

Star award winners announced

Fourteen individuals and organizations will be recognized at the 2014 Community Star Awards to be held on September 30, 2014 at Villa Milano.

This annual event is an opportunity to recognize people for their extraordinary accomplishments in helping to fulfill the mission of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities. The event also serves as a fundraiser for the Citizens Committee for Persons with Developmental Disabilities.

The 2014 winners are: Marci Straughter, Eric Palmer, Sandy Giusti, Shirley Jordan, Ethan Grant, Jackie Teny-Miller and Columbus State Community College Habilitation Certificate Program, MJB Foundation, Brian Parks, Sarah Gillilan, Ed Harper, Jan Montgomery, Richard McGee, Lindsay Holt and Mrs. Goodman's Baking Company.

According to Superintendent Morison, "the committee had to make some tough decisions amongst many excellent nominations. We have an outstanding slate of winners this year - all with a good story that sets an example for us all."

Registration for the event will begin later this summer. Marcus Thorpe of WCMH-TV4 has again agreed to serve as Master of Ceremonies and the Dave Powers Trio will provide music.



Paul Chenderlin retires



Paul Chenderlin,
Director of Transportation

Paul Chenderlin, Transportation Director for the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities will retire after 11 years of service.

Paul's work has been highlighted by several initiatives. In addition to his supervision of this department of over 200 employees, Paul has provided leadership on "special needs" transportation throughout Ohio.

According to Superintendent Jed Morison, "Paul did many good things, including his leadership with clean fuels. He was responsible for securing grant funds to retrofit our entire fleet to cleaner fuels. He also was able to secure funding for alternative transportation for people needing support to get to their jobs downtown."

"I have also been impressed with all that Paul has done bringing our department up to date with technology. Routing software, use of GPS and other changes have been huge improvements."

Paul served on several statewide committees, he was always willing to present at conferences and he was a frequent resource for other transportation directors or state personnel.

In his retirement, Paul and his wife, Jennifer plan to spend more time with their family, including his four children and six grandchildren. He will also spend more time on the golf course.

Thanks to Paul for all the good work and best wishes on a well deserved retirement.



Website update launched

The revised website for the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was launched on July 1st.

The updated site has many new features and will be much easier to navigate. Electronic sign-ups for the agency newsletter and 'NewsBits' are now available and previous issues can be downloaded.

The website also features several microsites that provide greater detail on certain departments. Microsites for Early Childhood Education, Adult Services and Providers are currently available and others may be added.

Board members and the Family Support group previewed the updated website in June offering positive feedback on all the changes. Superintendent Jed Morison commended Travis Sherick, Linda Fleming, Todd Lilley, Al Brehl and Dot Yeager for their leadership in getting this updated.

The website address is www.fcbdd.org.

New Transportation Director

Joyce Barrowman has been hired as the new Transportation Director for the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

Joyce comes from Gahanna Jefferson School District, where she held a similar position. She will replace Paul Chenderlin, who is retiring after 11 years of service with the Board.

Marcy Samuel, Director of Program Operations stated that "Joyce comes to us with excellent credentials. Early on in her career she drove a school bus. She has been a transportation administrator in two school districts and she has a bachelor's degree from Franklin University. Her transportation experience and business background will serve us well."

Joyce will begin her new responsibilities in time to meet many of her staff at the August 1st Staff Development day.

Best wishes to Joyce Barrowman.

Accreditation certificate received

The official certificate documenting the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities accreditation of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities has been received. The accreditation period is for June 1, 2014 through May 31, 2019.

This five year accreditation is the most awarded by the state and represents excellence in the services provided by the Board. The review was held in January, 2014 and included an extensive look at all FCBDD early intervention, adult services, service coordination and other services. Reviewers commended staff in many areas. (See April 'Dateline')

ARC South volunteers excel by Michael Russell

In June, volunteers at ARC South celebrated surpassing 300 hours of volunteer work at the Franklin Park Conservatory.

Since April 2013, the group has clocked over 318 hours performing essential conservatory tasks such as planting, watering, weeding, pruning, grooming, deadheading, raking and sweeping. The group has also helped feed the fish in the koi pond at the South Pacific biome of the conservatory.

Thanks to the collaborative spirit and guidance of Volunteer Coordinator, Tracey Barnes, ARC South volunteers have grown what began as a warm-weather activity into a year-round learning experience. Great job, volunteers!



Clockwise from the left:
Chris Wenger (red hat), Tiffany Deweese, Reggie Williams, Michael Russell, Dan Warren, Mark Estis, Chuck Small (front, green shirt).

Provider Fair successful by Lilian Beck, Service Coordinator

The Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities held an Adult Services Provider Fair on May 15, 2014 at the Aladdin Shrine Center.

The event was attended by FCBDD workshop participants as well as families, individuals, and community professionals. The purpose of the fair was to provide a specialized focus on the Adult Services and related supports that individuals with waivers may access in Franklin County. These services include: IO and Level 1 Waiver Supported Employment, Vocational Habilitation, Day Support Services, and Non-Medical Transportation as well as the SELF Waiver's Integrated Employment and the Transitions Waiver's Adult Day Health Centers.

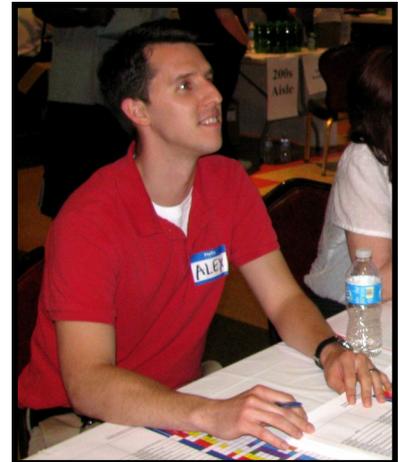
Fifty provider agencies participated in the fair as well as several related supports such as the Ohio Self Determination Association, COTA, COVA, and Columbus State Community College.

The Planning Committee for the Franklin County Provider Fairs will organize another fair in the fall of 2014, to focus on all available waiver services. If you are an individual being served or a family member, and would like to participate in the planning process, please contact Lilian Beck at Lilian.Beck@fcbdd.org or 614-342-5599.

The Adult Services Provider fair was well received by all in attendance. Even a tornado warning didn't keep some families away. We're hoping for even greater success at the next fair, so please share with us your feedback and suggestions!



Anne Kelley of Life Builders and Service Coordinator Lilian Beck



Alex Corwin, Service Coordinator

Summer Center

Close to 300 children have enjoyed Summer Center services at the Early Childhood Education and Family Center and West Central School.

The early childhood program operated three days per week for six weeks and the school-age program operated five days per week for five weeks. The Summer Center programs were offered to children enrolled in Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities services during the school year and help children to retain or improve upon skills learned.

Early Childhood and School programs will resume in mid-August. Early Childhood and school staff will return on August 18th, with school students beginning on Wednesday, August 20. Early Childhood classes will have different start dates, with information being sent to parents.

Roger May blood drive

The annual Roger May blood drive was another success this spring.

Blood units donated have the potential to save 60 lives here in Central Ohio. Special thanks to Roger's wife, Sue and daughter, Tammy Wolfe, for their ongoing support.



Sue May, Tammy Wolfe

Roger May was the FCBDD Director of Maintenance for many years and held the record for donating blood at FCBDD blood drives. Roger passed away in 2009.

Don't forget to pack your toothbrush

by Toni Jeffers, RDH, OSU Nisonger Dental Program

I love to go on vacation, but I hate packing my bags. There is so much to remember and forgetting one item can really ruin your trip. Planning ahead will make your trip more enjoyable.

The same could be said when going on a trip to your dentist. Preparing for your visit will expedite check in, thus preventing potential behaviors, and reducing waiting time nerves.

When "packing", it is necessary to make of list of any prescribed or over the counter medications, vitamins and herbal supplements that you are taking. The dentist will also need to know medical diagnosis and past surgeries.

Checking on individuals with special needs who are not their own guardians can be complicated. We can't simply ask them for their medical history or permission, this information has to be given by their guardian. Family and staff need to prepare for the appointment with a list of medications and medical conditions. You may be asked to have the guardian sign a consent and Hippa Form as is required by federal law. A copy of the Probate Guardianship Legal Form may also be required.

Staff usually carry a binder "packed" with information; sometimes the required documents mentioned above are not in the binder. It's important for the staff to check for the required paperwork prior to the appointment. Staff should also ask the nurse or family about health issues and hospitalizations prior to the appointment, so that this information can be relayed to the dentist.



The task seems daunting, nonetheless with preparation you can make your next trip more enjoyable, whether you are going to the beach or just across town to have your teeth cleaned.

Don't worry if you forget a toothbrush, we will have one packed for you.

Goodwill Gladiators win gold

Three athletes from the Goodwill Gladiators have earned gold medals at the 2014 Special Olympics USA Games. The games were held June 14 through June 21 in Princeton, New Jersey.

Amanda Kerze, 35, of Grandview, and sisters Amy and Candice Williams, 32, of Dublin were among 64 Special Olympics athletes chosen to represent Team Ohio at the games. Kerze participated in a mixed doubles pair with John Conyers of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities team. The pair took gold in a third set tie breaker as they defeated Team Virginia to earn the top honor. Kerze also earned a silver medal for her singles performance.

The Williams sisters helped push the Team Ohio Women's Basketball team to gold with a final 23-6 win over Team Missouri. Elizabeth Beu, of Columbus, also was a member of the basketball team. The Special Olympics program at Goodwill Columbus provides adult participants with sports training and competition opportunities.

Ryan Phillips, FCBDD Special Olympics Coordinator was one of the coaches at the USA Games.



Special senior companion



Charles Nowlin, Senior Companion

Charles Nowlin has been a Senior Companion at ARC East since May of 2012.

Charles has a contagious positive attitude which is supported by his friendly and superb smile. Consumers eagerly await Charles' daily arrival in the building and he is often met with sounds of excitement. Not only do consumers benefit greatly from the services Charles provides, staff also benefit from his services. Charles can be seen leading consumer walking groups, playing games or just spending time with consumers during lunch breaks.

Charles Nowlin is a very effective Senior Companion who everyone at ARC East loves. ARC East is honored to have him be a part of their team.

Good for you

Notable achievements in the FCBDD community

Thanks to **Bill Ryan** for this picture of a Red-tailed hawk, taken at the East Transportation compound while doing a lot check.



Superintendent Jed Morison has been reappointed to **Bexley City Council** to complete the term of a member of Council who had to resign due to work travel and family commitments. The Superintendent previously served for twelve years on Council, indicating this community involvement is helpful with contacts, ideas and perspective.

Special thanks to ECE staffers who retired at the end of the school year. Representing over 100 collective years of excellent service. We said good-bye to: **Kathy Bernon, Nancy Braun, Lynette Jones, Debbie Rose, and Rhoda Ryan.**

Congratulations and thanks to **Nancy Taggart** and **Nancy Kleshinski**, who retired this summer. Nancy and Nancy have done excellent work over the years supporting students with their transitions to adulthood and with vocational experiences. Nancy Taggart previously served in a supervisory role at **ARC Industries East**. Nancy Kleshinski served for many years at **Northeast School**, and she also held the position of Treasurer for the OEA affiliated bargaining unit. Best wishes to Nancy and Nancy!

Congratulations to **Mark Curto**, who set the pace for a slide line assembly job at **Dynalab** by being the first person in the line as the team hand assembled circuit boards. Mark has now progressed to being certified for soldering jobs.



Mark Curto

Thanks to **Dotti Ellingsworth**, Intake Coordinator for representing **County Boards of Developmental Disabilities** on a statewide committee charged with developing a rule to come into compliance with the National Voter Registration Act.

Congratulations to the **Heinzerling Foundation** for recent recognition from the **Institute for a Drug-Free Workplace**, for implementing fair and effective drug-free workplace programs.



Nancy Kleshinski, Nancy Taggart

Career Milestones

35 years

Susan Smith
Sandra Tillet-Ferguson

30 years

Susan Fast
Trisha Potenza
Cam Yeagley

25 years

Bill Bartley
Julie Buren
Sheila Myers
Christine Parker
Debbie Sokolik
Michael Suver
Frederick Talbert

20 years

Toni Boyle
Jodi Dayan
Sharon Evrard
Elizabeth Gibson
Donna Johnson
Kathryn Renick

15 years

Tammara Fields
William H. Evoy
Roberta Martin
Leslie McLeod-Tucker
Michael Turns
Michele Yancy

10 years

Kimberly Batts
Kelly Bowers
Kara Bradrick
Sandra Goss
Stephanie Heinmiller
Angela Ray
Beth Robinette
Amy Yenkin

5 years

Mary Ford
Wayne Meredith
Timothy Smith
Natasha Swartz



The Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio (DSACO) has scheduled the Columbus Buddy Walk for Sunday, September 21 at Crew Stadium.

For details on how one can participate or volunteer, call DSACO at (614) 263-6020.

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Calendar

July, 2014

- 16 Family Support meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 9:30 a.m. Meeting is open to all family members.
- 24 FCBDD Finance and Human Resources Committees meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 4 p.m.
- 24 FCBDD Board meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 5 p.m.
- 25 School-age Summer Center programs end.
- 28 ARC Industries Board of Trustees meeting, Fawcett Center, 11:30 a.m.
- 31 ECE Summer Center programs end.

August, 2014

- 1 Staff Development Day for Adult Services and Transportation staff. All adult facilities closed.
- 12 Franklin County Residential Services Board of Trustees Facility Visit, 1021 Checkrein Ave., 11 a.m.
- 18 ECE and School staff returns - Staff Preparation/ Development Day.
- 20 First day of classes, Northeast and West Central Schools.
- 23 Fifth Annual ARC Industries Golf Scramble, Clover Valley Golf Club, Johnstown, 12:30 p.m.
- 25 ARC Industries Board of Trustees meeting, Fawcett Center, 11:30 a.m.
- 25 First day of classes, ECE - please consult program schedule.

September, 2014

- 1 Labor Day
- 9 Franklin County Residential Services Board of Trustees meeting, 1021 Checkrein Ave., 11 a.m.
- 11 Self-Advocate Advisory Council, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 10 a.m.
- 17 Family Support meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 9:30 a.m. Meeting is open to all family members.
- 21 Buddy Walk, sponsored by the Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio, Columbus Crew Stadium. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Opening ceremony at 9:45 a.m.
- 22 ARC Industries Board of Trustees meeting, Fawcett Center, 11:30 a.m.
- 25 FCBDD Finance and Human Resources Committees meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 4 p.m.
- 25 FCBDD Board meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 5 p.m.
- 30 Community Star Awards banquet at Villa Milano, 1630 Schrock Rd., 5:30 p.m. Please call 342-5950 for details.