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## ADAMH Endorsement

The Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities has endorsed **Issue 24**, the Franklin County Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health (ADAMH) levy that will appear on the November 3 ballot.

The 5 year 2.2 mill renewal levy with a .65 mill increase will continue to support behavioral healthcare services, expanded crisis services, school-based prevention services, suicide prevention programs and housing. In 2019, ADAMH served over 135,000 individuals.

This levy will replace the current levy which expires in December, 2021. Taxpayers would pay an additional \$1.90 per month (or less than 7 cents/day) per \$100,000 in home property value. Collection of the new millage would not begin until 2022.

ADAMH and the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities (FCBDD) maintain important partnerships including a joint partnership with Franklin County Children Services to fund a multi-system youth residential program. ADAMH and CBDD also jointly support Lifetown, Nisonger Center's dual diagnosis clinic and Netcare's support of people who have both developmental disabilities and mental health challenges.

According to Jed Morison, "our agencies have a long history of working together. Erika Clark Jones, recently appointed CEO of ADAMH and her staff are doing outstanding work, especially when one considers the additional mental health challenges people are facing due to the COVID-19 pandemic."

For more information on the Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Board of Franklin County and this levy, visit [www.adamhlevy.com](http://www.adamhlevy.com).



## Win - Win for ARC Industries and Transportation

Thanks to ARC Industries and Bus Drivers and Assistants from the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities, adult transportation services has been enhanced and no Bus Drivers or Bus Assistants had to be laid off due to in-person classes not starting in August.

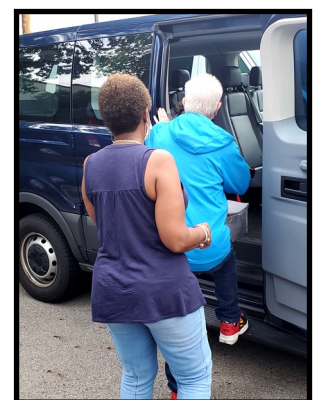
According to Jed Morison, Superintendent/CEO of the Board, "we have never had a layoff in the history of our agency and wanted to do all we could to save purposeful jobs while dealing with the COVID-19 Pandemic. Thanks to ARC Industries and the cooperation of Transportation staff this was a win – win for both."



Bus Assistants Emma Snailham and Yolanda Hairston assist at West Central School with sanitizing equipment.

Bus Drivers and Assistants were scheduled to return from Summer Recess on August 24. Due to the Pandemic, preschool and West Central school services began virtually and in-person classes were delayed therefore preschool and school routes could not begin in August.

At the same time, ARC Industries indicated they could use some extra transportation assistance to allow individuals to attend adult day programs in vans. With more drivers, less riders were able to be scheduled per vehicle resulting in greater physical distancing.



Bus Driver, Darla Hodo helps ARC Industries rider on the bus.

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# Commissioners recognized

*Editor's Note: The following article was written by Michelle Heritage, Executive Director of the Community Shelter Board.*

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners were recently recognized with Community Shelter Board's 2020 Mel Schottenstein Leadership Award. This honors deep and far-reaching commitment to people facing homelessness, in memory of Melvin Schottenstein's legacy as a founder of Community Shelter Board.

Commissioners Marilyn Brown, Kevin Boyce, and John O'Grady announced the Rise Together Poverty Blueprint in 2019, a five-year, \$13M plan to help lift people out of poverty. The plan includes multiple initiatives, like programs to expand affordable housing, transportation and employment opportunities, and the creation of an Innovation Center to test the feasibility of anti-poverty strategies.

Because of the Commissioners' strong commitment to housing as a basic human need, they increased the real estate conveyance fee in the county in 2019 to garner more support for affordable housing, and they also committed additional investments in homelessness prevention efforts by Community Shelter Board.

Especially inspiring is the Commissioners' commitment to anti-racist work, including race equity training for leaders across Franklin County. A new race-equity council will work to promote a more uniform understanding of how racial inequality and implicit bias damage minority communities with higher rates of unemployment, incarceration, and poverty.

"Franklin County has a rapidly growing population. Our Franklin County Commissioners know that it's more important than ever to have a community that responds in kind by expanding quality of life services for every resident. They are in lock-step efforts with us to make sure everyone in Franklin County has a place to call home."

*Pictured from left to right: Franklin County Commissioners Marilyn Brown, John O'Grady and Kevin Boyce.*



## Equity Committee update

The Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities Equity Committee has met twice and is now in the process of surveying staff to get their opinions on issues related to Equity.

Gwynn Kinsel, Legal Counsel and EEO Coordinator for the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities and Becky Love, Director of Early Childhood Education for the Board are co-chairing the committee. Following the second meeting, an open-ended initial survey asking staff about policies, training needs and ways to support staff was distributed.

According to Gwynn and Becky, "we are a big organization with very diverse ideas, cultures and functions, which is great in many respects, but presents challenges as we try to narrow our focus." Some staff provide direct services, while others do not - meaning interactions with each other and the public vary greatly.

In the second meeting, Gwynn Kinsel, reviewed some examples of concrete actions the Board has taken recently that are in alignment with the 'Rising Together Blue Print' from the Commissioners to reduce poverty and discrimination.

In the June meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities, the Board adopted a resolution supporting the Commissioners' resolution which declares racism as a public health crisis. The Board also continues to support 'Celebrate One' to reduce infant mortality and the Board passed a resolution in their July Board meeting to support increases in funding and wages for Direct Service Professionals (DSPs) working for Providers in the community.

The Board also has been able to maintain jobs of its own employees during the COVID-19 Pandemic without any layoffs.

The Equity Committee will continue to meet monthly with plans for the October meeting to discuss survey results and make committee assignments.

## Budget presented

The 2021 proposed budget for the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was presented to staff of the Franklin County Commissioners in August and is expected to be considered for approval by the Commissioners in November or December.

The 2021 budget for \$245 million is \$3 million less than the 2020 budget. The reduction was made possible due to several factors, including the temporary increased federal contribution to Medicaid expenses, called Enhanced FMAP (Federal Medical Assistance Percentage). And, 2020 was the unusual year where there were 27, rather than 26 paydays.

Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities is still on target to meet the levy commitment not to be back on the ballot until 2028. For 2028, when the Board is on the ballot, the Board will have gone a total of 16 years without asking for additional levy funds.



# Accreditation review scheduled

The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) has scheduled an Accreditation review for November 17-19, 2020 for the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities (FCBDD).

Jed Morison, Superintendent/CEO of FCBDD said, “we are excited to meet with the reviewers to share the good work being done by our staff, including some significant changes since our last review.”

Periodically the state reviews County Boards to be sure services are in compliance with state standards. State reviewers are expected to review files and services for a sampling of close to 60 individuals who have home and community based Medicaid waivers. Assessments, individual service plans and case notes will be reviewed. The state is also expected to look at contracts for services, human resources records, strategic plan goals and will ask about challenges the Board has experienced due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Larry Macintosh, Director of Administrative and Support Services, and his staff, will oversee the review, working closely with Lee Childs, Director of Service Coordination and other staff. Following the review, the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities will determine if the Board will be reaccredited and for what period of time. The maximum accreditation period is 3 years.

Because of the current status of the COVID-19 state of emergency in Franklin County, the Accreditation Review will be done virtually, rather than in-person interviews. This new state process for reviewers began in September. James Bennet, Review Specialist for the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities will be the lead reviewer and is expected to have a team of close to 10 reviewers.

All County Boards of Developmental Disabilities across Ohio have an accreditation review at least once every three years.



**Larry Macintosh,**  
*Director of  
Administrative and  
Support Services*



**Lee Childs,**  
*Director of Service  
Coordination*

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# Margie Pizzuti announces retirement



**Marjory Pizzuti, President/CEO**  
*Goodwill Columbus*

Marjory (Margie) Pizzuti, President and CEO of Goodwill Columbus has announced that she will retire first quarter of 2021.

Under Margie’s leadership these past 15 years, Goodwill has supported thousands of individuals, helping to transform the lives of people with disabilities and other barriers through pathways to independence and the power of work.

According to Jed Morison, Superintendent/CEO of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities, “Margie has been a valued partner, working closely with the Board to support individuals with developmental disabilities. Goodwill has been a strong and future looking partner with their employment and adult services and their support of individuals in their living situations.”

In reflecting on her tenure with Goodwill, Margie indicated she has been “deeply honored and privileged to have led this extraordinary organization providing a ‘hand up’ to those we serve.” Among the many accomplishments, Goodwill has retooled work force development Services; re-envisioned adult services, establishing a pathway to transition individuals from facility-based services to more integrated community-based services; expanded retail operations from 4 stores to 11 locations and expanded the custodial and unarmed security contract business.

The Goodwill Columbus Board has appointed a Board selection committee, which is conducting a nationwide search. The Board has retained the services of BeecherHill, an executive search firm based in Columbus, to assist with the selection process.

***Congratulations to Margie Pizzuti and thanks for your outstanding leadership!***

# Virtual Summer Games and Buster's Revenge

by Megan Bender

For the first time in history, the Special Olympics Ohio State Summer Games was cancelled due to COVID-19.

Known by athletes and coaches alike as "the best time of year," Summer Games is the weekend-long state tournament at The Ohio State University where spring sport athletes showcase their talents. The Franklin County Flyers could not let the weekend pass without acknowledgement, so on Friday of what would-be opening ceremonies, the Flyers hosted a Zoom call with athletes and coaches (pictured). It was great to see so many smiling faces and there was a shared sentiment: we can't wait to be together soon!



Franklin County Flyers re-connect with each other on a Zoom call for athletes and coaches

In the meantime, the Flyers mailed their second Boredom Buster packet, known as "Buster's Revenge". Filled with exercises, mental health activities, nutritious recipes, creative prompts, and plenty of jokes; this packet was forwarded to Special Olympics Ohio's office to share with local programs throughout the state. This packet will hold over athletes until our program resumes with socially-distant, small-group fitness nights.

To follow our Boredom Buster adventures and more, find us on Facebook: Franklin County Special Olympics.

## Win - Win for ARC Industries and Transportation

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Bill Ryan, Transportation Director, Anthony Hartley, Chief Finance and Strategy Officer for ARC Industries and their staffs have done a remarkable job to make this work.



Bus Driver, George Barnette prepares to head out.

People are getting service, this helps ARC Industries staff as they return to providing adult services and no transportation staff were laid off so they maintain income, retirement credit and insurance.

Thanks to David Ott, Human Resources Director, additional 'alternative duties' were also provided for some of the Bus Assistants. Some were assigned duties such as sanitizing vehicles and equipment or assisting at the Early Childhood Centers or West Central School.



At Dateline's deadline, plans were for preschool and school routes to begin on September 28. Special thanks to the staffs of Transportation, ARC Industries and the Ohio Association of Public School Employees for making this a reality during these unprecedented times.

Vans, rather than buses, transport ARC Industries customers

## Census count complete

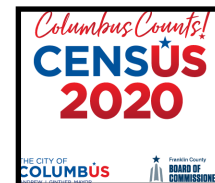
At 'Dateline's' deadline, the 2020 Census was scheduled to end on September 30, 2020, although there was still a possibility that a Judge may extend the deadline.

The Census is taken every 10 years to count all people in our country. This year's census was different due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, which resulted in an extension of the deadline to count residents in each household in the United States. The count began in March.

Preliminary statistics indicate that close to 70% of all households in Franklin County have responded to the Census. The response is ending with Census Takers visiting each household that had not yet responded. Thanks to the cooperation of ARC Industries, Northeast Center, in Gahanna, hosted training to over 300 Census Takers in July and August.

The Census Count will help to determine how federal funds will be distributed to states and counties and how much representation Ohio will have in Congress. Commissioner Kevin Boyce and Mayor Andrew Ginther served as overall Chairs of the Complete Count Committee for Franklin County and Superintendent/CEO Jed Morison served as Chair of the Disability Sub Committee.

Thanks to all who have participated in the 2020 Census!



# Good For You

*Notable achievements in the FCBDD community*

Congratulations to Bus Drivers and Assistants for accepting alternative assignments to allow for continued employment rather than layoffs while preschool and school in-person classes were suspended. And, thanks to leadership of the Ohio Association of Public School Employees, the Transportation Department and ARC Industries who participated in discussions to make this happen.

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Thanks so much to the Information Technology Department.

Pictured from left to right - top row: Jeff Baird, Craig Derksen, Brady Inman, Fred Mounts. Middle Row: Travis Sherick, Chris Martin. Bottom Row: Yaw Osei, Emmanuel Owusu-Boadi, Carl Scott and Quentin Wilson.

Thank you for all your excellent work to assist staff with the start of the school year, not to mention all the other ongoing initiatives and supports required due to COVID-19.

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Special thanks to Dr. Angela Ray and her Combined Charitable campaign committee:

- Joe Becker, Collaboratives (School Age)
- Mike Boyce, Maintenance
- Kelly Bowers, West Central School
- Jack Brownley, Schools & Special Olympics
- Sarah Gillilan, Early Childhood Education
- Silicia Hedges, Service Coordination
- Mandy Holland, Fiscal
- Larry Macintosh, Administrative Services
- Anna Oscar, Administration
- David Ott, Human Resources
- Jane Pickens, Transportation
- Angela Ray, Psychology
- Catherine Rearick, Service Coordination
- Bill Ryan, Transportation
- Travis Sherick, Information Technology
- Gretchen Uhl, Early Childhood Learning Community

**Thanks for all the work in this year's campaign.**

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Special thanks to the FCBDD Maintenance Department, Mike Boyce, Dewey Akers, Shannon Chandler, Gregory Coble, Joseph Francik, James Franke, Zachary Kendall, Ted Koontz, Gregg Maguire, Greg Marinelli, Chris Meek, and Steven Yarnell for going 'above and beyond' the call of duty to make safety modifications due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. (Not pictured: Mike Boyce, Zac Kendall and Greg Marinelli).



# Career Milestones

## 30 Years

Randall Cuenot  
Karen Smith

## 20 Years

Tonia Peoples

## 10 Years

Lisa Barker  
Kimberly Reedy

## 5 Years

Wesley Barrett  
The'Resa Conway  
Karie Griffin  
Vincent Windau  
James Woodyard



Thank you to Jennifer Schueneman, Controller and Dot Yeager, Chief Business Officer for leading the way in preparation for the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities 2021 budget, which will be considered for approval by the Commissioners in November or December.



**Jennifer Schueneman,  
Controller**



**Dot Yeager,  
Chief Business Officer**

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Special thanks to all the Early Childhood and School staff for all that has been done to start the school year. At 'Dateline's' deadline, plans called for the start of in-person classes on September 28.

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*Correction from the September 2020 Issue of Dateline: Nancy O'Neal retired with 38 years of service not 28 years as previously reported in Good For You - September 2020. Congratulations on your recent retirement - Nancy O'Neal.*

# Calendar

**Editor's Note: The following calendar is tentative due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Call 614-342-5950 before attending any meeting to see if it is still scheduled.**

## October

- 5 Deadline to Register to Vote for November 3, 2020 Election
- 6 Absentee Balloting begins
- 12 Preschools and West Central Schools closed. (All 12 month staff continue to work on October 12)
- 16 Staff Preparation/Development Day for Early Childhood Department, West Central School and Transportation Department, classes closed.
- 22 Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board meeting, 11:30 a.m.



## Dateline

The Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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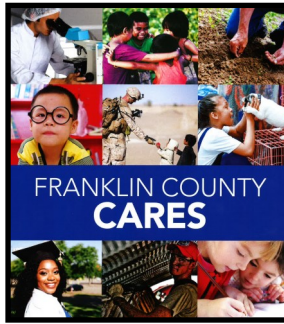
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**www.fcbdd.org**

# Combined Charitable Campaign update



Dr. Angela Ray, Chair of the Combined Charitable Campaign reports that staff are doing a great job in their goal to raise over \$56,000 for charities in our county.

Each department has established a committee that is working hard to encourage and help staff make payroll contributions.

“Our staff historically have recognized the community needs and supported the campaign,” according to Jed Morison, Superintendent/CEO. “Donations are especially important this year with so many in our community experiencing job losses and needing basics such as food and rent payments.”

“Franklin County Cares” is this year’s theme. All staff are encouraged to pledge by October 30th.

## Election day coming - November 3



### Register to Vote

You must register to vote by October 5, 2020 for the November 3, 2020 election.

You are eligible to vote in Ohio if you are a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years old on election day and a resident of Ohio for 30 days.

To register, follow this link:  
<https://olvr.ohiosos.gov/>

### Absentee Ballot request

If you are registered to vote, you can request an absentee ballot, by following this link:

<https://vote.franklincountyohio.gov/absentee-ballot-request>

### Further details on voting

For more information on voting, contact the Franklin County Board of Elections, 1700 Morse Road, Columbus, Ohio 43229; 614-525-3100 or link to:

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