

## Drumroll please...



The recipients of the FCBDD Community Star Awards for 2010 have been announced. The awards recognize individuals who have made outstanding efforts to help carry out FCBDD's mission.

This year's winners are: Barbara Rice, *Adult Participant*; Erika Wilson, *Youth Participant*; Patricia Davis, *Parent/ Family Member*; Debbie Barte, *Adult Services Staff*; Dorothy Brown, *School Staff*; Joe Butora and the Deaf Team of SEMHC, *Provider Organization*; Palmer-Donavin, *Volunteer/ Good Neighbor*; Dan Espinoza, *Transportation Staff*; Susie Fast, *Early Childhood Staff*; Amy Green, *Residential Staff*; Doug Meier, *Management Staff*; Tom Fish, *Support Services*; TaRonda Curry, *Service Coordination Staff*; Nationwide Children's Hospital, *Employer*.

The awards will be presented at a banquet on Wednesday evening, November 3rd, at Villa Milano, 1630 Schrock Road. The event will include a social hour, dinner and entertainment.

Reservations are now being accepted. For more information, please call Linda Fleming at 342-5950.

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## Buddies to put on walking shoes

You can take steps to improve the lives of persons with Down syndrome while getting exercise and having a lot of fun.

The Buddy Walk will take place on Sunday, October 3rd at Columbus Crew Stadium. The 1-mile walk will begin at 10 a.m. Registration will begin at 9 a.m.

The Buddy Walk is sponsored by the Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio (DSACO) in order to promote acceptance and inclusion of persons with Down syndrome. DSACO hopes to raise \$200,000 through the walk this year.

After the walk, a wide range of entertainment will be available, including a live band, zoo animals, clowns, team mascots and face-painting.

"This is a fun way to celebrate the many accomplishments of individuals with Down syndrome," said FCBDD Superintendent Jed Morison.

For more information regarding the Buddy Walk, please contact DSACO at 263-6020 or go to [www.columbusbuddywalk.org](http://www.columbusbuddywalk.org).



# State budget to be discussed at Common Ground

Do you know what services are funded by the state budget? Do you know what you can do to ensure that those services continue to receive funding?

The advocacy group, Common Ground, is meeting on Thursday, September 30th, to hear presentations from representatives of the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

The organization has asked that their guests discuss the 2011/2012 state budget. The meeting will also include an open forum for discussion.

The meeting will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at OCALI, 470 Glenmont Avenue. All interested are welcome to attend.

Steering committee members of Common Ground are Lynne Fogel, Mary Hall, Kim Kelly, Janet Miller, Lori Peacock, Lito Ramirez and Marla Root.

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## OSDA conference set

The Ohio Self-Determination Association will hold its annual conference at the Doubletree Hotel in Worthington on Monday, September 20th and Tuesday, September 21st. The theme will be "Celebrate the Fire Within."

The conference, aimed at professionals, families, self-advocates and others will feature a variety of speakers, including Nick Scott, Glenn Tibbitts, Cary Grywalski and Tyson Gentry.

For more details, please contact OSDA at [www.ohiosda.org](http://www.ohiosda.org).

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## In memoriam Walt Wilcox

Walt Wilcox, formerly a training specialist at ARC Industries North, passed away July 28th. Walt joined FCBDD in 1990 and worked at the ARC North workshop until his retirement on March 30th. He had previously been a training specialist and production manager for the Union County Board of DD for ten years.

Walt was highly skilled in running production jobs as well as developing strong relationships with the individuals he served. He was known for his contagious laugh and his ability as a story teller. He certainly will be missed.



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## Cincinnati moving past 'handicapped'

New signs in Cincinnati-owned buildings will no longer include the word *handicapped*.

Instead, they'll say *accessible* or just show the familiar symbol of a stick

figure in a wheelchair. The difference is significant, advocates for the change say, because it helps remove any stigma associated with *handicapped*.

Cincinnati City Council members voted unanimously last week to make

the change. Current signs will be replaced as needed. Hamilton County Commissioners approved the same change in the spring.



## ARC West's Jo Warner retires

Jo Warner, a longtime staff member at ARC Industries West, retired in July after 36 years of dedicated service. Jo started her career in September, 1974 at Northeast School, which was still under construction at that time.

Jo's original class of students were all the inspiration needed to pursue the field as a lifelong career.

"They welcomed me with open hearts and appreciated the little things that I did with them."

Jo made the switch to working with adults, landing at ARC West in 1991. "We feel blessed to have had Jo with us," said Director Jan Montgomery.

Jo has two grandchildren with whom she loves to spend time. She also plans to volunteer with animals. Reflecting on her career, Jo said, "As saddened as I am to leave, I will take with me lots and lots of cherished memories."

We wish Jo much happiness in her retirement.

## Graystone supports Special Olympics

Graystone Consulting, a division of Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, was the major corporate sponsor of and driving force behind the Golf Outing to benefit FCBDD Special Olympics. Several athletes were special guests at the event, which was held on June 21st at Little Turtle Country Club. Over \$50,000 was raised.

"We are very grateful to all our supporters and especially Graystone for its continued, outstanding leadership in this endeavor," said Ryan Phillips, Director of FCBDD's Special Olympics program.



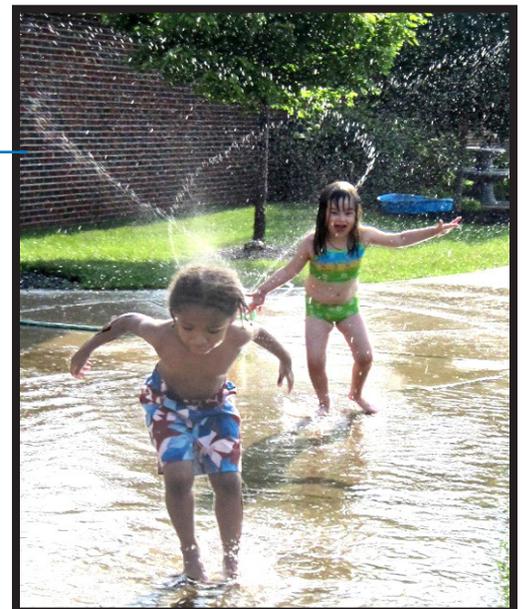
**Special Olympics**  
Ohio  
Be a fan.

## Sensational summer at ECE

by Sarah Gillilan

Many social gatherings took place during the six-week summer center program at ECE. Some of the activities experienced by the children included bands, break dancers, firemen, parades, snakes and a visit from Ronald McDonald.

Children and staff had a great time making summer memories.



## ECE barn under way

A play barn is going up on the Early Childhood Outdoor Learning Environment on Johnstown Road. The structure was made possible by a grant awarded by the Columbus Foundation, as well as other grants and donations.

The barn will offer opportunities to challenge the motor abilities and interests of the children.

Completion is scheduled for early fall when a ribbon cutting and “barn raising” event will be held.



## Special Olympics offers football parking

FCBDD’s Special Olympics program will again offer parking for all home Ohio State football games. Fans can park at ARC Industries West, 250 W. Dodridge Street, for only \$10. All proceeds go to support the Special Olympics program. Season passes are also available for only \$80. This pass reserves a parking spot until game time.

### 2010 OSU Football home schedule

Sept. 2	Marshall	Oct. 9	Indiana
Sept. 11	Miami (FL)	Oct. 23	Purdue
Sept. 18	Ohio University	Nov. 13	Penn State
Sept. 25	Eastern Michigan	Nov. 27	Michigan

## The green spot

by Brenda Toney

Starting this summer, the Service Coordination Department began partnering with Rumpke Recycling on recycling paper, paperboard, cardboard, plastic bottles, glass bottles and jars, as well as aluminum and steel cans. Each month the department diverts nearly 750 pounds of recyclable materials.

Since these materials aren’t going to landfills, where are they going? According to the Rumpke website, plastic drinking bottles are used to make cleaning product bottles,

carpets, fabric and insulation for winter jackets. Opaque plastic bottles are used to make detergent bottles, trash bins, park benches, picnic tables and the base caps for plastic soft drink bottles. Glass is used to make a raw material for the production of fiberglass insulation. Steel cans are melted for use in appliances and cars.

Aluminum cans are especially important to recycle as they contain a raw material called bauxite. Supplies of bauxite have been depleted in Ohio, making used aluminum a particularly valuable recycled material. Aluminum

is recycled into gutters, siding, or more soft drink cans.

Paper is sorted by Rumpke and recycled into similar types of paper. For example, paperboard and cardboard can be made into cardboard boxes, while office paper can be turned into more office paper.

Shredded paper is recycled too. In July, 1,666 pounds of shredded paper was collected, compressed and baled to make a variety of paper products.

# Good For You

## Notable Achievements in the FCBDD community

Congratulations to **Karen Angelou** upon her retirement from Creative Housing, Inc. last month. A former music teacher with FCBDD, Karen worked for the housing corporation for the past 13 years as the Director of the Rent Subsidy program. Karen is also a former member of the Gahanna City Council.

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Special thanks goes to the volunteers who served on the 2010 Special Olympics Golf Outing Committee. They helped ensure a highly successful event, raising over \$50,000. The committee members were **Trent Baker, Chris Brewster, John Brick, Justin Buren, Cheryl Carpenter, Sarah Holsinger, Jen Knochemann, Brian Moore, Traci Nickels, Logan Peltier, Ryan Phillips, Gina Ricks** and **Mike Stank**. **Jennifer Hamant** chaired the group.

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ARC Industries South employee **Jason Gregory** has been well pleased with a staff member of Brooks Homes. **Amy Green** has been “so helpful with the behavior support plan” and “when she comes to the house, she has a sense of humor and kindness,” Justin said. Amy will receive the Community Star Award for residential staff in November.

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The **Next Chapter Book Club** has received international recognition recently. In the Canadian Magazine *Exceptional Family* (Summer edition), a feature article focused on the club. A picture of Ohio club members and facilitators was included.

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**Tim Ryan** was a member of the Team Ohio softball team that won the Special Olympics national championship in Lincoln, Nebraska this summer. Tim is an employee of ARC Industries assigned to Simpson Strong-Tie. Tim’s teammates include two other Franklin County athletes, **Nick Haines** and **Andy Swartz**. Well done, gentlemen!

## Career Milestones

### 35 years

**Noe Farfan**

### 30 years

**Kathleen Ahlers**  
**Teresa Durbin**  
**Richard Jones**  
**Diana McClain**  
**Anna Srba**  
**Stephen Testerman**  
**Robert Thomas**  
**Joan Thornton**

### 25 years

**Kathy Bayliss**  
**Li Fong Chong**  
**Keith Gatwood**  
**Deborah Wright**

### 20 years

**Regina Rhoads**  
**Sally Robinson**  
**Brenda Thacker**

### 15 years

**Michael Shoemaker**

### 10 years

**Tiffany Anderson**  
**Daniel Espinoza**  
**Mary Fairchild**  
**Jacoba Fessehazion**

### 5 years

**Danielle Chambers**  
**Andrea Coyan**  
**Regina Ferguson**  
**Carla Maynard**  
**Brenda Mickey**  
**Holly Parziale**  
**Timothy Sparks**  
**Michael Surratt**  
**Terri Thompson**  
**Erin Vandemark**  
**John Wick**

# Advocacy day set for Sep. 14

Members of the developmental disabilities community are invited to take part in the 2010 Legislative Advocacy Day sponsored by the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council, which will be held Tuesday, September 14th.

The event will begin with an opening ceremony in the Statehouse Atrium at 10:30 a.m. Guest speakers will be: Carolyn Knight, Executive Director, Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council; State Senator John Carey; State Representative Jay Goyal; and Dean Fadel, President of the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Association of County Boards, and Vice-President of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

Legislative visits will begin at 11:30 a.m.

For more information, please contact Carmen Shelton at [c\\_shelton@ameritech.net](mailto:c_shelton@ameritech.net). or at 740/ 505-8337.



## Calendar

### September, 2010

- 6 Labor Day
- 8 Project Stir, Goodwill Columbus, 1331 Edgehill Road, 5 p.m.
- 14 Legislative Advocacy Day, State House Atrium
- 14 Franklin County Residential Services Board of Trustees meeting, 1021 Checkrein Ave., 11 a.m.
- 15 Family Support (formerly Parent League) meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 9:30 a.m. Meeting is open to all family members.
- 16 Self Advocate Advisory Council, 2879 Johnstown Rd. 10:00 a.m.
- 16 FCBDD Combined Charities Kickoff, 2879 Johnstown Rd. 12:00 p.m.
- 20, 21 Ohio Self-Determination Association Conference. Please call 890-9822 for details.
- 23 FCBDD Finance and Human Resources Committees meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 4 p.m.
- 23 FCBDD Board meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 5 p.m.
- 27 ARC Industries Board of Trustees meeting, Fawcett Center, 11:30 a.m.

## Dateline

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## “Quotable quotes”

No man is an island, no man stands alone  
Each man's joy is joy to me  
Each man's grief is my own  
We need one another, so I will defend  
Each man as my brother  
Each man as my friend

*Author Unknown*