

# HOPE SERVICES

MARCH 2020

Seeing Potential ~ Inspiring Opportunities

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

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### Our Mission

*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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### COUGAR'S CHEERLEADING

Adrienne and Jordyn pose at cheer practice preparing for the Special Olympics Winter Games.

### UNIFIED BOWLING

Defiance College Unified Bowling Team competed at the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference in Indianapolis in February. We are thrilled to have so many participants from Henry County Special Olympics as a part of this team. The team took home First Place overall! Congratulations everyone!



COMMUNITY EVENT!

# SOUP CHALLENGE

# 2020

# MARCH 12

# 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

LOCATION:  
FILLING HOME GYM  
Free Will Donation!

MARCH IS DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH



**See**  
**Ability**  
 #2020visionHCDD



Live, Work and Go Where We Want!

**From the Superintendent**



March is the participants was truly inspiring. National Developmental Disabilities (DD) Awareness Month! Hopefully, you will get a chance to see our billboards celebrating DD Awareness Month while you are out and about. Maybe considered a bit old school in these days of social media, they still generate quite a buzz in our community. I'm also a big fan of this year's theme SeeABILITY because ability is what this month truly celebrates!

President Ronald Reagan proclaimed the first DD Awareness month in 1987 as a way to promote awareness and acceptance for people of every ability. Quite a bit has changed over the past 33 years but HOPE Services' (Henry County Board of Developmental Disabilities) mission "... to discover, pursue, and achieve..." remains the same. A great way to get a jumpstart on the month was attending The Special Olympics Winter Games just down the road in Bowling Green, Ohio. Athletes from across Ohio gathered, competed, and above all enjoyed a fantastic time. Witnessing the dedication, perseverance, and hard work, exhibited by all

We have a lot of activities going on. Shake off those winter doldrums and come join us. Our Big Event is the Soup Challenge where local teams compete for the coveted title of Soup Master. Inside our newsletter you will find plenty of activities going on throughout the month. We would love to see you come out, have some fun, and celebrate ABILITY with us.

- Stephen E. Tucker

Every year we celebrate March as National Developmental Disability Awareness Month. 2020 DD Awareness and Advocacy Day, live, work and go where we want is being held on Wednesday, March 4, 2020, at the Ohio Statehouse. So it is our job as advocates to help others understand that people with disabilities each have their own story to share, be heard and we all must work together to make a difference in their lives.

Alisha Mason  
 Photography  
 @photography.alisha

We would like to thank  
 Alisha Mason Photography

For the great sports photos! Check them out on our DD Awareness Month Billboards!

## Meet the Hasselswerth Family

The Hasselswerth family has been receiving EI services since November of 2018. Connor and Sloane Hasselswerth live at home in Napoleon with their mom, Teal, and dad, Don. Mom and dad initially called Early Intervention when the twins were released from the NICU due to their prematurity. Mom states that "I was concerned with developmental disabilities and when we were preparing to be released from the hospital the NICU ask what services Henry County had." When Teal, the twin's mom, first called EI her hopes were that "we could just make sure they (Sloane and Connor) were on track and we were doing the things at home to keep them on track."

When thinking and talking about EI services Teal stated that she likes the flexibility of the program and that the visits take place in the family's home and in the twin's comfortable environment. EI works to meet families in the family's natural learning environments. This is beneficial to families and children because you don't have to go anywhere or do anything specific to prepare for the visit. EI uses a Coaching Model to coach family and caregivers on strategies and things to do at home with you and your child.

The twin's grandma was also present during the interview and wanted Henry County to know that when you hear about HOPE Early Intervention you think about disabilities but it is more than just disabilities, EI helps with overall child development. EI also has a lot more resources than just home visits and in home therapies. The Early Intervention team has helped the



Hasselswerth family get braille books for both kids, eye patches for Sloane, occupational therapy evaluations, language and feeding evaluations, an in-home vision therapist and many more things. Each visit is created and specific for the family. So each family's needs will be different.

Teal feels that EI has made a difference for their family because "their (the twins) development has come sooner having you (Developmental Specialist) and the EI team research different tools to try, when we don't know what to try." Mom feels that other families should call if they are considering EI because "it works!" She also stated that you should "do it, it won't hurt anything and you can always stop services."

If you or someone you know have questions about Early Intervention for a child birth- 3 years give us a call and we'll see what we can do to help you!

Cassandra Seesholtz, Developmental Specialist



See  
**Ability**

#2020visionHCBD

**HOPE**  
SERVICES  
Henry County Board of Developmental Disabilities

**ROCK YOUR SOCKS**  
— FOR —  
**WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY**  
**3.21**



It is important to speak about issues relating to Down's syndrome in a way that is both factually accurate and inoffensive to people with Down's syndrome, their families, caregivers and the people who support them.

People with Down's syndrome are all unique individuals and should be acknowledged as a person first and foremost. Down's syndrome is only a part of the person; they should never be referred to as "a Down's" or "a Down's person".



DIRECT  
SUPPORT  
PROFESSIONAL

# DSP

*Helping People. Changing Lives.*

Direct support professionals (DSPs) are individuals who work directly with people that have physical and/or intellectual disabilities.

Providers throughout Henry and surrounding counties are looking for DSPs to join their team!

The link below will take you directly to DSP Ohio for more information.

<https://www.dspohio.org/henry/>



PCS - Defiance has two DSP positions open!  
Contact Nikol Damman @ 419-782-7274.

Please email [tparsons@henrydd.org](mailto:tparsons@henrydd.org) if you would like a job opening posted in the monthly newsletter.

## March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

#ddawareness

### Birthdays and Anniversaries by Stephanie Jones

To all those at HOPE Services celebrating anniversaries this month, thank you for all your hard work and dedication because HOPE Services would not be the same without you!!



- \*Kathy Bishop: 30 years
- \*Kent Spiess: 6 years
- \*Tiffany Swihart: 22 years

### IRISH BLESSING



*May your troubles be less,  
your blessings be more,  
and nothing but happiness  
come through your door.*



- Melinda Camp March 22
- Rita Saneholtz March 24
- Kent Spiess March 27
- Heather Obermyer March 31

BIRTHDAYS



### Summer Youth Program 2020 Application

#### Attention Parents of Summer Youth Participants

Programs available for Summer Youth are:

- Career Exploration
- CPR/First Aid
- Volunteer Experience
- Work Experience
- OOD Referral (Summer Youth)
- Safety Skills for the Workplace
- Driver's Permit Training
- Daily Living Skills
- Skills to Pay the Bills
- CCMEP Referral

**Return Forms To:**  
Melinda Camp  
Employment First Manager  
Email: [mcamp@henrydd.org](mailto:mcamp@henrydd.org)  
Fax: 419-592-5828




"Life Is Not To Be Viewed Through The Single Lens Of A Diagnosis But To Be Lived Through The Spectrum Of Potential, Promise And Purpose."

Thursday, March 19th @ 5:00 PM

Location: 630 Appian Ave., Napoleon

(Church of the Nazarene)

A performance by Zayne and Inspirational talk by him and his Mother, Gwen

**This Developmental Disability Awareness Month event is brought to you by HOPE Services and the Voices of HOPE Self-Advocacy Group.**

\*Free will donations will be accepted at the event to help support the Advocacy Group

Diagnosed with autism at the age of four, this determined young man taught himself to play the acoustic, electric and bass guitars at the age of 14. But it was his introduction to the blues sound that provided the musical construct from which he developed his own style.

## VOICES of HOPE

- Leaders meeting March 3rd @ 5:00 PM  
(Bowling Alley)

- STIR Masters for Project STIR Graduates March 16th.  
Call Tina for details.

Join us! Advocacy meeting - March 20th @ 5:00 - 6:30

## Advantages of being a part of Self-Advocacy

Speak UP! Voices of HOPE self-advocacy group is looking for someone like YOU to make the group even better. We creatively focus on important advocacy skills like knowing yourself, communicating, problem solving, rights and responsibilities, self-determination and being a part of the community.



The Community Life Guide will help you learn how to be your best and how to stay safe while you work, live, and explore your community.

## Everyone can be a part of their community

We know that community employment is good for workers, businesses, and for the community. That is why the State of Ohio wants to help you. The Community Life Guide will help you find community employment, move forward on your Path to Employment, and help you stay safe. Click the photo below or go to:

<https://jobguide.ohioemploymentfirst.org/safety.php> for the 10 the training lessons.



### Speak Up Stay Safe: Community Health and Safety Training

10 Modules to help you learn how to stay safe and healthy while you work, live, and explore your community



Come join us for a night of "Artistry in the Dirt"  
 Where: Huntington Center in Toledo!  
 When: March 8, 2020  
 Cost: \$34  
 (limited to the first 12)  
 Leave HOPE at 10:15am.  
 Bring money for souvenirs and snacks.



HARC, Inc.  
 Providing Recreation opportunities



Call Randy at:  
 419-591-6798

The Pistons take on the Warriors March 20 at Detroit.  
 Leave 4:30 HOPE  
 Return 11:00pm  
 Cost: \$25.00



Toledo Walleye  
 March 29 Leave 4:00 from HOPE Return 9:30  
 Cost: \$25 for ticket and Money to eat on.  
 Sign up by March 20

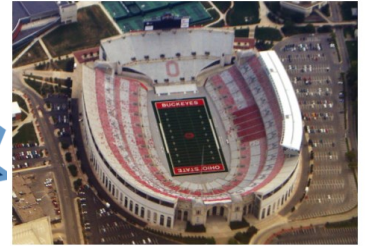
Call Randy at: 419-591-6798  
 Or 419-599-2892



**OSU Stadium Tour!!**  
 March 31 Leave 10:00 am from HOPE Return 7:00pm  
 Cost: \$10 for ticket and Money to eat on.



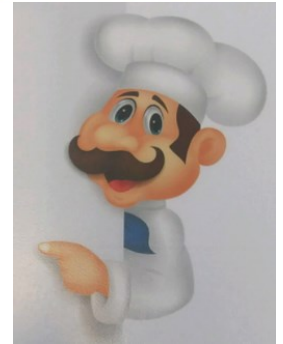
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## HARC Recreation Cook Night

This month the group prepared Cheesy Potato Soup, Salad, Bread and Apple Crisp a la mode.

They also began making their cookbooks of recipes they have prepared throughout the year. We plan to add new recipes each month.



April 3  
**LION KING!**  
 At the  
 Stranahan Theater



Cost is :  
 \$50 for ticket  
 Any foods/snack is extra.  
 Leave HOPE : 6:30pm  
 Return: 11:00pm



### SIGN UP FOR THE FUN!

All HARC REC events can be signed up for by calling HOPE Services at (419)-599-2892, Randy Barnes at (419-591-6798) or by visiting <https://www.henrydd.org/our-services/community-support-activities/recreation/>

**GET UP  
 GET OUT  
 AND MOVE**

- RANDY BARNES



Let's get  
**COOKING**

## Upcoming Board Meeting

March 25, 2020

4:00 PM @ HOPE Services  
Activity Center

Previous approved board meeting minutes can be viewed on our website, [www.henrydd.org](http://www.henrydd.org).

2020 Board meetings will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

March, 8 2020



Time to  
Spring Ahead



HCBDD is teaming up with HARC, Inc. to resume a support group for parents with a child or children with special needs. This group is open to the community and will be a time for you to share concerns, questions and problem solving techniques with other parents. During the first meeting we will discuss presenters and speakers that could assist the group.

Meetings will be held at HOPE Services and child care services will be available during the meeting (advance notice will be needed).

### Parent Support Meeting

**March 24, 2020**

6:30- 7:00 PM

Email [tparsons@henrydd.org](mailto:tparsons@henrydd.org)

### be a volunteer



There are many ways to volunteer your time throughout the year. For more info contact:

Stephen Tucker, Superintendent,  
[stucker@henrydd.org](mailto:stucker@henrydd.org).

Randy Barnes, Special Olympics  
[rbarnes@henrydd.org](mailto:rbarnes@henrydd.org) or

Tina Parsons, Advocacy and Community Support,  
[tparsons@henrydd.org](mailto:tparsons@henrydd.org).

## HOPE FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

The HOPE Foundation was formed in 1999 to provide a tax deductible 501 © (3) charity that will assist in enriching the quality of life of children, youth and adults who are served by the Henry County Board of Developmental Disabilities (HCBD).

All eligible individuals and service providers to those served by the HCBD are welcome to request funding from the HOPE Foundation. **2020 Grant Requests are now being accepted.**

In considering grant approval, The HOPE Service Foundation focuses on working toward providing the highest possible quality of living to those individuals in Henry County with special needs.

Funding is available on a case by case review by the HOPE Services Foundation. If you are interested in applying for 2020 grant assistance, please contact a SSA from HOPE Services for assistance in completing the grant application.

### HOPE Foundation Board Members:

Brian Yarnell, President

Cathy Jones, Secretary

Betty Marihugh, Treasurer

Amy Watson

Derek Distell

Deb Butler

# Kent's Korner March 2020

## Upcoming Events

Special Olympics Bowling continues through April 14th from 4-6 PM at the River City Bowl-A-Way

Unified bowling tournament in Indianapolis took place on February 16th. Three teams of two Cougars athletes and two Defiance college athletes competed. Placing First overall with the following participants from Henry County:



Jacob Heath, Jennifer Cordes, Mary Ellen Ochoa, Shannon Allen, Terri Jo Stover, Jenny Hartford Huge **THANK YOU** to the college student Competitors!!

## Super Bowl Trivia

- This team, owned by Jerry Jones, holds the record for most Super Bowl MVPs?
  - Cleveland Browns
  - Dallas Cowboys
  - Pittsburgh Steelers
  - Kansas City Chiefs
- What team won Super Bowl XLIII in 2008 season?
  - Pittsburgh Steelers
  - Miami Dolphins
  - Houston Texans
  - Baltimore Ravens
- Where will Super Bowl XLIX be held?
  - Liberty Center, Ohio
  - Miami, Florida
  - Glendale, AZ
  - Cleveland, Ohio
- Super Bowl XLI was played in South Florida in this stadium?
  - Hard Rock Stadium
  - MetLife Stadium
  - NRG Stadium
  - Lambeau Field
- This team, in the same city as the NBA'S Heat, holds the record for fewest points scored in a Super Bowl?
  - Cleveland Browns
  - Miami Dolphins
  - Dallas Cowboys
  - Pittsburgh Steelers

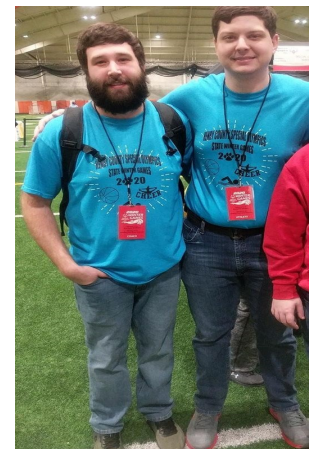
## State Games

February 21st to the 23rd was State Winter games for Special Olympic participants! Big shout out to Cougar Cheerleaders in winning their tumble division. Unified Basketball team also won state as they defeated Ashland 47-33 in game one, and then beat Ashland again in game 2, 36-31! Caty Kuehner took 2nd place in the 25 meter back stroke. Great job to all competitors!!!



## Jacob Heath

Jacob has been involved in Special Olympics for 10 years and favorite Special Olympics Coach is Zach Meister. Jacob participates in Swimming, Volleyball, Softball and Bowling. Jacob would have to say Bowling is his favorite sport to play. Of all of Jacob's Special Olympic memories his favorite is playing with his friends on any team. When it comes to professional sports Jacob prefers the NFL and is an avid Green Bay Packers fan, along with his love for his Buckeyes. Jacob's favorite food is spaghetti but when it comes to going out for dinner he enjoys Azul Tequilas. His favorite movie is Jumangii, The Next Level. Jacob enjoys rooting on Napoleon Wildcats on Friday nights in the fall. Jacob's favorite holiday is Christmas. Chris Tomlin is the singer Jacob most enjoys listening to. His favorite TV Show FBI but when it comes to actors he is a Jim Carey fan. In his spare time Jacob enjoys volunteering for Upwards basketball at Napoleon Church of the Nazarene.





# Supported Employment Success Story

SES would like to Congratulate Laura'le Spangler for her 20 years anniversary working at Comfort Inn (formerly Holiday Inn Express). Her Employer held a celebration for Laura'le at the hotel on the 24th of February to celebrate not only her hard work and dedication for the past 20 years but also her birthday.

Laura'le was given an opportunity through BVR what is now called OOD (Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities) to complete some work trials in 1999. Laura'le worked with SES and tried several different types of work before finding her job at the hotel in the Laundry Department. Laura'le had the chance to work with Job Coaches to learn all the facets of her job and picked up very quickly.

SES has continued to work with Laura'le providing her with supports for 20 years. Over the years Laura'le has had several managers and many co-workers that she has worked with. Several of these people attended the celebration. Laura'le's managers have all been impressed by Laura'le's work ethic and her ability to get her work completed. Laura'le is very committed to her work and her co-workers. She does an outstanding job and has been a person that has touched many lives of the people that she works with. Laura'le was asked if she is thinking about retiring and she said No Way. I love my job!

SES wishes Laura'le many more years working and enjoying life.



For more information on Supported Employment please contact:

Tiffany Swihart, Team Leader Triangular Processing Supported Employment

419-592-0126 \* [tiffanyswihart@fultoncountyoh.com](mailto:tiffanyswihart@fultoncountyoh.com)

Space is limited. Please call 419-599-2892 to sign up for the Animal and Me Program!

**Deadline is March 13, 2020**



# Animal & ME



## HOW IT WORKS

- Youth receiving services from HCBDD sign up to be mentored by 4-H'ers with animal projects. **2020 Program will be offered to middle school age youth up to age 17.**
- They will complete a survey and provide 2 animal species they would like to show. They will be matched with one of their choices.
- Participants and 4-H members are teamed up and will meet on 3 different occasions to spend time together and get to know the animals before the Show.
- During the HC Fair, together they will parade around the show ring with the animals in front of judges. Each participant is asked to demonstrate something they have learned about the animal.

## Giving ALL Youth an Opportunity to Experience a 4-H Animal Project

New to Henry County, a mentoring program for Youth served by the Henry County Board of DD and Henry County 4-H Members

- This program allows everyone, regardless of their ability, to achieve success in the show ring.
- Participants will learn one on one with their mentors and participate in showing the animal of their choice during the Henry County Fair.
- Space is limited to 8 participants for the 2020 Program

If you are interested in signing your child up for the Summer 2020 program please contact Tina Parsons @ [tparsons@henrydd.org](mailto:tparsons@henrydd.org).

Sign up deadline is March 13, 2020





## HARC Recreation Events

### April, May June 2020

Contact Randy Barnes at 419-591-6798 or 419-599-2892 to sign up

**ONE WEEK prior to the event**

DATE	EVENT	TIME	COST	Sign up required	LOCATION
Friday, April 3, 2020	Bryan All Star Classic	5:00-10:00pm	\$5.00	yes	Bryan High School
Wednesday, April 8, 2020	Cook Night	5-7:00pm	\$3.00	yes	HOPE Activity Center
Friday, April 24, 2020	Bocce Potluck	6-8:00pm	no	yes	HOPE Activity Center
Saturday, April 25, 2020	Laser Tag	12:00-5:00-pm	\$20.00	yes	Q Zar Toledo
Thursday, May 7, 2020	Game Night	6-8:00pm	\$2.00	yes	HOPE Activity Center
Wednesday, May 13, 2020	Cook Night	5-7:00pm	\$3.00	yes	HOPE Activity Center
Saturday, May 16, 2020	Footloose Musical	12:00-7:00pm	\$30.00	yes	Croswell Opera House, Adrian, MI
Sunday, May 17, 2020	Columbus Clippers All you can eat day	10am-7:00pm	\$25.00	yes	Huntington Stadium, Columbus
Wednesday, May 20, 2020	Cedar Point	8:00ap-9:00pm	\$35.00	yes	Sandusky, OH
Friday, May 22, 2020	Bocce Potluck	6:00-8:00pm	no	yes	HOPE Activity Center
Wednesday, June 10, 2020	Cook Night	5-7:00pm	\$3.00	yes	HOPE Activity Center
Sunday, June 14, 2020	North American Auto Show	9am-7pm	\$14.00	yes	Detroit
Tuesday, June 16, 2020	Bowl Lock In	4:00-10:00pm	\$5.00	yes	River City Bowl A Way
Friday, June 19, 2020	Bocce Potluck	6-8:00pm	No	yes	HOPE Activity Center
Sunday, June 21, 2020	Mud Hens	1:30-9:00pm	\$25.00	yes	Fifth Third Field Toledo

### Contact Us

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HARC Recreation	419-591-6798
Volunteer Opportunities	419-599-2892



### Board Members

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