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Combined Charitable Campaign begins

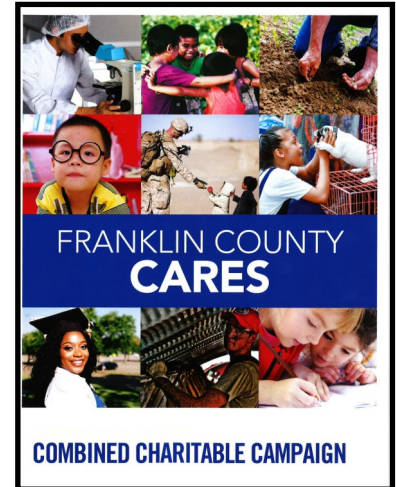
Franklin County Cares is the theme for this year's Combined Charitable Campaign for staff of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

This year's campaign will be chaired by David Ott, Director of Human Resources. The goal is to raise over \$50,000 to support numerous charities in Franklin County.

According to Jed Morison, Superintendent/CEO of the Board said "our employees always step up to the plate with Combined Charities, Blood Drives and Operation Feed. They see every day how the funds raised support those who we serve."

Over 250 Charities benefit from the campaign. Food pantries, animal rescue and so many more causes are supported. David Ott says he plans "to get the word out on how most of us have benefitted from some of these agencies. Our campaign will be fun and informative as we encourage staff to contribute through payroll deduction."

Further details or questions on the Combined Charitable Campaign can be directed to David Ott at david.ott@fcbdd.org or 614-342-5955.



Gary LeVox of Rascal Flatts campaigns for DSPs

Country Superstar Is Former Job Coach for Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities

Gary LeVox, lead singer of superstar vocal group Rascal Flatts, is headlining a public service announcement (PSA) asking Ohioans to support Direct Service Providers (DSP's) in their care for people with developmental disabilities.

LeVox hails from Columbus and, before making it big in Nashville, was a Direct Service Provider with the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities.



"I was coaching and working with 7 to 8 people with disabilities every day, teaching them different jobs and life skills. I forged lifelong friendships and spent so much time teaching them how to fulfill their dreams, I hadn't realized all that they were teaching me," said Gary.

The PSA is sponsored by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) in partnership with the Ohio Provider Resource Association and Advancing Abilities. It will air in media markets across the state.

According to Jed Morison, Superintendent/CEO for the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Gary and his cousin Jay DeMarcus have strong family connections to the Board. Gary's mother, Judi Harmon and Jay's mother, Caron Myers were excellent staff members as well. They have all been great friends to Franklin County citizens with developmental disabilities.

The best-selling country vocal group of the past decade, Rascal Flatts, has achieved seventeen #1 hits and sold over 27 million records. The group has also earned over 40 trophies from the ACA, ACM, AMA, CMA, People's Choice and more, also making them the most awarded country group of the past decade. To view public service announcement, connect to the following link:

<https://vimeo.com/tanjiblevision/review/346939955/788c5bb3e7>

Special Olympics update

The Franklin County Special Olympics Unified Soccer Team and Columbus Crew SC had a successful trip to San Jose, California and FCBDD Special Olympics were also represented at MLS All Star Week.

The Franklin County team, sponsored by MLS Works, The Crew SC Foundation and ESPN, traveled with the team and played following the Columbus Crew SC/San Jose game. Their game was aired on national television. Despite the 5-3 loss, Coach Ryan Phillips stated, "our team fought hard and had a fantastic trip. I am incredibly proud of the team and we cannot thank the Crew players and front office enough." The team spent a couple days in California visiting Redwoods, the Pacific Coast Highway and even dipping their toes in the Pacific Ocean at Shark Fin Key – a first for many.

Franklin County Special Olympics was also well represented in Florida, when Lynn DeLong, an athlete and Unified Partner Hayden Miller were selected to represent Franklin County for MLS (Major League Soccer) All-Star Week in late July. Megan Young commented that Lynn was a wonderful ambassador for Franklin County Special Olympics and played well.

As partners with the Columbus Crew, Franklin County Special Olympics receives funding for these trips and extraordinary opportunities to travel. According to Jed Morison, Superintendent/CEO of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities, "Ryan Phillips, our coaches, volunteers and especially our Special Olympians have established a great relationship with Crew SC players, coaches and front office staff."

For more information on Franklin County Special Olympics, go to www.facebook.com/FranklinCoSpecialOlympics or call 614-342-5989.



Franklin County Special Olympics Unified Soccer Team in San Jose.

Patrick Harmon, Special Olympian, speaks to Reporter with Fox Sports.



Hayden Miller and Lynn DeLong represents FCBDD at MLS All-Star Week.

Ryan Phillips is interviewed by Fox Sports.



Disability Census Committee established

The Census Disability Subcommittee has been established to encourage all individuals who have disabilities in Franklin County to participate in the 2020 Census Count.

An accurate count will help to guarantee that Franklin County gets its fair share of federal funds that are distributed to different states and counties. Federal funds include Medicaid Waiver funds supporting several thousand Franklin County residents.

The subcommittee is chaired by Jed Morison, Superintendent/CEO of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities (FCBDD) and members include Bob Gaston, CEO of ARC Industries, Marjorie Pizzuti, CEO of Goodwill Columbus, and FCBDD staff members Larry Macintosh, Chris Martin, Dot Yeager, Amy Magginis and Lee Childs. As materials become available, the committee will work to get the word out on the importance of everyone participating in the 2020 Census. Social Media, Provider Fair, Newsletters and more will be used to communicate details next year.

Census workers are currently being recruited to help with the Complete Count. Great pay, flexible hours and paid training are available. For more information or help applying, call 1-800-JOB-2020. The U.S. Census Bureau is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



ISP Workgroup Update

The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) has established an ISP Workgroup to develop and implement a single assessment and ISP (Individual Service Plan) template that will be used for all people receiving developmental disabilities services in Ohio.

The workgroup began meeting in July and is expected to meet monthly for at least one year. The Service Coordination staff of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities has agreed to help the effort by piloting the new assessment and ISP when available. The pilot for the assessment is expected to begin in October and the pilot for the ISP is to begin in January, 2020.

The workgroup is comprised of over 30 members from throughout the state. Individuals served, family members, providers and County Board staff are members. Representatives from the Franklin County area include Jean Stuntz (Dynamic Pathways); Marci Straughter (Self-Advocate); Melissa Skaags (ARC Industries); Anita Allen (OPRA); and Christopher Haldeman (Columbus Developmental Center). Sara Sherman is facilitator for the group.

More details will be available on the DODD website.

Good For You

Notable achievements in the FCBDD community

Congratulations to the 2019 PIECE (Pre-Vocational Integrated Education and Campus Experience) Project graduates, ARC Industries and The Ohio State University on another excellent summer learning experience.



Special thanks to all Early Childhood, Schools and Transportation staff on an excellent start to the 2019/2020 School Year.

Congratulations to Pam Barton, Jane Whyde of the Franklin County Family and Children First Council and all Franklin County Early Intervention Providers, for achieving 100% compliance related to Help Me Grow 'Timely Receipt of Services.'

Thank you to Linda Monroe and Karen Mills, ARC Industries Management staff, for coordinating the annual Self-Advocate Conference to be held on October 4.



Congratulations and best wishes to some of our recent and upcoming retirees:

- Fred Copsey-Pearce, Service Coordinator - 31 years
- Mary Ann Ebner, Occupational Therapist, Home Based Services - 34 years
- Susie Fast, Home Based Services Specialist - 35 years
- Sue Smith, Home Based Services Specialist - 40 years



Fred Copsey-Pearce



Mary Ann Ebner



Susie Fast



Sue Smith

Career Milestones

30 Years

Sarah Haring

15 years

Kristine Gundy
Hallie Hale

10 Years

Nancy Jones
Anne Watson
Jonathan Zuhosky

5 Years

Erica Fox
Regina Hollingsworth
Jessica Stacy
Toi-Lin Vanhorn

Congratulations to Special Olympians, coaches and volunteers on another successful Annual Sports Banquet.



Did you know?

According to a 15 year Norwegian study conducted by Professor Sven Svebak, of 53,556 participants, humans can delay or prevent certain life threatening diseases by laughing more.

Enjoy life, laugh a lot and live longer!



2019 PIECE Project

A total of 12 participants participated in the 2019 PIECE (Pre-Vocational Integrated Education and Campus Experience) Project, sponsored by the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

This is the fifth year of the project which provides employment experiences for adults at a variety of settings. Staff from The Ohio State University and ARC Industries coordinate the program.

Work sites for the summer program included the Columbus Zoo, COSI, Dodge and Thompson Recreation Centers, RenTek and numerous sites on The Ohio State University campus. Participants stocked shelves, greeted people, cleaned, provided clerical support and any number of other tasks to demonstrate skills and better 'discover' their true interests for future employment opportunities.



Congratulations to the 2019 PIECE Project participants, volunteers and support staff for another successful year.

The closing ceremony included video presentations from each participant, followed by a presentation of a completion certificate to the person and their support staff person. Jessie Green, Program Manager for the Nisonger Center at OSU served as Master of Ceremonies for the event. In his remarks, Jed Morison, Superintendent/CEO commended Bob Gaston, CEO of ARC Industries, for the idea and the driving force behind the establishment of the program.

TTW celebrates 5 years by Lilian Beck, Transition Resources Coordinator

The Transition to Work Summer Program (TTW) celebrated its fifth year of operation this summer.

Students from over 10 districts in Franklin County received Career Discovery services in order to identify their employment goals and interests. Some highlights included exploring grocery store job tasks at Fresh Thyme in Worthington, building cabinets with Habitat for Humanity, cooking and serving food with Bleu & Fig Catering and Event Space, and helping young campers with the Columbus Parks and Recreation Nature Department.

All 46 students will conclude the Career Discovery Process with future planning meetings with their families, schools, Service Coordinators and OOD Counselors.

Amy Nicely, Transition Specialist with New Albany-Plain Local schools commented, "TTW does a wonderful job providing a variety of work based opportunities for students based on their skills, interests and strengths. They also take into account the varying needs of the students and make it a valuable experience for everyone."

This unique program was completed through a partnership between FCBDD and Add, a Hattie Larlham company.

For more information about the Transition to Work Summer Program please contact Lilian Beck, 614-342-5953, Lilian.Beck@fcbdd.org or Liz Jones, 614-259-0202, ejones@addohio.org. FCBDD and Add wish all the students success in reaching their employment goals!



Josh Jensen (front) and Alex Osuji (rear) at the Fresh Thyme Market in Worthington.

Best Buddies Friendship Walk

The Best Buddies Friendship Walk will be held on Saturday, October 12, beginning at 8:00 a.m. at COSI.

This year, Best Buddies celebrates 30 years of inclusion for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Best Buddies is a global volunteer movement

that creates one-to-one friendships for people with and without disabilities.

For details or additional information on Best Buddies, go to BestBuddies.org/Ohio or call 614-928-3383.



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www.fcbdd.org

Calendar

October, 2019

- 1 Community Star Awards banquet at Villa Milano, 1630 Schrock Rd., 5:30 p.m. Please call 614-342-5950 for details.
- 2-4 Synergy Conference at Kalahari Resorts & Conventions, 7000 Kalahari Drive in Sandusky, Ohio, sponsored by OSDA/PAR. For details, please go to www.synergyohio.org.
- 4 Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities Self-Advocate Conference at Xenos.
- 12 Best Buddies Friendship Walk, 8:00 a.m. For details go to BestBuddies.org/Ohio or call 614-928-3383.
- 14 Columbus Day - all county facilities closed.
- 23 Family Support meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 10:00 a.m. Meeting is open to all family members.
- 24 Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities Finance and Human Resources & Ethics Committees meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 4 p.m.
- 24 Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 5 p.m.
- 31 Happy Halloween!