Star Award winners announced

The 2018 Community Star Award recipients have been announced and will be recognized at the event on Tuesday, October 2, 2018.

According to Superintendent/CEO Jed Morison, "we had so many terrific nominations, it was difficult to pick just one for each of the fourteen categories."

Star Award winners include individuals served, staff representing different departments, volunteers, family members, providers and others who have helped to fulfill the mission of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities. The annual awards celebration will be held at Villa Milano on Tuesday, October 2, 2018, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Citizens Committee for Persons with Developmental Disabilities with proceeds supporting future levy communication efforts.

In addition to the Star Award winners, special recognition will also be given to Helen Ninos, long-term member of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

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2018 Community Star Award Winners

Mildred Blumenfeld, Parent/Family Member
William Browning, Jr., Volunteer/Good Neighbor
Stephon Draper, Young Adult
Paula English, Adult Services Staff
Jeff Girard - DSW, Inc., Employer
Jean Goss, Transportation Staff
Lighthouse Supported Living, Provider Organization
Maria Lopez, Residential Staff
Monica Plucinski, Early Childhood Staff
Pat Rafter, Creative Housing, Inc., Management Staff
Chris Reese, Support Services
Jennifer Schneld, School Staff
Winston Tidwell, Service Coordination Staff
Brian Zeufle, Adult Participant/Self-Advocate

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Waiting list implementation begins

After over one year of study and state rule development, the new Waiting List rule begins implementation in September, 2018.

The previous waiting list was not a true reflection of needs or who is waiting for services. Sometimes young children were placed on the list knowing that they did not want services until they were adults.

As required by the new rule, assessments to determine if a person has "immediate" or "current" needs will begin in September. "Immediate" need means a person needs services within 30 days to prevent harm and "current" need is defined as a need for service within the next 12 months. If the assessment determines that a person does not have an immediate or current need, that person will not be placed on the waiting list and will have the option to be re-assessed if his or her needs change at a later date.

It is important to note that "immediate" or "current" needs may be met by alternative resources that do not require a waiver. The new Waiting List is a list of people whose current need can only be met by a waiver and not alternative resources.

Assessments to determine needs of those on the previous waiting list will begin in September, 2018 and will continue over two years until December, 2020. Questions regarding the new waiting list can be directed to Service Coordinators or for general information, check out the following website: http://www.fixthelist.info/.
Adult transportation update

It has been a busy summer for adult services, including the final steps in a major conversion of adult transportation services.

Rather than large school buses, the people attending ARC East, ARC North, ARC West, and Bixby and Northeast Centers are now riding in Vans or other alternative transportation vehicles. This conversion means shorter routes for most people, smaller vehicles and greater community access.

Discussions regarding this conversion to vans began last Fall. Initially, plans were to establish a separate non-profit organization to provide transportation services. Under this plan, ARC Industries will provide both adult day services and transportation to adult facilities.

Effective in January, 2019, all adult services staff members will become staff members of ARC Industries. These changes are due to a federal rule of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) that requires all County Boards of Developmental Disabilities to have "conflict free case management."

Transportation for the Early Childhood and School services will continue to be operated by the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities in school buses.

ARC North sponsors event

It was a great day for over 50 golfers at the almost annual golf outing/fundraiser to benefit ARC Industries.

The event was held on Saturday, July 14 at the Safari Golf Club, across from the Columbus Zoo. Volunteers from ARC Industries North coordinate the event. Linda Monroe, Director of ARC North commended Mark Isenhart, Shirley Jordan, Rose Cousar and former staff member Debbie Sherman, who have made it happen for close to ten years.

Foursomes included golfers from ARC North, ARC East, Maintenance Department, ARC Industries Central Office and many friends. Beth Savage, Vice president of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities sponsored a foursome. Superintendent/CEO Jed Morison also continued his sponsorship.

The first place team was Bill Borchers, Peter Lou, Andrew Schwartzel, and Ben Sever. The second place team was Jason Douridas, Randy Harrington, Lee Harrington, and Kit Holzaepfel. The important prize of "most opportunity for improvement" went to Erick Berquist, Kurt Smith, and Linda Monroe. Linda maintains this honor as the only FCBDD staff person to maintain this standing seven times.

Thanks to all the golfers and the volunteers from ARC Industries North. ARC Industries plans to donate funds raised for future levy campaigns.

2018 Discover Your Abilities finishers medal

by Margo Crabtree and Mary Timmons

Each year well before the start of the race, the 5K Committee hosts a design completion for the 5K finishers’ medal. For the past 3 years each medal has been a one of kind, unique and special design - this year is no different. We are pleased to announce this year’s selected medal designer Daniel Wycuff.

Daniel is a paid production artist at Sunapple Studios. These production items are sold locally and available to the public. He is very excited and proud to have his art selected as the design for this year's 5K. Daniel is also a team member that creates the medals, they form each circle from clay, glaze them and add the decals. This process is supervised at Sunapple, ARC West.

When we asked Daniel how he came up with the design for the medal, he replied, “I used my imagination in my head, then I drew it, I like drawing very much. I learned about drawing in my classes in school that I took a long time ago. I like to see customers look at the art that I’ve made, and see their reaction, I want the customers to be happy.” Daniel also enjoys painting and his art has been displayed in art exhibits.

Please join Daniel at the Discover Your Abilities 5K on September 23. He will present a medal to each of the finishers of the event. Visit www.Sunapple.com to see production items for purchase and locations where you can shop locally for these art designs. And, please join the 5K Committee in congratulating Daniel!
Congratulations to Summer Center, Transition to Work and PIECE (Pre-vocational Integrated Education and Campus Experience) staff and participants for another successful summer.

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Good for you
Notable achievements in the FCBDD community

Congratulations to John and Susan Lee on retirement after 60 years of combined service with the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities. John and Susan met at work, married 26 years ago and plan to retire in Florida. They both had outstanding careers with the Employment Services Department. Special thanks to John and Susan Lee.

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Congratulations to Ryan Phillips, FCBDD Special Olympics Coordinator, for being selected as the official Ohio Track Coach for Special Olympics USA, held in Seattle, Washington in July.

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Thank you to the Early Childhood Education Department for hosting The Ohio State University Early Head Start Teacher Professional Development and Appreciation Event.

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Congratulations to Chad Contreras, Craig Dolas, Christy Laflin, and Mike Mascari for being selected to represent Franklin County at the Special Olympics USA in July. Chad Contreras and Mike Mascari received gold medals in softball and Craig Dolas and Christy Laflin received gold medals in volleyball.

Franklin County Special Olympics represents at USA Games by Megan Young

In July, Franklin County Special Olympics sent four athletes, four coaches and two partners to represent Team Ohio at the 2018 Special Olympics USA Games in Seattle, WA.

In softball, athletes Chad Contreras and Mike Mascari went undefeated earning Gold medals alongside assistant coach Charlie Potts. Volleyball was represented by athletes Christy Laflin and Craig Dolas along with head coach Chris Guzzo and Unified Partners, Michele Hoelscher and Julie Krieg. Like softball, they went undefeated and ultimately won Gold!

Additionally, Flyers coach Linda Zelms was the head golf coach and Director Ryan Phillips served as the head track & field coach where four athletes earned a total of 9 Gold Medals! Visit Franklin County Special Olympics on Facebook for more videos, photos and content.

Career Milestones

45 years
Rebecca Love

30 years
Mark Isenhart

20 years
Tanya Goolsby
Jenny Mercer

15 years
Janet Brunson
Dominic Delvecchio
Robert Helber
Donald Kantner

10 years
Kathrin Baldridge
Cortney Dalton
Deborah Matthews
Betsy Selbe
Julie Voss

5 years
Shelly Brokaw
Sara Martin

ECE hosts training

The Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities Early Childhood Education Department again hosted The Ohio State University – Early Head Start Teacher Professional Development and Appreciation Event this summer.

Over 60 Educators and Directors attended the full day event, which included symposiums, hands on learning and recognition of Early Head Start teachers. The theme for the day was "Planting Seeds that Last a Lifetime."

Training included presentations on positive communication with parents, managing stress, music and early learning, behavioral intervention and more.
West Central website is live

West Central School and Transition Services now have their own website!

The website provides thorough descriptions of services provided at West Central School, collaborative programs located within school district buildings and through the transition programs for students. The photo gallery features students, staff, the facility and aquatics center.

The website can be found at https://wcs.fcbdd.org/ or through the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities website at www.fcbdd.org by connecting to Services.

Congratulations to School and Technology staff for developing the site.

Prader-Willi conference

The Prader-Willi Syndrome Association of Ohio (PWSA) conference will be on Saturday, September 22, 2018, at West Central School in Columbus. There will be activities for the children and adults with the syndrome and their siblings.

Included in the day will be a presentation on “How to prepare for Emergency Room Visits”. The topics of Stable Accounts and Shared Living will be addressed, and Behaviorists from Nationwide Children’s Hospital will speak.

For additional details, email juicete@aol.com or call 330-723-0004.

Calendar

September, 2018

3 Labor Day
6 Self-Advocate Advisory Council, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 10 a.m.
17 ARC Industries Board of Trustees meeting, 2780 Airport Drive, 11:30 a.m.
19 Family Support meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 10:00 a.m. Meeting is open to all family members.
22 Prader-Willi Association of Ohio (PWSA) Conference, West Central School. For details call (330) 723-0004 or email juicete@aol.com
23 Discover Your Abilities 5K, John F. Kennedy Park, 7232 E. Main Street, Reynoldsburg. For more details go to http://www.columbusracecalendar.com
27 Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities Finance and Human Resources & Ethics Committees meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 4 p.m.
27 Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 5 p.m.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2018

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.

Please R.S.V.P. by Friday, September 21, 2018

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