

# HOPE SERVICES

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*HOPE Services is committed to creatively working in partnership with eligible individuals and their families to discover, pursue and achieve what is important to them.*

Listen to WNDH 103.1 every Thursday at 12:30 p.m. for more information about HOPE Services.

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# ✓ VOTE FOR

# HOPE SERVICES

## Henry County Board of DD

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The Henry County Board of Developmental Disabilities has an additional levy on the March 15, 2016, ballot. This levy will benefit children and adults in Henry County who have developmental disabilities. This levy is for 1.5 mills and will generate an additional 1.1 million dollars.



# HOPE

Changes Lives

## Vote YES for HOPE Services

Henry County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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**FREE WILL  
DONATION**

# SOUP CHALLENGE

## 2016

**THURSDAY**  
**MARCH 3**  
**5:00 PM to 7:00 PM**

**LOCATION:**  
Filling Home Gym  
N-160 State Route 108  
Napoleon

**TEAMS PARTICIPATING INCLUDE  
PROVIDERS OF HENRY COUNTY**

**JUDGING WILL END AT 7:00 P.M. WINNERS WILL THEN BE ANNOUNCED.**

**50/50  
RAFFLE**

Proceeds to benefit

**Filling  
Home**

**FEATURING THE BEST  
SOUP RECIPES IN  
HENRY COUNTY**

**DONATIONS WILL BENEFIT  
HOPE Services  
Foundation**

## HOPE SERVICES GIVES BACK



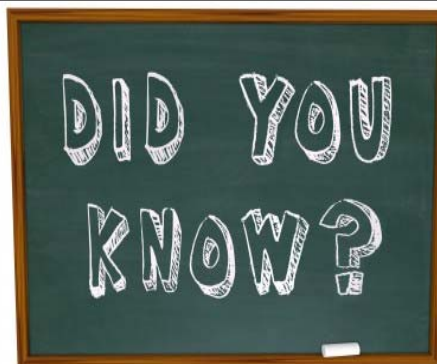
Through Public Relations events and fundraisers HOPE Services works hard to give back to the community.

- HOPE Pink Walk with proceeds to benefit Henry County Cancer Care.
- Annual Soup Challenges with past proceeds benefitting Shalom Food Pantry, Together We Can Make A Difference and Henry County Special Olympics.
- HOPE Hot Dog and Bratwurst Bash with proceeds benefitting Henry County Relay for Life, Voices of HOPE and HOPE PR.
- Henry County Fair information booth and popcorn stand with proceeds to benefit HARC Recreation.
- Giving Tree to benefit the Henry County Senior Center and Together We Can Make A Difference.
- Christmas Exchange Store operated by SASS with proceeds benefitting Project: We Care.



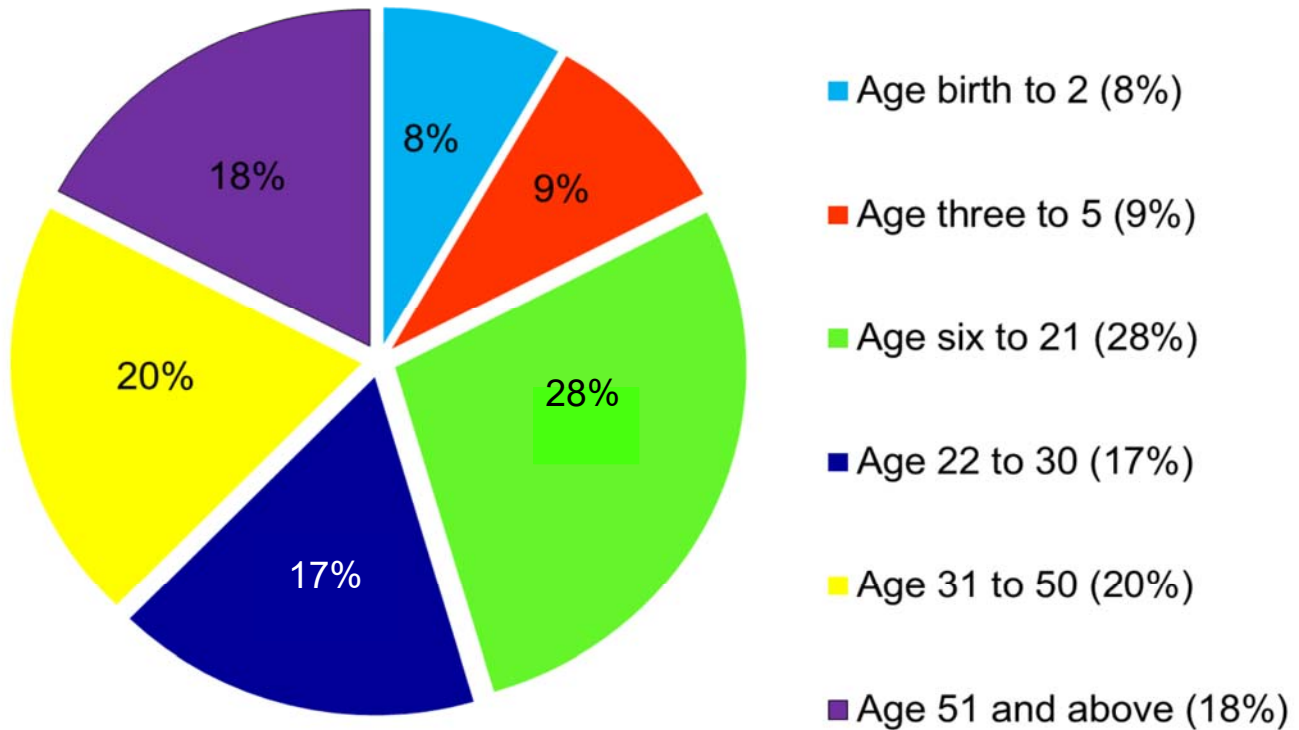
HOPE Services has been a very important part of our lives for over 30 years. Matt is a happy, busy and productive young man. He is active in Special Olympics and recreational activities. He attends HOPE Services Senior Adult Program where he helps with volunteer work and participates in many activities. HOPE Services has a very dedicated staff to assist the special needs population of Henry County and our family is very grateful for the loving care that he receives.

HOPE Services plays a crucial role for the families and guardians of people with developmental disabilities. By providing day services, advocacy, support, case management and recreation, they are a vital partner. Gladys attends SASS four days per week and is retired from Quadco. HOPE Services has meant everything to her.



HOPE Services is losing well over \$600,000 annually due to the loss of Tangible Personal Property Tax (business tax). HOPE Services will have lost over 3.5 million dollars by 2020. This loss has significantly impacted our ability to provide services.

# ENROLLMENT AS OF DECEMBER 2015



## UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

**ALL HCBDD BOARD MEETINGS BEGIN AT 8:00 A.M. IN THE HOPE SERVICES ACTIVITY CENTER**

February 29, 2016  
March 28, 2016  
April 25, 2016

## HARC, INC.

Through grants from the Board, fund raising efforts and monies available from the State of Ohio, HARC, Inc. (Henry County Abilities Resource Council) provides housing, support for special projects, employment of people with disabilities, camps and recreational activities.

HARC, Inc., functions as a 501 (c)(3) public, non-profit agency with the goal of providing activities and supports to improve the quality of life for adults and children with disabilities in Henry County.



HOPE Services welcomes Michelle Ross Buenger as a social work intern. She lives in Deshler and enjoys spending time with her dog, Peanut. Welcome Michelle!



# EARLY INTERVENTION

## FREE DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING EVENT

This event is for children ages 1 month to 5 years of age

Monday, February 22, 2016  
 Crossroad Evangelical Church  
 601 Bonaparte Drive, Napoleon, Ohio

Monday, March 21, 2016  
 Holgate United Methodist Church  
 677 Joe E. Brown Avenue, Holgate, Ohio

### Register Today!

Appointments are available from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
 Screenings are not for children who will be entering kindergarten or currently enrolled in preschool through your local school district. **Appointments required.**

**Contact Help Me Grow—888-648-8732**



The Early Intervention Program provides services for infants and toddlers, birth to three years of age, with documented delays in developmental milestones. Our Developmental Specialists collaborate with Help Me Grow Service Coordinators, employees of the Health Department, to evaluate and determine eligibility for special education services and assess for program planning.

Beginning in May 2012, the practice of providing services in the natural environment of the child and family became our focus through the Primary Service Provider model. We strive to provide the child and family services in their natural environment. Our Developmental Specialists have an abundance of expertise in early childhood special education as well as disability categories and experience in locating appropriate therapies based on a child's needs. Once a child is eligible for services, program planning may include related services which provide modifications, adaptations and activities specific to each child's Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP). HOPE Services contracts for specialized services of occupational therapy, physical therapy and speech and language therapies. Coordinated services of the team approach guarantees individualized attention specific to the child and family's needs.

Location of services is also very individualized per family need. We make every effort to accommodate family's needs by providing services in an environment that is acceptable to them; this could be their home, a babysitter's home, library, park, HOPE Services buildings or the child's local school district building. Developmental Specialists utilize the home environment as much as is plausible by the family's needs. Providing services in the local school building is beneficial in many regards, especially as the child approaches his/her third birthday in preparation for transition from early intervention to preschool programming. As a child's third birthday approaches, the family's Service Coordinator as well as the Early Intervention Specialist will assist the family as much as they want when planning for their child's next environment. Various people will come and go out of a child's life when there are medical or developmental concerns but these people will remain stable and can assist with preschool program planning. When a child turns three, he/she "graduates" out of early intervention; the IFSP that was family focused then becomes child focused with an IEP (Individualized Education Plan).



If you have concerns with your infant or toddler, please call (888) 648-8732.

## PRESCHOOL AND SCHOOL AGE

After the 2011-2012 school year, the preschool classrooms that were housed in HOPE School were transferred to NwOESC and dispersed to the local schools. There are currently two preschool units in Napoleon and one each at Patrick Henry, Liberty Center and Holgate.

SSAs have developed relationships with families at the preschool levels and continue to build trusting relationships and follow them through school age years so that when transition time comes, SSAs are able to offer and suggest specialized opportunities for individuals' likes and differences.

Transition services for the school age population begins at age 14, preparing youth for their high school and post high school years. HOPE Services also funds summer youth employment.

HOPE Services employees are still active in the lives of qualifying students in advocating, accessing and coordinating services of choice.



## TRANSPORTATION

HOPE Services provides funding to the Henry County Transportation Network, adult day programs and residential providers for year-round transportation to meet the individual's needs. This includes, but is not limited to community employment, medical appointments and recreational activities.



## DID YOU KNOW?

The Board was created by Ohio Law in 1967 to provide services to individuals with intellectual disabilities or other developmental disabilities. The name of the Board was changed in law from the Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (MRDD) to the Board of Developmental Disabilities in 2009.

It is composed of:

- ◆ Five members appointed by the County Commissioners.
- ◆ Two members appointed by the Probate Judge.
- ◆ At least three members must be parents or family members of individuals receiving or eligible for the services provided by the Board. Board members receive no compensation and volunteer their services.

## SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

The goal of this program is to enable people with disabilities to access and succeed in competitive employment in their community. Supported Employment Services assists individuals in individual job development, job matching, job coaching, on-going follow-up services, vocational training, CPR/First Aid, money skills and driver training.

### JOB CLUB

SES and the individuals just started off the New Year with their first Job Club Meeting. At the meeting, the individuals voted on which rules and regulations to keep and discard, as well as ideas on what kinds of jobs they would like to learn more about. They came up with many great ideas and are excited to see what is to come in 2016. They also reviewed their goals from last year and created new goals to achieve for this coming year. Before they left, they ended the night with a tasty snack.



### 2015 Giving Tree

*Thank you to everyone that donated items to the giving tree. All items were donated to the Henry County Senior Center. Pictured is Sandy Blackwood, Director, receiving a Wii U.*

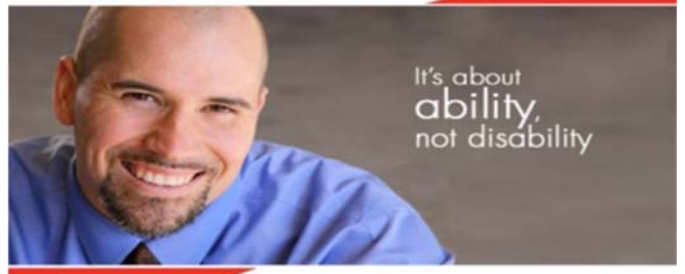


### Lottery Tree

Sandy Karmol was the lucky winner of the 2015 lottery tree. Congratulations Sandy! We HOPE you were a big winner! Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets; we were able to raise \$160 for Job Club.

## SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Supported Employment Service (SES) of HOPE Services is a dedicated department of people that assist the individuals we work with seek, and remain successful in their employment. We could not do this without all the support and assistance that the area businesses give. We work closely with several area businesses and appreciate the patience, guidance and opportunities that they offer.



Community employment for individuals with a developmental disability has been possible thanks to the businesses who understand that everyone can contribute to the workforce, and that hiring people with disabilities is good for their bottom line. Here are just some employers in our area who have made a commitment to hiring people with disabilities: Wal-Mart, Chief, Big Boy, Big G's, Triple Diamond Plastics, Keller Logistics, Holiday Inn Express, Meijer, McDonald's, Northwest State Community College, Lowe's and Bob Evans. These businesses experience an inclusive work force that boosts productivity and production. The individuals that they employ have proven, for the most part to be dedicated, conscientious and productive workers. Their attendance and retention are often above average.

SES is currently assisting 20 individuals that are looking for a job opportunity in the area. The types of jobs that they are seeking are very diverse from full time production jobs to a very part time cleaning position. Since we are aware that many employers hesitate to advertise openings that they have we encourage you to contact SES with your employment needs.

## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Theresa Peper was recently hired at Avina Embroidery, LLC, in December where she works 3 days a week. Theresa creates mailing lists as well as making copies and getting any mail ready to be sent out. Theresa is always willing to help out with anything. She is eager to learn more about Avina's, so she is able to be utilized in different areas. Theresa really enjoys her job and the chance to meet new people in the community. She does very well greeting customers as they come in, until someone is able to assist them.

*A little more about Theresa...* Theresa volunteers at HOPE Services in the SASS program, helping out the individuals as well as staff. She also works at the Soaring Arts Studio on days she is not working at Avina's. Theresa enjoys staying busy but also likes to spend her time with family and friends when she has a chance.

## *Congratulations*

LauraLe Spangler will celebrate 16 years of employment at Holiday Inn Express on February 1.

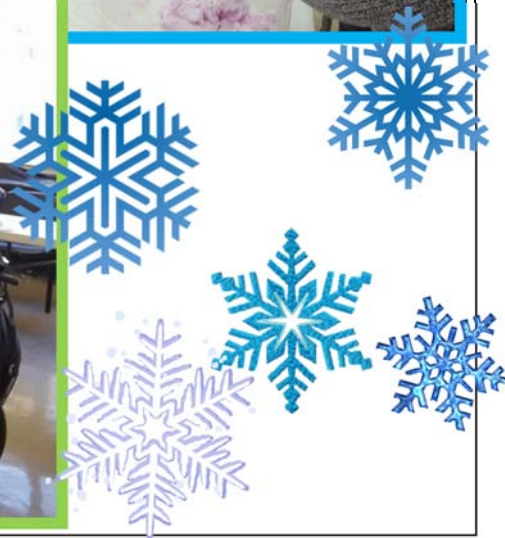


## SENIOR AND ADULT SUPPORT SERVICES

Senior and Adult Support Services enhances the quality of life for adults, including seniors, who have developmental disabilities. SASS focuses on enabling the individual to attain or maintain their optimal functioning level. The services include health and nutrition, leisure skills, self-determination, physical fitness, socialization opportunities and volunteer activities. HOPE Services provides funding for individuals to work at five other adult service facilities because it's their choice on where to work and we honor their decisions.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SASS

SASS welcomed 2016 with a day dedicated to Johnny Cash! The group watched video clips of live performances, interviews and talked about his life, times and music. The Ladies of SASS went shopping and out to lunch on the 5<sup>th</sup> while the guys stayed back playing cards, dice and shooting pool. Despite the lack of snow and ice, the group made pine cone bird feeders to hang outside for our feathered friends this winter. A weather delay put a damper on Man Day this month, but the guys still got together and went out for lunch. We had a great time talking, laughing and cleaning out the all-you-can-eat buffet at Pizza Hut. Staff also assisted the individuals with a few science experiments involving melting ice and homemade "snow". We stayed active playing parachute games, swimming at Filling Home and participated in adaptive sports with Randy.



## SERVICE AND SUPPORT ADMINISTRATION

Service and Support Administrators focus on supporting, empowering and advocating for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families in their pursuit of life-long goals.

SSAs assist in accessing and coordinating desired and needed services involving financial, educational, vocational, residential and other community based programs.

The SSA assists in ALL life aspects. SSAs coordinate for the unique needs of over 400 individuals.



**Voices of HOPE** is a self-advocacy group who meets every four to six weeks. Peer leaders, their supports and recently elected group officials meet twice a month to plan the meeting agenda. We have had many successful Voices of HOPE meetings that include topics/lessons like:

- Knowing your rights and responsibilities
- How to deal with bullying
- Right way/wrong way to handle difficult situations
- Personal strengths and weaknesses
- Creating bucket lists and dream catchers

Future goals for the Voices of HOPE group include fundraising to help support the group financially, engage in public speaking and completing a full Project STIR training for those interested.



## INDIVIDUAL OF THE MONTH



We feature Ed Baser this month. Ed lives in Napoleon with his wife, Linda. They are the parents of three children and four grandchildren—with another on the way!

Ed enjoys taking long drives and looking at the countryside. At home he likes to watch TV in his spare time. Some of his favorite shows are Family Feud, Walker, Texas Ranger, Little House on the Prairie and The Waltons. He just enjoyed his favorite holiday, which is Christmas. Ed is retired now. He previously worked at Cain's Potato Chips in Bowling Green, Quadco and Northwest Products. He and his family have vacationed in Las Vegas and actually lived there for two years in the 1990's. Ed likes to play cards while at the SASS Program. He attends three days a week and we're glad to have him here!

# Kent's Korner February 2016

## Upcoming events

January 30th at Paulding K of C tournament Team 1 vs Van Wert At 9:00am

January 30th at Paulding K of C tournament Team 1 vs Lucas County Wildcats at 11:30am

February 1st Basketball practice School Age from 3:30pm to 4:30pm at Filling Home

February 1st Basketball practice Women from 4:30pm to 6:00pm at Filling Home

February 2nd Bowling at River City Bowl-A-Way from 4:00pm to 6:00pm

February 3rd Basketball practice at Filling Home from 4:00pm to 7:30pm

February 4th Basketball practice School Age from 3:30pm to 4:30pm at Filling Home

February 4th Basketball practice Women from 4:30pm to 6:00pm

February 8th Basketball practice School Age from 3:30pm to 4:30pm at Filling Home

February 8th Basketball practice Women from 4:30pm to 6:00pm at Filling Home

February 9th Bowling at River City Bowl-A-Way from 4:00pm to 6:00pm

February 10th Basketball practice at Filling Home from 4:00pm to 7:30pm

February 11th Basketball practice School Age at Filling Home from 3:30pm to 4:30pm

February 11th Basketball practice Women at Filling Home from 4:30pm to 6:00pm

February 11th Basketball practice at Filling Home from 4:00pm to 7:30pm

February 15th Basketball practice at Filling Home from 4:00pm to 7:30pm

February 16th Bowling at River City Bowl-A-Way from 4:00pm to 6:00pm

## Flash Back Of The Month



## Track July 1996



Is volunteer work on your list of Resolutions for 2016? Consider being a volunteer for Henry County Special Olympics - you would make amazing new friends while helping so many people enjoy the sports and activities offered to them.



## Upcoming events

February 17th Basketball practice at Filling Home from 4:00pm to 7:30pm

February 18th Basketball practice at Filling Home from 4:00pm to 7:30pm

February 18th Basketball practice School Age from 3:30pm to 4:30pm Filling Home

February 18th Basketball practice Women from 4:30pm to 6:00pm Filling Home

February 22nd Basketball practice School Age 3:30pm to 4:30pm at Filling Home

February 22nd Basketball practice Women from 4:30pm to 6:00pm at Filling Home

February 23rd Bowling at River City Bowl-A-Way from 4:00pm to 6:00pm

February 24th Basketball practice at Filling Home from 4:00pm to 7:30pm

February 25th Basketball practice School Age from 3:30pm to 4:30pm at Filling Home

February 25th Basketball practice Women from 4:30pm to 6:00pm at Filling Home

March 1st Bowling at River City Bowl-A-Way from 4:00pm to 6:00pm

March 3rd The Annual Soup Challenge At Filling Home

March 5th West Section Basketball Tournament

## Be A Fan

Follow Special Olympics Ohio on Face book, Twitter and also on the web at sooh.org

If you have any Special Olympic news and or pictures that you would like to see included in the newsletter please contact me at:

Kentdavg51@yahoo.com or  
kspiess@henrydd.org

# Basketball Results

On January 4 Team 2 played Good Sam and won 53-29

The Women played Wood County and lost 28-24

On January 7 Team 1 traveled to Stryker and played Williams County Nets and lost 43-38

On January 7 Team 2 traveled to Robinson Middle School in Toledo and played the Toledo Public Rockets and won 57-43.

On January 15th Team 1 lost to Lucas County roadrunners 42-40 in a close game. Team 2 lost to Lucas County 46-29 in a high energy game .

On January 20th Team 1 beat Wood County 32-21.  
Team 2 beat Wood County 49-33.



# Basketball Schedule

- Feb. 1 at FILLING HOME School Age vs. Good Sam 6:00pm  
 Feb. 1 at FILLING HOME Team 2 vs. Good Sam 7:30pm  
 Feb. 2 at Brookhill Center Team 1 Vs Putnam County 6:00pm  
 Feb. 3 at FILLING HOME Team 1 vs. Sandusky County 6:00pm  
 Feb. 3 at FILLING HOME Team 2 vs. Sandusky County 7:30pm  
 Feb. 9 at FILLING HOME Team 1 vs. Wood County 6:00pm  
 Feb. 9 at FILLING HOME Team2 vs. Wood County 7:30pm  
 Feb. 10 at NODC Team 1 vs. Lucas County 6:00pm  
 Feb. 10 at NODC Team 2 vs. Lucas County 7:15pm  
 Feb. 11 at FILLING HOME Women vs. Williams County 6:00pm  
 Feb. 11 at FILLING HOME Team 2 vs. Toledo Public School 7:30pm  
 Feb. 17 at Filling Home Women vs. Fulton 6:00pm  
 Feb. 17 at Filling Home Team 1 vs. Fulton 7:30pm  
 Feb. 15-25 Area Playoff games at BG  
 Feb. 27-28 West Section Playoffs at Van Buren  
 Mar. 11 Fulton County Homecoming 6:00pm  
 Mar. 18-19 State BB Columbus  
 April 1 Homecoming at St. Paul's 6:00pm

## Cougars Recognized

At halftime of the Napoleon boys Basketball game on January 21st our Special Olympics players went down on the floor and were introduced by the announcer as they walked across the floor. Thank you all for welcoming them!

Henry County Special Olympics in partnership with HOPE Services/HCBDD offers year round sports training and competition opportunities in 13 sports to over 160 athletes in Henry County. HOPE Services and Special Olympics would like to thank all the citizens of Henry County for their ongoing support of the Henry County Board of DD and the programs they offer.



# The Gerald Award

The Gerald Award is an award presented among the staff at HOPE Services on the basis of seeing beyond what others believe to be possible. This professional has demonstrated gentle inspiration and a vision based on possibilities, so that every person we serve might be able to reach his/her greatest potential.

Stephanie (last month's recipient) presented the award to Melinda Slusser. Melinda, as you know, is the superintendent for the Henry County Board of DD. Stephanie decided to give the Gerald Award to Melinda because she was so sweet and generous to her with all the chocolate during the Secret Santa weeks in December. Stephanie feels she deserves it. Stephanie states, "Thank you, Melinda! It was a pleasure passing the Gerald Award to you!"

**THANK YOU MELINDA FOR ALL YOU DO FOR HOPE SERVICES!**



## SPECIAL OLYMPICS



HOPE Services offers year-round training and competition for individuals with developmental disabilities. These activities help athletes gain confidence and a positive self-image which carries over into their day to day lives in their classroom, home, job and community. Henry County Special Olympians can participate in a wide variety of events including bowling, cycling, golf, volleyball, basketball, soccer, cheerleading, track and field, swimming, bocce, tennis and horseback riding.

Our coaches are mostly volunteers who have a lot of dedication to the individuals and of course the passion to assist others in being successful individuals.



Henry County athletes have been to four World Games and three National Games. We even had one cyclist who went to the World Games in China.

## DID YOU KNOW ?

The Board provides services for over 400 children and adults, many of whom have both intellectual disabilities and physical disabilities. The board continues to secure federal dollars, helping to stretch local tax dollars. Federal dollars allow HOPE Services to provide \$100 worth of services for approximately \$40.

# VOICES OF HOPE SELF ADVOCACY GROUP

**PLEASE JOIN US**

**Wednesday, February 17, 2016**

**4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

**HOPE Services Activity Center**



**SPECIAL GUEST  
MR. PETE MOORE**

Mr. Moore will talk to the group about living the Good Life.

We encourage you, your staff, family members and friends to at-

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

HOPE Services appreciates the hard work and dedication of each of its employees which contribute to the overall success of the agency. As such, we would like to recognize the years of service given by the following employees:

Kelly Verbeke	20 years
Rita Saneholtz	17 years
Chris Schultz	17 years
Kathy Koppenhofer	6 years
Kris Banister	2 years

## HENRY COUNTY SPECIAL OLYMPICS 28th ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Tuesday, May 19, 2016  
6:00 p.m.  
Filling Home Gym, Napoleon  
potluck • drinks supplied  
• bring a dish to pass •



## HOPE SERVICES FOUNDATION

HOPE Services Foundation was formed in 1999 to assist in enriching the quality of life of children, youth and adults who are served by the Henry County Board of DD.

The Foundation provides a tax deduction 501 (c) (3) opportunity for families, friends and neighbors to make a lifetime investment or leave a legacy in honor of or in memory of someone.

HOPE Services Foundation has funded many things such as: HOPE Services canopy project (along with private donations), Early Intervention materials, washer and dryer and electronics as needed.



# DID YOU KNOW?

With the help of supported employment and placement services, many adults with developmental disabilities become less dependent on tax supported services, by acquiring jobs in our community.



## Donna

After years of working at Quadco, I was very happy to come to HOPE Services. They provide me with companionship and freedom that I would not have without them.

HOPE Services has been an integral part of Kelsey's development since birth. From the first time we carried her into Early Intervention in 1993, through her preschool years and on to her school age years



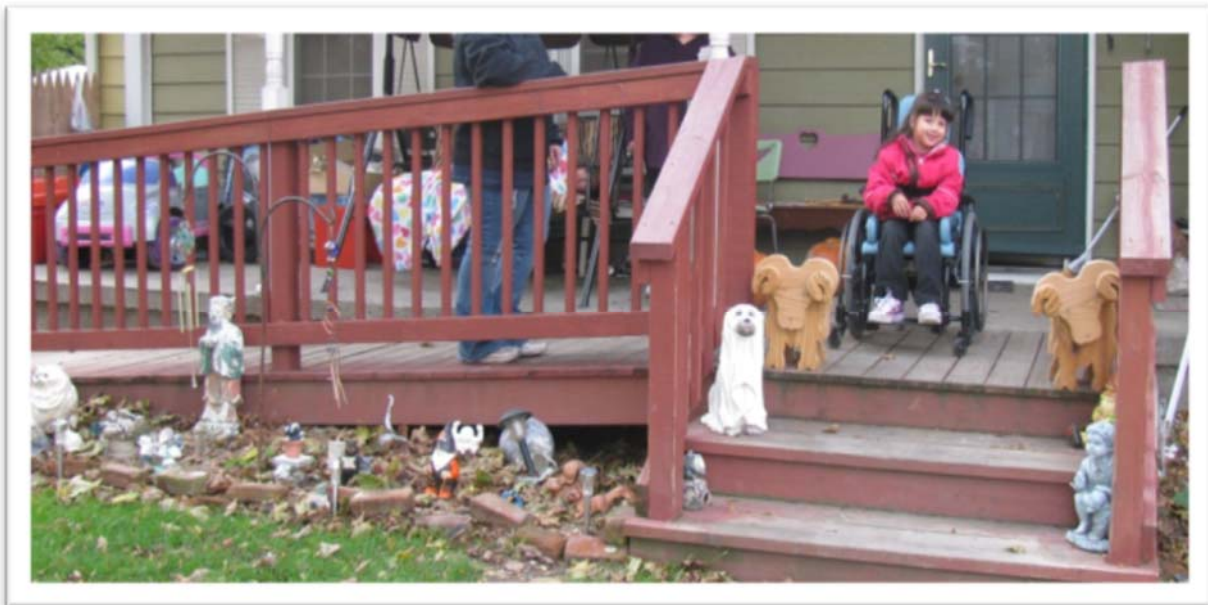
in Holgate and Four County Career Center. The professional, caring and committed staff of HOPE Services has been there to answer our questions, give us advice and above all, put Kelsey's best interest first.

**KELSEY**



The number of individuals receiving services continues to maintain and increase at a rate of 1-2 percent per year.

## FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES



Family Support Services promotes the unity of the family by providing financial assistance to families of eligible children and adults living at home. Services might include respite care, home modifications, ramps, special diets or assistance in purchasing adaptive equipment. At times, HOPE partners with community agencies, such as United Way and Family and Children First Council, to make the funds stretch.





We have been involved with HOPE Services for many years. They have been very helpful when various issues arise. I especially appreciate the various job coaches, both past and present, who have helped when monitoring Jenny in her various jobs.

## Who specifically are you serving?

- ⇒ There are 105 individuals living independently with support from HOPE Services.
- ⇒ There are 69 homes supported by HOPE Services in Henry County.
- ⇒ HOPE Services works with the following providers to support individuals in their homes:
  - Filling Homes – 25 individuals, 11 homes
  - Easy Living – 26 individuals, 20 homes
  - COREE – 27 individuals, 17 homes
  - CLASS – 11 individuals, 8 homes
  - LHS – 7 individuals, 5 homes
  - CRSI – 1 individual, 1 home
  - Independent Providers – 7 individuals, 7 homes
- ⇒ There are 34 individuals working in community employed jobs, and 7 individuals working with constant support in enclave settings. There are 20 individuals looking for community jobs right now.



This month's throwback picture includes Priscilla Balfour, Pete Ruetz, Lloyd Altman, Mary Jo Harbor, Susan Mengerink, Donna Kruse, Richard Ames, Bobby Bennett, Bob Kieffer and Will Yeager.



# Did You Know?

The number of children and adults receiving services has increased due to:

- Increased awareness on the part of doctors, who can refer children with developmental disabilities at birth.
- Better medical technology.
- Increased efforts to find children and adults who will benefit from our services.
- Broadened eligibility standards.
- Growth in our community.

# Upcoming Events

- **HOPE Services Levy Committee Meeting**—The upcoming levy meetings will be held on February 2, February 16 and March 1.
- **HOPE Services will be closed** in observance of President's Day on February 15.
- **Voices of HOPE** will be held on Wednesday, February 17, at 4:30 p.m. in the Activity Center.
- **Henry County Board of DD Board Meeting**—The Board meeting will be held Tuesday, February 29, at 8:00 a.m. in the Activity Center.
- **HOPE Services Soup Challenge**—The Annual Soup Challenge will be held Thursday, March 3, at the Filling Home Gym.

HOPE Services does not discriminate in provision of services or employment because of disability, race, color, creed, national origin, sex or age. Send news stories and items of interest to Kathy Bishop or Kent Spiess.



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