

HOPE SERVICES

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Seeing Potential ~ Inspiring Opportunities

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HOPE VISITS COLUMBUS FOR ADVOCACY AND AWARENESS DAY



The Developmental Disability Advocacy and Awareness Day is an annual event that has taken place for over a decade at The Ohio Statehouse in March which is DD Awareness Month. The purpose of this event is to educate and empower people with developmental disabilities, their family members and other community allies to come together on a single day to advocate policy issues which impact the lives of people with developmental disabilities.

Some of the individuals from HOPE traveled to Columbus to talk to the legislators and believes it is important for the policymakers of Ohio to hear the voices of people with disabilities. Shown above is Bishop Nieto, Theresa Peper, Jeremiah Sgro, Shannon Allen, Gary Cody, Jenny Hartford, Stephanie Jones, Jessica Clapp, LaNae Thompson and Emily of Senator Cliff Hites's office.



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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HOPE SERVICES
Henry County Board of Developmental Disabilities

PROUDLY PRESENTS

**HARDWIRED FOR CONNECTION:
TRAUMA RESPONSIVE CARE FOR YOUTH OF ALL AGES**

Dr. Julie P. Gentile, MD
Director, Intellectual Disability Psychiatry
Wright State University

Mary Vicario, LPCC-S
Finding Hope Consulting
Cincinnati

Wednesday, May 4, 2016
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
(registration begins at 8:00 a.m.)

Sauder Village Founder's Hall, 22611 State Route 2, Archbold, Ohio 43502

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FOR MORE DETAILS**

A MESSAGE FROM MELINDA

Thank You Henry County Voters!

Thank you for voting for the Henry County Board of DD levy on March 15! We appreciate the citizens' support of our levy! This will allow us to continue to provide high quality services to individuals with developmental disabilities who live here in Henry County.

We are excited to work cooperatively with those we serve and their families, helping them to participate in their community. Serving people in their communities can be expensive, although we do our best to minimize cost. Thank you again for your vote!

Melinda Slusser, Superintendent

E-mail!

If you would like to receive the HOPE Services newsletter by e-mail (instead of snail mail), please contact

Kathy Bishop at kbishop@henrydd.org or by calling 419-599-2892, ext. 245.



HOPE Services will be closed on Monday, May 30, 2016, in observance of Memorial Day.

NEW! WEBSITE!

HOPE Services has a new and improved website!

www.henrydd.org

By accessing this webpage, you can check out all the services that HOPE offers, get to know some of the individuals we serve, e-mail our staff, view Board meeting minutes and much more.

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:

Lisa Flowers	30 years
Kathy Bishop	26 years
Tiffany Swihart	18 years
Sue Rosebrock	11 years
Blake Stambaugh	6 years
Danielle Collins	2 years
Kent Spiess	2 years
Amber Vance	1 year



The April Voices of HOPE meeting is Friday, April 22, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. We will be having Little Caesars pizza, recapping DD Awareness Month and hearing from those who attended Advocacy Day at the State House, discussing and seeing skits on the R word and how to deal with those that use it. We will also decide on a summer fundraiser. Pizza cost is \$2.00.

The planning meeting for VOH leaders is Wednesday, April 13, at 3:00 p.m. All officers and STIR graduates are asked to attend and it is located in the HOPE Services Activity Center.



HOPE SERVICES SOUP CHALLENGE 2016

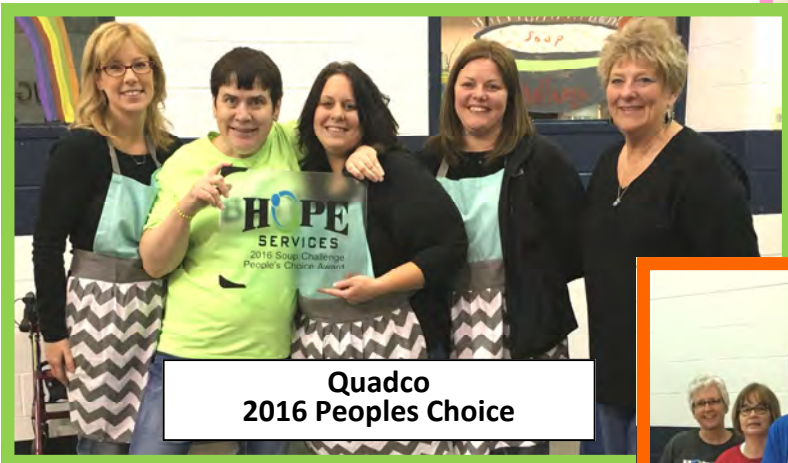
To help celebrate March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness month HOPE Services held a Soup Challenge on March 3 at the Filling Home of Mercy. We invited provider agencies who provide residential and day hab services to individuals with developmental disabilities in Henry County. Seven agencies were up for the "challenge". Our five celebrity judges this year included representatives from each of the county school districts—Todd Hug of Liberty Center, Steve Fogo of Napoleon, Laura Young of Holgate, Connie PUNCHES of Patrick Henry—and our very own Gary Cody, president of Voices of HOPE. There was a wonderful variety of soups to taste and in the end Momma Mia That's a Good Soup by Easy Living was selected. There was a two-way tie for second: Nacho Mama's Potato Soup by Filling Home and Cheeseburger Soup by Quadco.

The other award was the "People's Choice Award". This was determined by all participants at the event. Upon entering, each person was given a raffle ticket which after tasting the soups they were to vote for the soup they liked best. Quadco's Cheeseburger Soup was given this top honor. Filling Home's soup came in second.

The donations of \$896.89 from the Soup Challenge were given to the HOPE Foundation. A 50/50 drawing was also held with a donation of \$80 going to the Filling Home. A big thank you to Victor Gaucin, the winner of the 50/50, who donated his additional \$80 back to Filling Home. Providers who participated were C.L.A.S.S., Easy Living, Person Centered Services, Filling Homes, C.O.R.E.E., Quadco Rehabilitation Center and HOPE Services. It was a great turnout and we are looking forward to next year's challenge.



**Easy Living
2016 Grand Champion**



**Quadco
2016 Peoples Choice**



A big thank you to the professionals of the Senior and Adult Support Services for their contribution of Milk Chocolate Soup with Pound Cake Croutons to the Soup Challenge. It was absolutely delicious!!!

INDIVIDUAL OF THE MONTH

We feature Todd Rothenberger this month. Todd has worked at McDonald's for 28 years! He is a valued employee who cleans and makes French fries and hash browns. When Todd attends the SASS Program he enjoys seeing and joking around with his friends, along with participating in anything that involves sports. In the past Todd has been heavily involved with Special Olympics. He has participated in track and field, biking, bowling, swimming, basketball and volleyball. Todd is one of the Liberty Center Tigers' biggest fans and he also roots for the Ohio State Buckeyes. When he is at home, Todd helps with the garbage and folds clothes. He also walks on the treadmill or listens to CDs. Todd's idea of a great vacation is going to Las Vegas or going camping and making new friends. Todd is a very friendly and outgoing person and we are so happy to be able to enjoy his company here at SASS!



Todd Rothenberger

We will no longer be able to rent the Activity Center to community members. Current dates booked will be honored. If you have any questions, please contact Heather at ext. 242.



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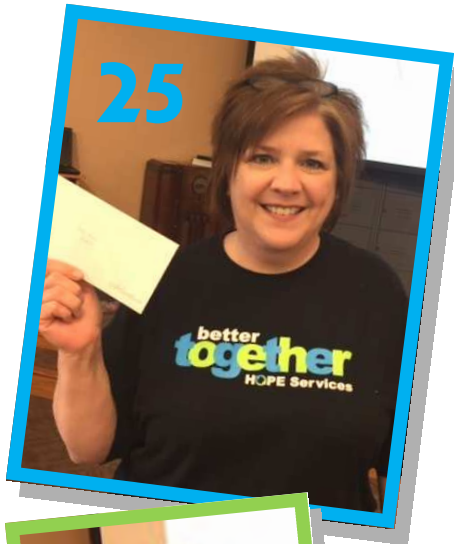


The Henry County Commissioners recently visited HOPE Services and proclaimed March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. Pictured are Commissioners Bob Hastedt, Tom VonDeylen and Glenn Miller. Following the proclamation, the HOPE Services Rhythm Band performed some patriotic songs for the commissioners.



Congratulations!

At the recent all staff meeting, professionals of HOPE Services were recognized for their many years of service completed in 2015. Kathy Bishop was recognized for 25 years; Bob Kieffer for 20 years; Sue Rosebrock for 10 years; and Stacie Kirkbride, Kathy Koppenhofer, Blake Stambaugh and John Hoover for 5 years. Thank you for your dedication to HOPE!



We'd like to welcome a new professional to HOPE Services

JoAnn Dennie is a Service and Support Administrator who lives in Napoleon. She is married to Tyler and has a daughter, Callie. She enjoys crafting and spending time with her family.

We're glad you are here JoAnn.

Kent's Korner

April 2016

Upcoming events

April 3rd Unified Bowling with Defiance College at Defiance Recreation from 12:00pm to 2:00pm

April 4th Horseback Riding at Dusty Boots in Weston from 5:30pm to 8:30pm

April 5th Bowling at River City Bowl-A-Way from 4:00pm to 6:00pm

April 7th Volleyball Practice at Filling Home from 4:00pm to 5:30pm

April 8th Bryan Times All Star game at Bryan High School 6:00pm

April 10th Unified Bowling with Defiance College at Defiance Recreation from 12:00pm to 2:00pm

April 11th Horseback Riding at Dusty Boots in Weston from 5:30pm to 8:30pm

April 12th Bowling at River City Bowl-A-Way from 4:00pm to 6:00pm

April 12th Volleyball practice at Filling Home from 4:00pm to 5:30pm

April 12th Track and Cycling Practice at Fairgrounds from 6:00pm to 8:00pm

April 14th Volleyball Practice at Filling Home from 4:00pm to 5:30pm

April 14th Track and Cycling Practice at Fairgrounds from 6:00pm to 8:00pm

April 16 Unified Bowling in Indianapolis, IN leave at 9:00am

April 18th Horseback Riding at Dusty Boots in Weston from 5:30pm to 8:30pm

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Barb Van Pelt

Barb enjoys playing basketball, track and softball. Barb has been in Special Olympics for 15 years. Her favorite coach is Randy Barnes. Her fondest memory is winning the State Championship in basketball a few years ago. Her choice of college football team is the Ohio State Buckeyes. Barb's preference of singers are Kid Rock, Brad Paisley and Loretta Lynn and Blue Grass is one of her favorite kinds of music. Her most beloved high school football team is the Bowling Green Bobcats. Barb's choice of movies are the Sound of Music, Grease 1 & 2, Safe Haven and Horse Whisperer.



April
SHOWERS
BRING
May
FLOWERS

Upcoming events

April 19th Volleyball Practice at Filling Home from 4:00pm to 5:30pm

April 19th Track and Cycling Practice at Fairgrounds from 6:00pm to 8:00pm

April 21st Volleyball Practice at Filling Home from 4:00pm to 5:30pm

April 21st Track and Cycling Practice at Fairgrounds from 6:00pm to 8:00pm

April 25th Horseback Riding at Dusty Boots in Weston from 5:30pm to 8:30pm

April 26th Volleyball Practice at Filling Home from 4:00pm to 5:30pm

April 26th Track and Cycling Practice at Fairgrounds from 6:00pm to 8:00pm

April 28th Volleyball Practice at Filling Home from 4:00pm to 5:30pm

April 28th Track and Cycling Practice at Fairgrounds from 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Flash Back Of The Month



Bowling January 1992

HOPE Cheerleaders and Patrick Henry Cheerleaders



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:
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Henry County Special Olympics girls basketball team had the opportunity to play at halftime during the BGSU girls game! The girls were so excited and had a blast!



Lydia, Tyra, Amber, Jessica and Amanda

Special Olympics Trivia

- Who founded Special Olympics? A. Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy B. Princess Diana C. Mother Theresa D. Eunice Kennedy Shriver
- How many countries are represented in Special Olympics? A. Less than 100 B. 130 C. 150 D. 170
- What is the minimum age requirement to participate in official Special Olympics competitions? A. 8 B. 16 C. 18 D. 21
- In what city were the first Special Olympics Games hosted? A. New York B. Chicago C. Dallas D. San Francisco
- How many Olympic-style sports are played in Special Olympics? A. 20 B. 25 C. 33 D. 46

1 = D, 2 = D, 3 = A, 4 = B, 5 = C

Answers:

7th Annual Cleveland Plane Pull

Join us on Saturday, July 9, 2016 at the I-X Center at Atlantic Aviation for the 7th Annual Cleveland Plane Pull to benefit Special Olympics Ohio. This event is the ultimate test of strength. It will test teams of up to 20 to see how fast they can pull a plane for time. This event is hosted by Cleveland Hopkins International Airport.



2016 State Winter Games

The 2016 Special Olympics Ohio State Winter Games were held February 3 and 4 at Brandywine Ski Resort and Kent State University Ice Arena.

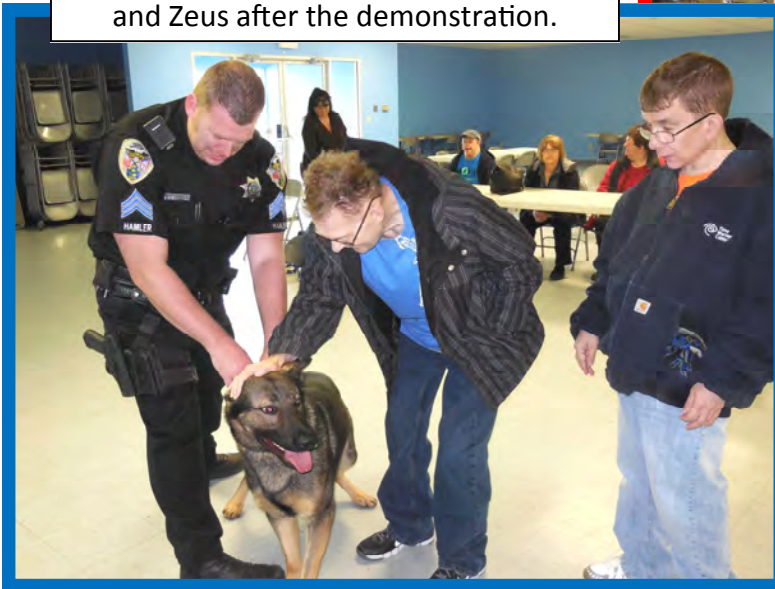
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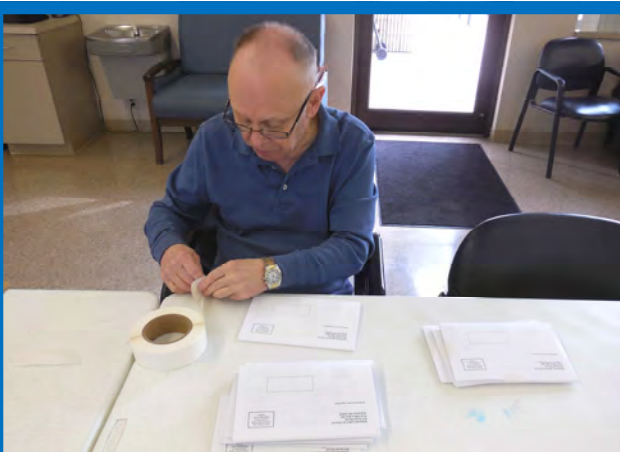
COREE hosted Networking Day with a carnival filled with games, prizes and sweet treats! Perry poses with a clown after receiving a balloon animal.



A group of SASS individuals traveled to the Deshler Legion for a K9 demonstration. Robert and Dwight meet Sgt. Robinson and Zeus after the demonstration.



Morris won our annual pool tournament with Mike taking a close second. Morris and Mike received a fruit pie and certificate for coming out on top.



We continue to help community organizations through our volunteer work. Mike works on affixing the address labels on newsletters for Emanuel Lutheran Church.



HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY
and ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

HIPAA

HIPAA is the acronym for the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act that was passed by Congress in 1996.

The HIPAA Privacy regulations require health care providers and organizations such as the Henry County Board of DD, as well as their business associates, to develop and follow procedures that ensure the confidentiality and security of protected health information (PHI) when it is transferred, received, handled or shared. This applies to all forms of PHI, including paper, oral and electronic information. Furthermore, only the minimum health information necessary to conduct business is to be used or shared.

The Henry County Board of DD has a Privacy Officer and an Information Security Officer that oversees compliance on all state and federal privacy laws, including HIPAA through our own policies and procedures in order to protect the PHI of all individuals that we serve.

CAPS (Children with Autism/Parent Support Group)

Monday, May 2, 2016
6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
HOPE Services

2254 N. Scott Street, Napoleon

The topic will be
“Let’s Share More”



Nearly half of America’s babies live in or near poverty.

This is a clear warning sign for America’s global competitiveness; almost half of our future workforce is in jeopardy of falling behind from the start.



Research shows poverty diminishes brain growth.

Early stress and lack of positive early experiences means poverty gets under the skin, undermining development in key brain regions for school readiness and academic success.

- A.** SELF-REGULATION & LEARNING
- B.** MEMORY & LANGUAGE
- C.** EMOTIONAL CONTROL



Henry County Special Olympics 28th Annual Awards Banquet

Thursday, May 19, 2016
6:00 p.m.



- potluck • bring a dish to pass • drinks supplied

Come enjoy an evening of fun, memories and awards.

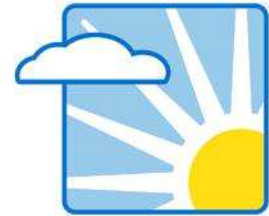


UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

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

April 25, 2016
May 23, 2016
June 27, 2016

At the most recent staff meeting, the Good Life team facilitated a team building activity. We talked about how important a stable foundation is, how each professional in the agency carries a certain role and how it takes a whole agency to work together to provide a good life for the individuals we serve.



Good Life
NETWORK



SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES



Jennifer C.—19 years at NWSCC
 Eric S.—7 years at Triple Diamond
 John S.—6 years at Wal-Mart
 Andy Z.—3 years at Wal-Mart
 Cole J.—6 years at H.A.R.C.
 David B.—2 years at Triple Diamond

These are all great milestones and we congratulate all of these hard-working individuals.



DON'T TOSS 'EM, RECYCLE THEM!

Supported Employment Services is the collection site for used ink cartridges. This project is an ongoing fund raiser to benefit individuals receiving SES services. Thank you for participating!

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



**David
Brinkman**

Supported Employment would like to recognize David Brickman.

Upon graduation from high school, David obtained his first community job at Triple Diamond Plastics. David is working full time on second shift. Although he was very excited, he quickly had doubts if he would be able to do this job. With time, practice, and patience, David not only mastered his assigned tasks, but succeeded far past his expectations. Now David can do any job in the factory and has increased his stamina and strength. David also obtained his Tow Motor certification and will celebrate his two year anniversary this month.

David has set several goals for himself and in the month of February David met one of his goals when he got his first apartment in Napoleon. In David's free time he enjoys spending time with his grandpa and family, especially his niece. David also likes playing the guitar and keeping his apartment clean.

When asking David's supervisor, Rocky, what it means to them to have David on their team this is what he had to say. "David is very punctual, never calls off, maintains a good attitude, is dependable, likeable and gets his job done." Rocky stated that he can put David on the worst job and he still will give him a smile. David is an all-around good guy; we can joke with him and he jokes right back.

Keep up the Good Work David!!!

SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

JOB DEVELOPMENT UPDATE . . . MARCH 2016

What a busy month or so we have had in SES especially in the Job Development area. It is such an exciting thing to see individuals gain confidence and independence with interviews and new jobs. We have had over ten interviews for new jobs and at this time three hires and three pending job starts.

- Jennifer is working at Wal-Mart (Wauseon) in the deli.
- Chris is employed at Wal-Mart (Defiance) as a Courtesy Associate.
- Holgate School hired Job as a sub/on-call custodial worker, hoping to be moved to a permanent part-time position soon.

We are currently waiting on follow-ups to three other positions and hope to hear YOU'RE HIRED!

Until then we will continue to apply and practice our interview skills.



The guest speaker for Job Club in March was Nathan Kruse from NDK Photography. Nathan talked to the group about what it takes to become a professional photographer, including his education. He spoke about what a camera costs and told the group that the camera he was using cost around \$5,000. Nathan relayed what kind of pictures he is hired to take such as weddings, baby portraits, senior pictures, sports, families and more. Nathan told the group that he currently has 16 weddings scheduled for 2016 and when he does a wedding he usually takes around 4,000 pictures. He also talked about how much pictures can cost. Nathan discussed how he edits the pictures and where he does his editing. Attendees were treated to an individual photo shoot and then had the option to participate in group fun shots. The group had a lot of fun getting to do these pictures. Thank you, Nathan, for sharing your profession with us!

JOB CLUB



SAY CHEESE!

Upcoming Events

- **Voices of HOPE** will be held on Friday, April 22, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- **Henry County Board of DD Board Meeting**—The Board meeting will be held Monday, April 25, at 8:00 a.m. in the Activity Center.
- **CAP (Children with Autism/Parent Support Group)** will meet Monday, May 2, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.
- **Hardwired for Connection: Trauma Responsive Care for Youth of All Ages** will be held Wednesday, May 4, at Sauder Village Founder's Hall.
- **HOPE Services** will be closed on Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day.

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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