Charitable Campaign.*

# Special Olympics annual banquet

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*Banquet crowd*



*Ryan Phillips displays the towel awarded to athletes and coaches.*



*Mary Jo Watts*



*Steven Lineberry*



*Alvin Tolliver*



*Anthony Hoover*



*James Owen*



*Linda Rickly*

# ARC Industries outing a success

by Kris Potridge

The first ever ARC Industries Golf Outing was held at Foxfire Golf Club on Saturday, August 7th. The event was in support of the Citizens Committee for Persons with Developmental Disabilities.

Although the event was planned by ARC North staff, golfers from many locations supported the event, bringing friends, retired co-workers, spouses, children and grandchildren.

Sponsors played a big part in the success of the event and included Parker Hannifin, Giant Concessions, the Reynoldsburg Touchdown Club, Austin Meyer, D.D.S. and Superintendent Jed Morison.



The winning team was Randy Harrington, Lee Harrington, John Sines and Scott Clark. Second place team was Joe Workman, Loraine Culp, Brad Spurlock, and Steve Middlebrook. Although they finished last, no group had more fun than the directors, Nan Burns, Jan Montgomery, Clarice Pavlick and Linda Monroe. Their bobble head trophies capped the day perfectly.

Everyone came with one goal -- to have a good time. And to that end, everyone was a winner!

*Kaiden Evans received a Closest to the Pin award.*



*The Dedication award was presented to Jan Montgomery, Clarice Pavlick, Nan Burns and Linda Monroe.*



*The winning team included: John Sines, Lee Harrington, Randy Harrington and Scott Clark.*

# Participants attend STIR training

Franklin Countians were among those who received training in self-advocacy and leadership recently through Project STIR (Steps Toward Independence and Responsibility). The program was sponsored by the Ohio Self Determination Association.

For more information on Project STIR, please visit [www.ohiosda.org](http://www.ohiosda.org).

*In the front row are: Gina Roth, Christine Brown, Susan Rhodes, Abubakai and an unidentified participant. In back are: Travis Bare, Betty Trapp, Jason Gregory and another unidentified participant.*



# 100 miles in 100 days

by Sarah Gillilan

Over 160 staff at the Early Childhood Department have strided into the school year with a healthy challenge - to walk, run or bike for 100 miles in as many days. The kick-off was held

August 30th at Creekside in Gahanna where the participants walked the first mile together.

The last miles will be logged on December 8th.



Some of the many ECE staff who began their 100 miles at the Gahanna Creekside pathway. Note that many dressed colorfully as teams.



Becky Love and Sally Harrington wave at the start of their first mile on the Gahanna Creekside pathway.

## The green spot

by Kate Barnes

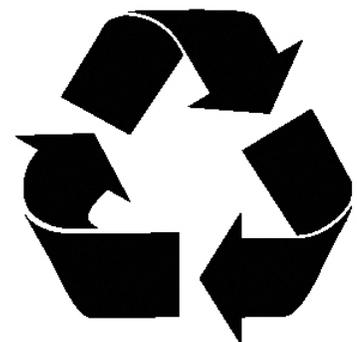
With the wonderful help and support of individuals and staff at ARC North, we are continually making improvements to comply with FCBDD's green initiative. Between January and August, we have recycled over 34,200 pounds of materials that would otherwise have been thrown away, including glass, paper, cardboard, aluminum cans and batteries.

If you are interested in learning more about the Columbus Green Spot program, visit [www.columbusgreenspot.org](http://www.columbusgreenspot.org).

This site gives many useful tips on ways you can improve your home, work, or school environments. It also provides links of other resources and organizations that can assist with recycling, water and energy conservation.

By the way, don't throw this *Dateline* in the trash! Did you know that recycling one ton of paper saves: 17 mature trees, 7,000 gallons of water, 3 cubic yards of landfill space, 2 barrels of oil, and 4,100 kw hours of electricity (enough to power a home for 5 months)?

If we all make a little effort, collectively we can make a huge impact.



# Good For You

## Notable Achievements in the FCBDD community

The following staff are serving as coordinators of the 2010 Combined Charitable Campaign: **Amy Magginis**, Administration; **Maggie Hart**, Administrative Services and Support; **Angela Ray**, Psychology; **Betsey Gordon**, ARC East; **Jan Montgomery**, ARC West; **Nan Burns**, ARC North; **Jim Leake**, ARC South; **Shella Ross**, ARC Sales & Business Office; **Ben Burke**, ARC - ESD Janitorial; **Kurt Schmitter** ARC - ESD Enclaves; **Debbie Schafer**, ARC - ESD Placement; **Joann Howard**, Bixby LSC; **Debbie Guyton**, Hague LSC; **Cathy Gordon**, ECEFC; **Gretchen Uhl**, ECLC; **Carol Rantala**, Northeast School; **Barb Michael-Jones**, West Central; **Diane Kaiser**, Service Coordination; **Amy Kulow**, Transportation; **Jason Childs**, Transportation East Compound; **Mary Fairchild**, Transportation West Compound; and **Dorcus Sharp**, Transportation South Compound.

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**Shella Ross** of the ARC Industries Sales Department has done a great service for co-workers by organizing an ongoing, after-work yoga course. Thanks to Shella's efforts, a new 12-week winter session began on September 21st.

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Every 2 seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. With this in mind, **Beverly Mann** of Hague Living Skills Center and **Mary Martin** of Early Childhood coordinated blood drives on September 28th. The successful drives benefited the American Red Cross.

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Members of Ohio's justice community gained insights into the investigation of major unusual incidents thanks to a presentation by **Toby Paine**, Investigative Agent with FCBDD's Service Coordination Department, at the Ohio Partners in Justice Conference on July 16th. The conference was held in Columbus at the Ohio Department of Transportation.

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**Carmen Shelton** of the Nisonger Center was the chief organizer of the 2010 Legislative Advocacy Day held at the Statehouse September 14th. The well-attended event was sponsored by the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council. A highlight was a talk by FCBDD board member **Dean Fadel**.

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Congratulations to **Rachel Thomas**, Employment Services staff member, on being selected as staff member of the year at the ARC Industries work site at Rhodes Office Tower

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**Kyle Pigman**, an FCBDD participant, wants to let everyone know about his new business. Kyle is an independent distributor of Shaklee Products. For more details, you may contact him at 447-0917 or 314-1310.



**Andrew Soosai** with his child was one of the volunteers at the Special Olympics banquet. Andrew volunteered to coach powerlifting after watching the athletes work out at Metro Fitness.

## Career Milestones

### 30 years

- Beth Dies**
- Denise Greiner**
- Debra New**
- Patricia Williamson**

### 25 years

- Patricia Batdorf**
- Dorothy Brown**
- Mary Roth**
- Laura Shoemaker**

### 20 years

- Randall Cuenot**
- Teresa Hall**
- Colleen Holloway**
- Miriam Jordan**
- Lucinda Mires-Peebles**
- Judith Purdy**
- Patricia Sampson**
- Gene Smith**
- Karen Smith**
- Joyanne Washington**

### 15 years

- Valerie Bassett**
- Tyler Betts**
- Earl Dillon**
- Tawnya Hagan**
- Michelle Mineo**
- Linda Taylor-Smith**

### 10 years

- Amy D'Albenzio**
- Tonia Peoples**
- Mary Ritter**
- Gloria Smith**

### 5 years

- Bettye Barrett**
- Ted Carpenter**
- Christine Elshahawi**
- Stephen Enright**
- David Paul**
- Elizabeth St. John**
- Carrie Vamos**

# Oct. 4 is voting registration deadline

Tuesday, November 2nd is Election Day in Ohio. Voters will choose their next Governor, U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, and many other important state and local officials.

In order to vote in this election, you *must be registered to vote by October 4th*.

The following is information you should know about the voting process.

## How can I find out if I'm registered to vote?

Contact the Franklin County Board of Elections by calling 462-3100, or visiting the web site at <http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov/boe/>, or visiting in person at 280 East Broad Street, Room 100.

## How can I register to vote?

You may go in person to any public library, and public high school, or the Board of Elections. You may also obtain a registration form from the Board of Elections either by mail or online.

To register you must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old on or before the date of the election. You must also have been a resident of Ohio at least 30 days before the election.

## Must I declare my party affiliation when I register?

No. Your party affiliation is determined by the ballot you request in a primary election.

## What if I've changed my address?

If you are already registered and have moved, you must report the change of address to the Board of Elections. You may do this by mail, in person, or at any public high school or library. A form may be obtained at the Board of Elections web site.

## If I have a developmental disability, can I still vote?

Yes. Citizens with developmental disabilities have the right to participate in the political process.

## Can I obtain help in casting my vote?

Yes. Any voter who tells the poll workers that he or she is unable to mark the ballot due to illiteracy or physical infirmity may receive help. Also, if a physical infirmity is apparent to the poll workers, the voter may be aided by a near relative who is permitted to be admitted to the voting booth. A person who is blind may be accompanied in the voting booth and assisted by any person of his or her choice.

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## Calendar

### October, 2010

- 11 Columbus Day - all county facilities closed.
- 12 Franklin County Residential Services Board of Trustees meeting, 1021 Checkrein Ave., 11 a.m.
- 13 Project Stir, Goodwill Columbus, 1331 Edgehill Road, 5 p.m.
- 20 Family Support (formerly Parent League) meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 9:30 a.m. Meeting is open to all family members.
- 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.
- 31 Happy Halloween!

## “Quotable quotes”

“A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops.”

-- Henry Adams