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Combined Charitable Campaign begins

With the support of the Columbus Blue Jackets, the Franklin County Combined Charitable Campaign kicked off on Tuesday, September 9th.

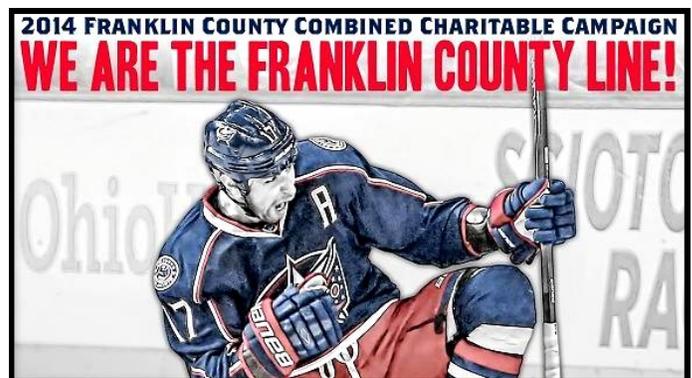
Blue Jacket star Brandon Dubinsky, Honorary Chair and Commissioner Marilyn Brown, Chair of this year's campaign, spoke at the kick-off providing insights into the benefits of supporting the people of our community who benefit from the combined charities.

Dan Darling, Director of Human Resources is the FCBDD Chair for 2014. Coordinators for all buildings and departments have been appointed and will encourage all staff to participate with payroll deduction. If we all help, we will again lead all Franklin County government agencies with our pledges.

Superintendent Jed Morison encourages all staff to participate. "Our community has been very supportive of our agency. This is one way we can contribute back to the people of Franklin County who are in need."

Combined Charities support over 700 charitable organizations. Staff can direct their pledge to one or all of the agencies. Payroll deduction is the simplest way to give and staff can always adjust their pledge during the year if circumstances change.

Let's lead the way in our support of the 2014 Combined Charities campaign!



Celebrate ARC South by Kurt Smith, Director of ARC South

On August 27th over 300 people gathered at the ARC South workshop for an event called "Celebrate ARC South". The purpose of the event was to celebrate the shop's 38 year history and to embrace the possibilities of the future as we consolidate into other service locations.

The celebration began with opening remarks by Superintendent Jed Morison who applauded the achievements of the individuals who have been served at ARC South. Mr. Morison also thanked the ARC South staff for their good work over the years as well as through this consolidation.

There was time to remember the history of the facility and for recognition of consumers that had received services from FCBDD for over 35 years. Representatives from the ARC South Employee Council along with Gary Coats, President of the ARC Industries Board presented South staff with certificates of appreciation to close the celebration gathering. The remainder of the event was spent looking at photos, talking with friends



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ARC South's celebration

Bob Gaston to lead adult services

Robert 'Bob' Gaston has been hired as the Director of Adult Services for the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

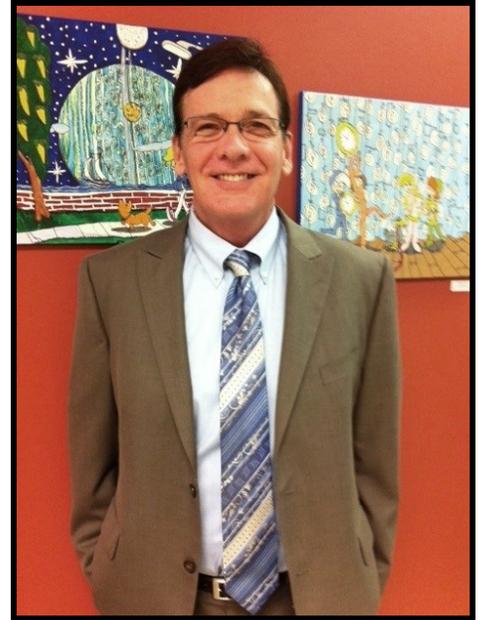
Bob comes to the position with excellent credentials. His most recent position was the Director of Adult Services Options with the Fairfield County Board of Developmental Disabilities, where he managed and directed adult services and served as CEO for Fairfield Industries, the non-profit Board.

Prior to his service with Fairfield County, Bob served as Director of Adult Services, Business Manager and Workshop Director for Pickaway County Board of Developmental Disabilities. He also has experience in the residential field and he holds a Master of Arts in Public Administration from The Ohio State University.

About his appointment to the position, Marcy Samuel, Director of Program Operations stated "Bob has the perfect balance of creativity, business knowledge and knowledge of the field to lead our adult services operations. He values quality and stability, while challenging the status quo wherever we can improve."

Bob began his position on September 29th and will spend several weeks meeting staff, work sites and programs, and getting acquainted with the ARC Industries Board.

Superintendent Morison stated, "We are delighted to have Bob join our staff. He will be a terrific addition to our leadership team during a critical time of change in our field."



Bob Gaston

Project STIR rocks!

Project STIR rocks! That was the collective opinion of participants at the recent Project STIR training that was sponsored by the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

Over half of the participants were from Franklin County to learn how to speak up and advocate for themselves. Project STIR (Steps Towards Independence and Responsibility) is a training program developed by the University of North Carolina. It was launched in Ohio several years ago by the Ohio Self Determination Association and has been promoted heavily in Franklin County.

Superintendent Morison visited the program three of the four days and said he was "impressed with the participants and their allies/coaches and how much they learned in a short time. I am hopeful our Franklin County participants will share what they learned with others so more and more can be certified."

State representative Michael Stinziano provides commendations for all participants who graduate from Project STIR. Marci Straughter, Elizabeth Beu and Christine Brown, all members of the FCBDD Self-Advocate Advisory Council, assisted with the training. The training, which was held at the Worthington Holiday Inn, was not all work. Participants were able to enjoy great food, dancing and other social time after each day of learning.



Project STIR 'Train the Trainer' discussion.



Franklin County Project STIR 'Train the Trainer' participants.

October is national employment awareness month

"Expect, Employ, Empower" is the theme of National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM).

The goal of NDEAM is to educate employers and individuals about disability employment issues and to celebrate the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities.

According to Kathy Martinez, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Disability Employment, "we all have a role to play and benefit to gain from increasing opportunities for meaningful employment for people with disabilities."

The Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities continues its active involvement in providing employment services and urges all individuals, families and employers to increase our expectations on the capabilities of those we serve by supporting employment initiatives. At the same time, we continue to value the excellent services provided through other adult options.



Prevention of fetal alcohol syndrome

September 9 was selected as International Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Awareness Day to mark the ninth day of the ninth month of each year to remind people that women should abstain from alcohol during the nine months of pregnancy.

Pre-natal alcohol exposure is the leading preventable cause of life-long birth defects and developmental disabilities, including cognitive impairments. In the United States, FASD affects more than 40,000 infants each year.

Early diagnosis and treatment of FASD can help affected children reach their fullest potential and help family members better understand the issues. For more information go to www.NotASingleDrop.org.



The Disability Treaty

The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) is an international disability treaty that was inspired by U.S. leadership in recognizing the rights of people with disabilities.

The CRPD is a framework for creating legislation and policies around the world that embrace the rights and dignity of all people with disabilities.

The U.S. Senate has still not ratified the Convention, but Ohio's senators could still have an opportunity to vote on ratification this fall. The CRPD is the international human rights treaty that will extend rights protections like those guaranteed by the American Disabilities Act to millions of people with disabilities worldwide.

If you'd like to get more information or voice your opinion on the CRPD before Ohio's senators vote, contact Senator Sherrod Brown at www.brown.senate.gov/contact or Senator Rob Portman at www.portman.senate.gov/contact.

Go Baby Go! Power mobility for young children

We are excited to announce that FCBDD will be hosting a 'GO BABY GO' workshop on October 16th at 2879 Johnstown Road.

This hands-on training on power mobility, will be taught by Dr. James Galloway and Dr. Sam Logan from the University of Delaware and will include information on how 0-3 year old children with disabilities can inexpensively gain mobility in child size, battery operated and adapted cars.

This program was featured on NBC national news. For more details, go to <http://www.udel.edu/gobabygo/> or call Pat Tietz, PT at 614-342-5777 or Sandy Tillett-Ferguson, Speech Therapist at 614-342-5868.



ARC South celebration *continued from page 1*



Pictured from left to right: Pam Wisebeck, Kurt Smith, and Ashlee Tokarsky.

and of course eating pizza and ice cream. A good time was had by all.

The consolidation effort is moving ahead with 91 individuals and 14 staff members transitioning from South to new service locations and community employment as of this writing. The staff members at ARC South and at the receiving locations have spent hours preparing for the transitions. Welcome committees have been working hard to ensure that everyone feels welcome and comfortable in their new locations. The Service Coordination and Transportation departments have also been hard at work holding ISP addendum meetings and designing new bus routes to accommodate the changes. ARC South individuals have been busy exploring options and preparing to open new chapters and make new friends.

We anticipate transitions on a bi-weekly basis with plans to have everyone at their new service locations by the end of February 2015. ARC South would like to extend a special thanks to parents, guardians and service providers for their help and support as we make this transition.

ARC North raises funds by Shirley Jordan

ARC Industries North held the Fifth Annual Golf Scramble on Saturday, August 23rd at Clover Valley Golf Club in Johnstown. The field consisted of eleven teams from nine different FCBDD departments, a board member, family, friends, and one team from the Crowne Plaza North.

Jack Brownley, Paul Chenderlin and Dave Blaugrund returned with a new team member Troy Gussler to defend their title from 2013. There was also a special trophy for the team of Nan Burns, Jan Montgomery, Karen Mills and Linda Monroe. After 5 hours on the course and a record score of 160 strokes, they again came in last place. They were very happy and proud to carry home their Last Place award.

Special thanks to loyal sponsors. Giant Concessions and Powell Village Dentist have been five year sponsors, making a generous donation each year. The golfers were quite generous buying mulligans, 50/50 raffle tickets and at the Silent Auction. In the end, \$1700 was raised to benefit persons with developmental disabilities.

Thanks to everyone and hope to see you in 2015.

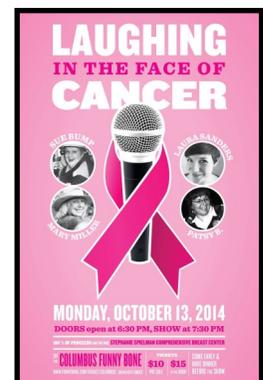


Patsy B to perform for cancer prevention

Patsy B. (also known as FCBDD Employment Services staff member Pat Batdorf), will perform at the Columbus Funny Bone on October 13 to raise funds for the Stephanie Spielman Comprehensive Breast Center.

Other comics will be Sue Bump, Mary Miller and Laura Sanders. Both Mary Miller and Sue Bump have had breast cancer and even though it is no laughing matter, they both came out on the other side with their joy intact. Together, the comics want to show that with proper cancer care and early detection, cancer can be beat.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with the show beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Columbus Funny Bone, located at Easton Town Center. Call (614) 471-5653 or go to www.funnybone.com/venues/Columbus for details.



Good for you

Notable achievements in the FCBDD community

Congratulations to **Hague Living Skills Center** on your recent visit to Fox 27/ ABC television studios to meet **Marshall McPeek**, weatherman.



Pictured in the front row from left to right are Candace Dewberry, Denise Shirkey, Mark Schumacher, and Teresa Pancake. Pictured in the back row from left to right are: Mike Butchko, Virgie King, Marshall McPeek, Holly Smith, Greta O'Neal, and Chrisstine Elshahawi.

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Thanks to Creative Housing President **Pat Rafter** for representing Franklin County and Ohio so well with a speech at a national leadership conference.

Congratulations to **Christopher Clarkson** for having his story on Asperger Syndrome and Friends published by *Beyond Us* and Service Coordination's newsletter.

Thanks to **ARC North volunteers** for coordinating the terrific golf fund raiser in August.

Best wishes to staff member **Lynne Johansson**, who will be running in the Columbus Half Marathon on October 19th to raise money for Nationwide Children's Hospital. As a Children's Champion, Lynne is accepting donations to the hospital at : <http://nationwidechildrens.kintera.org/childrenschampion2014/helplynnehelpkids>.

Congratulations to **Cornelius Oatis** and **Marck Harrison** for representing America at the *Boccia World Championships* in China recently. Cornelius Oatis holds the distinction of being the top ranked American player in the sport. Marck Harrison, another well-ranked athlete, joined Cornelius. Boccia is a competitive sport that requires players to accurately throw heavy leather balls to a point closest to the "jack" ball.



Marck Harrison, Cornelius Oatis

Career Milestones

30 years

Elaine Robinson

25 years

Kevin Brandeberry
Michael Hairston
Sarah Haring
Jeannette Ross

20 years

Debra Guyton
John Webster

10 years

John Clarkson
William Fann
Kristine Gundy
Hallie Hale
Kevin Keyser

5 years

Nancy Jones
Susan Nagy
Mark Straughter
Jonathan Zuhosky

Ryan Phillips, FCBDD Director of Special Olympics and Community Recreation, has been selected the *Ohio Coach of the Year* by **Ohio Special Olympics** for his outstanding leadership in Franklin County and as a coach for Ohio's team.

Congratulations to **Denise Clark**, OT; **Angie Wright**, Secretary; and **Eric Thompson**, Instructor Assistant on your retirement from FCBDD this summer. Together, their combined service to the students at Northeast school and to this community totaled 85 years!



From left to right: Denise Clark, Eric Thompson, and Angie Wright.

Ohio SIBS conference, November 7-8

The 14th Annual Ohio Adult Sibling Conference (SIBS) will be November 7-8, at the Columbus Airport Marriott Hotel.

The conference provides a unique opportunity for people whose siblings have a disability, to network with and gain support from each other.

Speakers will include: Andrew McQuaide, an adult sibling who works for the State of Rhode Island Department of DD; Meghan Burke, an adult sibling who works for the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; and Kim Linkinhoker, associate director for the Ohio Association of County Boards of DD. For more details or to register, go to www.OhioSIBS.com.

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Calendar

October, 2014

- 1,2,3 Synergy Conference, Dublin Embassy Suites, 5100 Upper Metro Pl., sponsored by OSDA/ PAR. For details, please go to www.synergyohio.org.
- 11 Sensory Friendly Screening - *The Boxtrolls*, Gateway Film Center, 1550 North High St., 11:00 a.m.
- 13 Columbus Day - all county facilities closed.
- 14 Franklin County Residential Services Board of Trustees meeting, 1021 Checkrein Ave., 11 a.m.
- 16 Go Baby Go! workshop at ECEFC, 2879 Johnstown Rd., contact Pat Tietz, PT at 342-5777 for more details.
- 21,22 OPRA Fall Conference, Dublin Embassy Suites, 5100 Upper Metro Pl., For details, please call 224-6772 or visit www.opra.org.
- 22 Family Support meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 9:30 a.m. Meeting is open to all family members.
- 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 Retreat. Please call 475-7007 for details.
- 29 FCBDD Annual Consumer Advocacy Conference, Xenos Christian Fellowship, 1934 N. 4th Street, 10 a.m.
- 31 Happy Halloween!

OCALICON 2014

OCALICON, considered the nation's premier autism and disabilities conference, will be held on November 19-21 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

Keynote speakers will include Dr. Ami Klin, Chief of Autism and Related Disorders at Emory University and Dani Bowman, Animator, Illustrator and Writer. Over 140 sessions are scheduled and the 2014 OCALI awards will be recognized.

For details or to register, go to ocalicon.org or call (614) 410-0321.