

Renewal Levy on November 7 ballot - No New Taxes

The Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities will ask voters to approve a ten year, 3.5 mill **renewal** levy on November 7, 2017 to continue services for children and adults who have developmental disabilities.

Because this is a renewal of a levy that was initially passed in 1992, it means there will be **no new taxes**. The cost to the homeowner will not increase.

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners approved the request of the Board of Developmental Disabilities to be placed on the November ballot. In approving the request, Commissioners John O'Grady, Marilyn Brown and Kevin Boyce expressed support for the Board's services and commended the Board and staff on maintaining quality services, while not increasing taxes.

Superintendent/ CEO Jed Morison thanked the Commissioners "for their continued interest and strong support of these important services." Services include early childhood programs, services for school-age children, extensive employment and habilitation services for adults, and specialized services such as Service Coordination, Special Olympics, support for individuals in their living settings, transportation, therapies and more.

Some services are provided directly by the Board, while others are funded by the Board through other community agencies, including Goodwill Columbus, Nationwide Children's Hospital, Nisonger Center at The Ohio State University, Easter Seals, Childhood League, Lifetown, and Catholic Social Services. The Board also partners with several organizations including school districts, Head Start, YMCA, ADAMH, FCCS, and the Family and Children First Council. Over the next several years, some services provided by the Board will be transitioned to public/private partnerships with Medicaid match funding from the Board in response to federal guidelines of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

The ten-year levy would be effective from 2019 through 2028.

Star Award winners selected

Fourteen individuals and organizations have been selected as the 2017 Community Star Award winners and they will be recognized on Tuesday evening, October 3, 2017 at Villa Milano.

The winners have been selected based on their extraordinary accomplishments and the example they set in helping the Board to fulfill their mission of "helping people to live, learn and work in our community."

This year's event will also include a salute to our past, recognizing that County Boards of Developmental Disabilities are celebrating 50 years of Service. Boards were officially established on October 25, 1967.

Included with this issue of 'Dateline' is a reservation form for the event. Over 500 are expected.

Event scheduled for October 3, 2017

2017 Community Star Award Winners



Lewis Stump, Adult Participant / Self-Advocate
Zayne Harshaw, Young Adult
Gwen Harshaw, Parent/Family Member
Michael Rash, Adult Services Staff
Nancy Sommer, School Staff
Nevalyn Nevil, Provider Organization
Linda Zelms, Volunteer/Good Neighbor
Deborah Everett-Crooms, Transportation Staff
Gretchen Uhl, Early Childhood Staff
Tony Johnson, Residential Staff
Kurt Schmitter, Management Staff
Andrea Stonebraker, Support Services
Crystal Schneider, Service Coordination Staff
Jeremy Shapira and Giant Eagle, Employer

Mike Ross retires

Michael Ross, Principal at West Central School, has retired effective August 31, 2017.

Mike has been employed with the Board for a total of 11 years, serving as Assistant Principal and Principal at West Central.

According to Superintendent/ CEO Jed Morison, "Mike has been outstanding in every respect. His leadership with the consolidation of Northeast and West Central Schools was particularly noteworthy as he supported students, families and staff with the transition."

Jack Brownley, Director of Schools and Special Programs says that "Mike's service during these times of transition has been invaluable. His primary focus has always been on the students and his efforts for more student engagement in the community and planning for adulthood has been excellent."

About his employment, Mike says "it has been a privilege working or the Board, serving our students and parents. The staff at West Central and throughout the agency has been exceptional."

While Mike is sorry to leave West Central, he says he is "excited about the future and looks forward to sharing the mission and spirit of FCBDD wherever life takes him."

Dr. Maryalice Turner has been hired to replace Mike.

Special thanks to Michael Ross for all he has done to improve the lives of FCBDD school-age students, family members and staff.



Transportation Director begins

Anthony Hartley has been hired as Director of Community Transportation Services, effective July 1, 2017.

According to Marcy Samuel, Director of Program Operations, "Anthony comes to the position with excellent credentials, including service with the Association for Developmentally Disabled (Add) and Goodwill Columbus."

In addition to his work with the direct operations of the FCBDD Transportation Department, Anthony will analyze transportation options for the future. In response to the requirements of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, at the federal level, transportation services that are partially funded with Medicaid waivers will need to privatize. The federal government has said that all County Boards in Ohio must eventually have "Conflict Free Case Management."



Anthony will work closely with Bill Ryan, who serves as Director of Transportation Operations.

Joyce Barrowman, former Director of Transportation retired in July.

Dr. Maryalice Turner selected as Principal, West Central

Dr. Maryalice Turner has been selected to replace Michael Ross as Principal of West Central School after Mike's retirement in August. Dr. Turner brings an extensive experience of more than 20 years in administration of special education programs in Ohio. She holds a Doctorate in Educational Administration from The Ohio State University, and has held leadership positions in several local school districts, Ohio Department of Education and Ohio Department of Youth Services, and as Assistant Superintendent for Education Services in the Athens County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

With teaching experience in vocational/technical and career readiness programs, as well as at Ohio Dominican University in Special Education teacher-preparation and principal-preparation programs, Dr. Turner is anxious to lead the West Central School staff and school community as it continues to develop programs for Community Discovery and Transition to adulthood for students ages 14 – 21.

After an extensive search resulting in fifteen candidates for the position, "Dr. Turner emerged as the candidate with the experience, credentials, and leadership style that are needed to lead West Central School through the emerging challenges facing our field of education", according to Jack Brownley, Director of Schools and Special Programs, who led the interview/selection process.

Dick and Jane project

Editor's note: The following article was submitted by Jillian Ober, Program Manager for Social Programs at the Nisonger Center, Ohio State University.

Earlier this year, a grant from The Columbus Foundation gave members in two Next Chapter Book Clubs and two Jot It Down clubs the unique opportunity to work with professional musicians and producers from The Dick & Jane Project.

The Dick & Jane Project is a non-profit organization that empowers students, typically middle schoolers, through songwriting. This collaboration represents the first time the Dick & Jane Project has worked with *adults* with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

In their meetings with Dick & Jane musicians/producers, club members were inspired to work together, think creatively, and express their thoughts, feelings, and experiences. Members of each club decided on the topic of their song, wrote lyrics and gave feedback to shape the song's style and sound. The project culminated in the creation of four original, radio-ready songs that have already played on local radio station, 90.5 WCBE.

One book club member wrote, "Thank you so much for giving us an opportunity to make a song with all of you. I loved music ever since I was a kid, and I have always wondered what it would be like to make a song with my friends. Now that dream is a reality and I can't wait to hear it on the radio."

Glenn Davis, a Dick & Jane producer, shared, "The collaboration felt very special for me. This group was so smart and so passionate. I felt like I got just as much out of it from hanging out with them as they did from writing a song with me. I hope the collaboration can continue in the future."



Book Club members Molly McGinty (left) and Jong Bin Hahn (right) working on their song lyrics.

All four songs are posted on the Dick & Jane Project website at <http://www.thedickandjaneproject.org/music/>.

Take a listen!

ARC East's visit to John Glenn International

Congratulations to Randy Bernard of ARC East, who recently visited the John Glenn Airport to get a close up look on board a Delta Embraer 170.

He and Mark Evans and Sarah Bartram were greeted by flight attendant, Michelle and pilots Kurt and Andrew; all off duty Republic Airline employees who volunteered to come in just for this experience. They were able to talk with the pilots about planes and how they operate, complete with drinks and snacks.

Special thanks to Republic Airlines staff Amber Stroh, Bill Holtz and Nick Morbitzer for coordinating this event and to ARC East Specialist Don Crabtree for initiating the visit.



Individuals from ARC Industries East and Republic Airlines enjoyed learning from each other.

Good for you

Notable achievements in the FCBD community

Special thanks to the organizers and staff of the Summer Center and Transition to Work programs.

Congratulations to Goodwill Columbus and Disability Rights Ohio for being selected as winners in Business Diversity Awards sponsored by Business First Newspaper.

Special thanks to Heidi Hallas, Budget Analyst for the Franklin County Commissioners, for all the support and guidance with the renewal levy request.

Congratulations to Dr. Tom Fish and to Next Chapter Book Clubs, as you celebrate the 15-year anniversary with Book Clubs established in many states and counties.

Career Milestones

40 years

David McCarthy

30 years

Marie Kelso
Kristina Pashovich
Raenette Wellmes
Robyn Wright

25 years

Julie McKnight
Glenna Miller

15 years

Nanette Mattern

10 years

Amy Hipple
Catherine Baughman

5 years

Erin Harrington
Eric Jacobs
Amy Nader
Jill Hicks

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**FRANKLIN COUNTY
SPECIAL OLYMPICS**

**September 17th, 2017
9am**
John F Kennedy Park
7232 E Main Street
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

\$20 Entry Fee
\$10 Race Entry for anyone eligible to receive services from FCBDD
First 350 guaranteed to receive: Official Race T-shirt, Unique Finisher Medal & Goodie Bag
Register: premieraces.com

Celebrate in the Park!
OSU Mobile Tour, Kids Fun Run, Food, Music and More!

Interested in being a Sponsor?
Contact **Ryan Phillips**,
Special Olympics Director,
614-342-5984 or ryan.phillips@fcbdd.org

Calendar

September, 2017

- 4 Labor Day
- 14 Self-Advocate Advisory Council, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 10 a.m.
- 17 Discover Your Abilities 5K, John F. Kennedy Park, 7232 E. Main Street, Reynoldsburg. For more details go to www.premieraces.com.
- 20 Family Support meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 10:00 a.m. Meeting is open to all family members.
- 21 ARC Industries Board of Trustees meeting, Kemba Financial in Gahanna, 11:30 a.m.
- 28 Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities Finance and Human Resources Committees meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 4 p.m.
- 28 Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 5 p.m.

Guardianship Training offered at FCBDD

The Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities (FCBDD) has been approved as a site for guardian training for the 3-hour annual continuing education requirement. This is a requirement for all guardians of adults who have already completed the initial 6-hour training.

The web broadcast on the topic of 'Medications and Medical Advocacy' will be shown at 8:45 a.m. and again at 1:00 p.m. on October 10th and December 19th at 2879 Johnstown Road, Columbus, Ohio, 43219. For more details or to register for one of the four sessions, go to the following link: <http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/Boards/judCollege/adultGuardianship/three.asp> or call Angie Frankie at (614) 342-5972.

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www.fcbdd.org

Throughout 2017, we are celebrating 50 years of service provided by County Boards of Developmental Disabilities, which were established on October 25, 1967. To help celebrate, each month we will include a bit of history in our journey over these past 50 years to help people live, learn and work in our community.

Let's Celebrate 50!

Franklin County Residential Services, Inc. (FCRS) was incorporated in November, 1980 and privatized in 2004 to prevent conflicts. The first FCBDD residential homes were on Steltzer Road and Highfield Drive. Kimberly Woods opened in 1985 and Dierker, Morse Road and McDowell Intermediate Care Facilities opened in 1988. FCRS recently changed their name to Boundless, Inc. and Franklin Management Resources, Inc.



COMMUNITY STAR AWARDS BANQUET

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2017

Villa Milano • 1630 Schrock Road

Social Hour (Cash Bar) • 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Lasagna Dinner & Awards Presentation • 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

\$40.00/ Person • \$320.00/ Table of Eight

Please join us for an opportunity to recognize some outstanding people who contribute to our community and to celebrate their achievements and visit with friends.

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of services provided by
County Boards of Developmental Disabilities.*



STAR AWARDS BANQUET

PLEASE R.S.V.P. BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER, 22, 2017

Name(s): _____ Address: _____
(Please Print)

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

- Enclosed is \$40.00 per person to help support Citizens Committee for Persons with Developmental Disabilities.
- Enclosed is \$320.00 for a table of eight (8) to help support Citizens Committee for Persons with Developmental Disabilities.
- I cannot attend, however, I have enclosed a donation for this event.

Make checks payable to: Citizens Committee for Persons with DD

Send to: Community Star Awards
Attn: Amy Magginis
2879 Johnstown Road, Columbus, OH 43219