

## Timothy Shriver visits

Timothy Shriver, Chairman of International Special Olympics and strong advocate for people with intellectual disabilities, visited the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities on September 24th.

His visit to the Board's early childhood education department preceded his presentation at Ohio Dominican University where he spoke of volunteer years at Camp Shriver, which his mother, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, established. The camps inspired her to establish Special Olympics, a world-wide sports and recreational program for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

Upon entering the early childhood center, Tim was fully engaged with the children and spoke to staff about the importance of inclusive educational opportunities for children. One student liked his tie so much, Tim took it off and tied it for the child to wear.

Tim's interest in early childhood education has family history, as it was his father, Sargent Shriver, who began the Head Start program in the United States. After speaking to Rebecca Love, Director of ECE and Mattie James,



*Timothy Shriver shares tie with Emory.*



*Mattie James, Director of CDC Head Start (L) and Rebecca Love, Director of FCBDD Early Childhood Department share a laugh with Tim Shriver.*

Director of CDC Head Start about their partnership, Tim said he was impressed and excited to share their good work with others. Sarah Gillilan arranged for the tour of the Center, which included a special video presentation of the early childhood programs.

Superintendent Jed Morison, former Director of Ohio Special Olympics and author of the "Special Olympics Event Director's Guide" for International Special Olympics, stated he reached out to Tim after he heard he would be in town. Superintendent Morison knew Mr. and Mrs. Shriver and represented them at the first European and first Brazilian Special Olympics in the 70s and 80s.

About his visit, Tim said "I had a blast. I hope I can come back in blue jeans and sneakers and hang out."

## Board approves Benchmark Plan

In their September meeting the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities approved the "Benchmark Plan" required by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities.

The plan was required to show how FCBDD adult programs and adult transportation will begin to phase out of providing direct services, consistent with direction from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

CMS has said that Boards of Developmental Disabilities have until 2024 to meet the "Conflict Free Case Management" requirement, which mandates that organizations do not provide case management and direct home and community based Medicaid funded services.

As a part of its plan, FCBDD must show how they will phase out of direct adult services by 2024 and by

2020 only 30% of people served should be served by County Boards of Developmental Disabilities.

The Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities and the ARC Industries Board are expected to work together to develop additional plans on how to facilitate this transition.

Discussions with other counties and Franklin County Residential Services (FCRS) are anticipated. FCRS privatized in 2003.

Superintendent Morison said "we are pleased to have a long transition period to make this as smooth as possible for everyone. Our goal is continued stability in services and staffing."

For a copy of the approved benchmark plan, email [dot.Yeager@fcbdd.org](mailto:dot.Yeager@fcbdd.org) or [marcy.samuel@fcbdd.org](mailto:marcy.samuel@fcbdd.org).

## Jan Montgomery to retire

Jan Montgomery, Director of ARC Industries West, has announced her retirement to be effective at the end of 2015.

Jan began her service with the Board as the first Manager of Morse Road homes in 1988. She then worked as a supervisor at ARC East and became Director of ARC West in January of 2000. Prior to her work with FCBDD, Jan was a teacher at Columbus Developmental Center.

According to Superintendent Morison, "Jan has been terrific in every position she has held. Her passion, creativity and commitment have resulted in outstanding leadership."

In addition to her day to day leadership and support to 300 individuals and their staff, Jan has been responsible for a number of initiatives.

Sunapple Studios has expanded and received national recognition under her leadership. Jan has promoted Sunapple kitchens, including partnerships with local bakers and certification with a gluten-free license.

Most recently, Sunapple Studios has been featured at the Columbus Cultural Arts Center with an art installation titled "A Hero Within."

Jan's personal advocacy and support has been evident throughout her entire career. There are many occasions where Jan has personally assisted those she serves 'above and beyond' her job as Workshop Director. For the past several years Jan and fellow Director, Nan Burns, have co-coordinated an Advocacy Conference for individuals with developmental disabilities.

According to Marcy Samuel, Director of Program Operations, "Jan is one of the most creative people I know. She is a talented artist and brings that talent to Sunapple Studios at ARC West and the individuals served who love this work. She is dedicated to people with developmental disabilities and challenges us to improve our services in new directions. She will be missed."

About her retirement, Jan looks forward to supporting and spending more time with family, including her grandson. She also looks forward to volunteering for the Board.

Thank you to Jan Montgomery!



Jan Montgomery

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## Two long-time transportation staff retire

Karen Widmayer, Assistant Transportation Director since 1997 retired at the end of October.

Karen came to the Board from Groveport Schools with 19 years of service, so retires with over 37 years of service in the transportation field.

According to Superintendent Jed Morison "Karen has been terrific all these years. Her first priority has always been the safety of the riders and she has always been a big supporter of her staff."

About her good work, Karen says it would not have been possible without a wonderful team of staff to work with every day. She has loved her job but now looks forward to more time with family, projects at home, gardening and travel.

Marcy Samuel, FCBDD Director of Program Operations said, "I have such great respect for Karen. Transportation is a complex and important business and Karen has always been there offering great stability to this Department. We will miss her."

Best wishes and thanks to Karen Widmayer!



Karen Widmayer

Special thanks to Keith Gatwood, loyal mechanic with the FCBDD Transportation Department for 30 years.

Keith retired September 30, after many years of getting up at 3:00 a.m. to get to work for the first shift.

Thanks Keith for your excellent work , leading to safety of all the riders.



Keith Gatwood

# Certified Assistants enhance services

Certified Habilitation Assistants are providing a valuable service in FCBDD adult programs.

All of the Certified Assistants are graduates of the Columbus State Community College (CSCC) Habilitation Assistant program, resulting in certification from the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities. The Columbus State Community College program is one of few in the country that provides this type of educational opportunity for individuals who have developmental disabilities.

According to Adult Services Directors, the Assistants provide excellent services in a variety of ways. And, through their example, they show others the value of working hard to achieve their goal of working in this field.

Establishing this Certified Assistant Program was a dream of Lenore Schneiderman, former Chair of the Mental Health, Developmental Disability and Chemical Dependency Technology at CSCC. Together with the help of Marcy Samuel, FCBDD Director of Program Operations, and Jackie Teny-Miller of CSCC the program was established. Jackie Teny-Miller, former Director of ARC Industries West, coordinates the program for CSCC.

Congratulations to the Certified Program Assistants, who do so much to enhance the services provided to adults in Franklin County. Their names, locations and when they began as Certified Program Assistants are listed below:

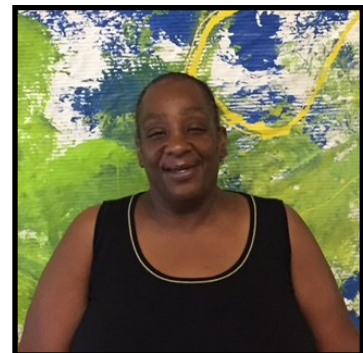
- Shon Gibbs, ARC North (10/12/2012)**
- Jordan Dennen, ARC East (7/15/2009)**
- Joy Gresham Brown, ARC East (7/7/2014)**
- Isaiah Mullins, ARC East (6/22/2015)**
- Marci Straughter, ARC East (6/22/2015)**
- Christine Brown, ARC West (7/6/2010)**
- Sherrod Patterson, ARC West (6/9/2014)**
- Cathy Ticknor, ARC West (6/24/2013)**
- Brian Zueful, ARC West (7/14/2008)**
- Robin Hopkins, Hague LSC (11/12/2014)**
- Avery Fowler, Bixby LSC (7/12/2010)**
- Shirley Spivey, Bixby LSC (12/3/2013)**



*From left to right: Isaiah Mullins, Marci Straughter, Joy Gresham Browne and Jordan Dennen from ARC East.*



*Shirley Spivey (L) and Avery Fowler (R) from Bixby LSC.*



*Robin Hopkins, Hague LSC*



*Shon Gibbs, ARC North.*



*From left to right: Sherrod Patterson, Cathy Ticknor, Brian Zueful, and Christine Brown from ARC West.*

# Community Star Awards

It was another wonderful event as 14 people and organizations were recognized at the 2015 Community Star Awards.

Special recognition was given to Michael F. Curtin, former President of the Columbus Dispatch. Superintendent Jed Morison thanked Mike for his long standing support and behind the scenes advice and guidance. "Mike has been a true friend during challenging and good times, helping our Board to maintain stability in services."

Marcus Thorpe, WCMH-TV4 Reporter, again served as the Master of Ceremonies and the Dave Powers Trio provided entertainment. The evening included a special visit from "The Buck-I-Guy," (aka John Chubbs) who was recently inducted into the ESPN Fan Hall of Fame.

It was a perfect evening to hear 14 stories of extraordinary accomplishment. Linda Fleming, Executive Assistant for the Board, did an outstanding job of coordinating the event.



**Marci Straughter**



**Laura Billingham, Early Childhood Staff**



**Lizzie Lusk, Youth Participant**



**Wendi Olszewski, Mariann Brush, and Alexis.**



**Brad Breedlove, Adult Services Staff and the 'Buck I Guy'**



**Renee Stein, Bertha Obayuwana, Provider Organization**



**Renee Stein, President of the Board**



**Bill Ryan, Transportation staff**



**James Turner, Jr., Service Coordination Staff**



**Abby Cagg and Tony Stevens of Abacus Staffing and Genco Dell, Employer**



**Marcus Thorpe, Master of Ceremonies**



**Buck I Guy**



**Bob Thomas and Ken Mongeau, Volunteer/ Good Neighbor**



**Nan Burns , Management Staff**



**Rayjeanna Stowe, School Staff**



**Cathy Ticknor, Adult Participant**



**Nikole Loew, Support Services**



**Linda Fleming, Event Coordinator**



**Jed Morison and Mike Curtin, former President of The Columbus Dispatch**

**Photos courtesy of Sarah Gillilan**

# Commissioners encourage preparedness

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners are encouraging everyone to make a plan and know what to do during an emergency. This means having an up-to-date contact list for those you may need to reach during a disaster and establishing alternate methods of communication in case traditional channels are not available.

"I encourage all of our residents to make an emergency plan today, if they don't already have one," said Commissioner Marilyn Brown. "If you have one, make sure you review it with your families and make necessary updates, including having up-to-date contacts and a way to communicate should mobile cellular and data service not be available."

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recommends that families keep a three-day supply of food and water on hand in case of an

emergency, and also reminds families to include medicine in their emergency kits and plan for the well-being of their pets. Other essential items include a flashlight (with fresh batteries), first aid kit, whistle, dust masks, maps, a manual can opener, and an adjustable wrench to turn off utilities. Additional tips for creating an emergency plan can be found at [www.Ready.gov](http://www.Ready.gov).

"Our neighbors and loved ones, and the entire community must take this to heart. A little practice and forethought now saves lives," said Commissioner Paula Brooks.

"Training for the unexpected is a big component of being prepared," said Commissioner John O'Grady.

The Franklin County Commissioners work with federal, state and local government agencies to help county residents be ready for the unexpected.

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## Special Olympics Soccer Team Plays in New York

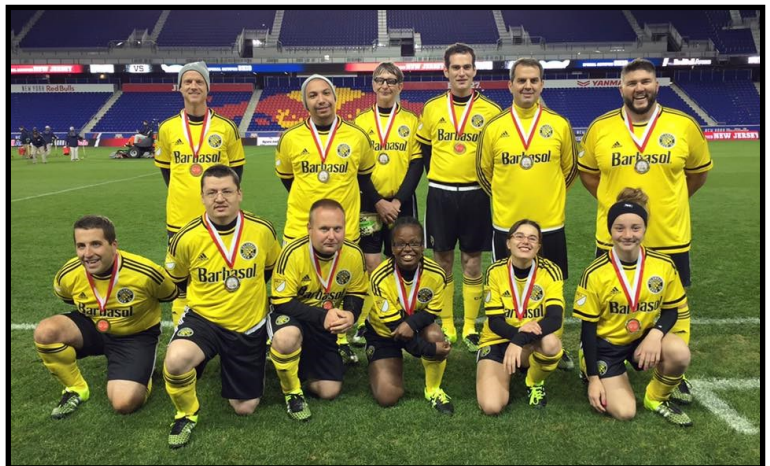
The Franklin County Unified Special Olympics Soccer team competed in New York City following a Columbus Crew SC (Soccer Club) and New York Red Bulls professional soccer game October 3rd.

Ryan Phillips, FCBDD Special Olympics Coordinator stated that the team flew to New York on October 2nd. After touring New York City, the Special Olympics team enjoyed the Crew SC/Red Bulls evening game before they played in the same arena. The Unified Team representing the Crew SC consists of 8 Special Olympians paired with 4 athletes who are not Special Olympians. The FCBDD team competed against New Jersey Special Olympians representing the Red Bulls.

The Special Olympics athletes who represented Franklin County were Hugh Brunney, Lynn DeLong, Aaron Elman, Shanae Gray, Tim Huffman, David McFadden, Bob Smith and Ricko Thornton. Their unified partners were Alan Beymer, Baylie Phillips, Peter Vaughan and Ryan Phillips.

Ryan Phillips, FCBDD Special Olympics Coordinator said "Special Olympics athletes break through stereotypes every day and we're glad to show MLS fans our abilities."

Congratulations to FCBDD Special Olympics for being selected to compete in this national event. Special thanks to the Columbus Crew SC for their support and partnership with Special Olympics. The event was overseen in part by the Crew SC's Give Forward program, which is sponsored by MAPFRE Insurance.



More photos of the Special Olympics New York Soccer trip can be found on the [Franklin County Special Olympics Facebook page](#).

# Good for you

## Notable achievements in the FCBDD community

Congratulations to **Dale Pugh's** West Central school class, which visited the topiary gardens at the "Old Deaf School" in conjunction with **Amy Hipple's** art class. Students compared **George Seurat's** paintings to the corresponding topiaries.



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Congratulations to **John Summers**, a Training Specialist at ARC West who retired at the end of October. John has far over 30 years in both residential and adult services. Congratulations John and thank you.



**Linda Fleming**, Executive Assistant did another outstanding job coordinating the Community Star Awards.

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Thank you to **Sarah Gillilan** for organizing an excellent tour for Timothy Shriver and for volunteering to serve as photographer for Star Awards.

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Over 400 attended the annual **Special Olympics** Sports banquet. Congratulations to organizers and Volunteers.

Thank you to **Gerald Jackson**, pharmacist from **Kroger**, for arranging the flu shots at FCBDD adult locations.

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Congratulations to the **John Siebold Scholarship** winners and the coordinators of the Awards luncheon.

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Thanks to **Mary Martin** and **Jeff Baird** for coordinating another successful blood drive. Well surpassing our goal, 31 donors contributed 32 units, which includes 2 double red cell donations (4 units). These units have the potential to save 88 lives here in Central Ohio! This is the most collected since September 2010!



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Congratulations to **Steve Scott**, a Training Specialist at ARC North who retired on October 1st after 20 years of service. He loved the people he worked with, and said he will truly miss all of them. He has a fun and enthusiastic approach and he will be missed! Thanks for your hard work and commitment!



# Career Milestones

**35 years**  
Kurt Smith

**25 years**  
Keith Ogle  
William "Bill" Ryan

**20 years**  
Vandella Armistead  
Gloria Coleman  
Jerry Young

**15 years**  
Donna Breedlove  
Denise Kirby

**10 years**  
Farrah Langlois  
Jennifer Patrick  
Suzanne Wilson

**5 years**  
Katherine Jackson



# Telephone dialing to change

Effective in February, a new telephone area code will be added to the area served by 614.

New telephone lines or services may be assigned the new 380 area code and local phone calls will require a new dialing procedure, requiring use of the area code 614 or 380.

For details, visit <http://www.puco.ohio.gov> or contact your telephone service provider. Rates and '911' service are not expected to change.

## FCBDD honored by American Red Cross

The local American Red Cross honored Franklin County business and community groups for hosting blood drives throughout the past year at the 2015 Life Sharing Challenge Event. The event honored more than 65 organizations for their blood collections during the period from July 2014 through June 2015.

The American Red Cross recognized blood drive sponsors in 18 different categories for top performances in blood donations.

The Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities hosted 10 blood drives, collecting over 200 units of blood. Special thanks to Jeff Baird, Kim Ferrell and Mary Martin who have coordinated the blood drives.



## In memoriam

### Pat Palmer

We are sorry to report that Patrice Palmer, long-time Instructor Assistant for West Central School, passed away on September 26th. Pat also worked with the 'Extension' Program at West Central.

Pat began her service with the Board in 1986 and was a positive influence to hundreds of children. Her mother, Thelma Palmer, was a former Principal for FCBDD at Alum Crest and Southeast Schools.

Our condolences to Pat's family and friends.



## Public Hearing planned

A public hearing will be held on December 7th at 4:00 p.m. at 2879 Johnstown Road on the draft of the 2016 Annual Action and Strategic Plan.

The plan will outline proposed plans, projected needs, goals and strategies for the upcoming year. The public is invited to attend.

## Dateline

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## Calendar

### November

- 3 Election Day
- 11 Veterans Day - all county facilities closed.
- 16 ARC Industries Board of Trustees meeting, Kemba Financial in Gahanna, 11:30 a.m.
- 18 Family Support meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 9:30 a.m.
- 18,19,20 OCALICON, Greater Columbus Convention Center, for more information about the conference, contact OCALI at (614) 410-0321.
- 19 FCBDD Finance and Human Resources Committees meeting, 4 p.m.
- 19 FCBDD Board meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 5 p.m.
- 26 Thanksgiving Day - all county facilities closed.
- 27 Thanksgiving Recess - Early Childhood, schools and adult facilities closed.
- 28 OSU Buckeyes v. Michigan football game, Michigan Stadium. Go Bucks!