



TRUMBULL COUNTY

BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Their Journey, Their Needs, Our Support.



FALL 2017 NEWSLETTER

Save The Date

- Nov. 1** - 19th Annual Calendar Art Show
- Nov. 9** - Painting with Rick Class
- November 16** - Volley for a Cure
- Dec. 1** - Christmas in the Square and Holiday Art Hop
- Dec. 2** - Holiday Movie Day
- Dec. 5** - Shop for a Cause at Simpson Gallery
- Dec. 7** - Painting with Rick Class

**For more information on these events, please visit our website at www.tcbdd.com.*



A BIG THANK YOU to Leeda Northeast for their sponsorship of the 2017 golf event.

Superintendent Update

To Individuals, Guardians, Parents and Families,

I am pleased to announce the Trumbull County Board of Developmental Disabilities (TCBDD) recently partnered with Person Centered Services (PCS) to provide non-medical transportation beginning in 2018. The Board approved the partnership at its meeting on Sept. 25.

This transition will only affect the 330 adults who require daily transportation from the Board. It will not affect school-age individuals who attend the Fairhaven School. We are pleased to have found a great provider that we are confident we can rely on in this time of transition. We have had many changes over the last few years due to state and federal mandates, and we believe PCS has the experience to make this transition seamless.

PCS is expected to supply a new fleet of vehicles for individuals in Trumbull County beginning in January 2018. PCS

is also committed to hiring current Board transportation staff at their current hourly salary.

As you are aware, this partnership is part of the Board's effort to transition away from providing direct services to individuals in order to comply with state and federal mandates. PCS is a state-certified agency provider for every county in Ohio and is actively providing transportation and other services to over 500 individuals in 11 counties. PCS is considered the leader in assisting county boards with a seamless conversion.

We look forward to a successful partnership with PCS, as our primary concern is ensuring those we serve are receiving the services they need. I encourage anyone who has questions about this transition to contact me directly.

Ed Stark
Superintendent
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Adult Services

Pam Dennison, an individual served by TCBDD, is passionate about animals. She wanted to make a difference and help animals at Angels for Animals. Pam organized a collection drive for items the shelter needed. With a little help, she passed out flyers and placed collection boxes at all TCBDD Adult Services locations and the Service and Support Administration office. Pam also spoke at several buildings about the collection drive.

The collection drive was a huge success! She collected towels, bleach, paper towels, cleaning wipes, pet food, treats, beds, collars, and toys. Pam delivered the donated items to Angels for Animals on September 1. While there, she took a tour of the facility and got to visit all of the cats and dogs in the shelter. Pam said, "This is one of the best days of my life. It makes my heart happy to help the lovely animals. I hope they all find happy homes filled with love."



Special Olympics

Fairhaven Golfers Take Gold at State Tournament in Cincinnati

Joey Verostko (Hubbard) and John Aho (Vienna) represented Fairhaven's Special Olympic Golf team and participated in the 25th Annual State Golf Tournament at the Meadow Links & Golf Academy in Cincinnati on September 20. They competed with approximately 400 golfers throughout the state. Joey shot a 51 for a Gold Medal in the individual stroke competition. John golfed in the unified golf competition with partner, Larry Rhodes and finished with a score of 51 to take Gold as well. We are so proud of their performance!



UPCOMING SPECIAL OLYMPICS EVENTS

- **November 4** - Area 10 swim meet at Wooster, 6:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- **November 11** - Brooke McMahan Memorial at Akron University, 8:45 a.m. – 3 p.m.



Fairhaven Bulldogs

Upcoming School Events

NOVEMBER

- **November 21** - (evening) Parent – Teacher Conferences
- **November 22-24** - Thanksgiving break, NO STAFF, NO STUDENTS
- **November 7** - Election day - NO STUDENTS
- **November 16** - Volley for a Cure volleyball games are taking place in Fairhaven's gym. Cost for admission is \$1

WELCOME BACK STUDENTS!

We welcome our Fairhaven School-age and Preschool students back for the 2017-2018 school year! We look forward to working with students, parents, local school districts, and community members to ensure another great year at Fairhaven!



Recent Event Recap



Artists receive Ohio Arts Council Grant

Artists, Melissa Baker, Evita Burns, and Amanda Brozman will be taking classes to learn new painting techniques and art forms. Additionally, they will participate in lectures on how to make art a business, and exhibiting their final product. Classes will take place over a 10-month period. This opportunity was made possible through a grant supported by the Fine Arts Council, Trumbull Art Gallery and The Collective Palette Studio. Working together, they applied for the OAC's Empowering Artists with Disabilities match grant. The Collective Palette Studio held Painting with Rick art classes to raise \$1,000 and also received a \$500 donation from the Burkhardt Family Fund.



Bobby Kline's Art to Exhibit in Washington D.C.

When Sara Weir, the National President of the Downs Syndrome Society and her team were in Warren, they stopped in The Collective Palette Studio and met Bobby Kline. Bobby's "PANDA" painting was on exhibit and he shared it was painted as a wedding present for studio staff (Molly). At that time Sara asked Bobby to exhibit his work at the pop-up "C-21" restaurant opening for legislatures and the public to see what individuals with Downs can do!. He is one of five artists from across the nation to be on exhibit.



A McKinley Art Show exhibit at Art Outreach Gallery

Artists were asked to submit pieces of art that were representative of the life and times of President McKinley. BEST OF SHOW was awarded to Melissa Baker. In the Adult Division Mary Shiamone placed first, Evita Burns second, and Amanda Brozman third. Honorable Mentions were awarded to Frances Paugh, Pam Dennison and Stephanie Bilchak.



Collective Palette

The Collective Palette is proud to share our new, updated logo! Wherever you see this logo, you'll find unique and one of a kind artwork by individuals with disabilities.

The Studio will be participating in the Holiday Art Hop on December 1, 5:30-8 p.m. The Art Hop is part of the Christmas in the Square celebration and the Studio will again be an official "Cookie Stop", don't forget to stop by and see us!

Fairhaven Foundation

Memorials

In Memory of

Albert Bonini, Sr.

Margaret Filler
Jeanne Filler Reese
Deborah Filler O'Neill
Sandra Filler Boles
Dino Stango and family

In Memory of

David Brown

Robert Brown
Timothy Brown

In Memory of

Terri Foltz

Cynthia L. Kovac
Charles D. Nugen
Bill and Kathy Folt

In Memory of

Helen Francisco

Naomi Barrett
Sandra Harubin
Wayne and Patti Harubin
Betty Sanzenbacher
Family and Friends

In Memory of

Meghan Marchionda

John M. and Lorraine A. Snyder

In Memory of

Linda Reese

Teachers at
Champion Middle School

In Memory of

Frances Sieman

David Stuart
Mark Slutsky

In Memory of

Anne Marie Smith

Bob and Carol Smith

In Memory of

Frances M. Wolfe

Bob and Patty Dermer
Traci Vigorito



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October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

To pay respect to this 70-year old campaign we will be sharing success stories of employees and sending thanks to the numerous local employers who have benefited from hiring individuals from programs such as Direct Link. You can see these success stories on the TCBDD Facebook page.

Direct Link is currently working with 88 individuals who are at various stages in the process. Ranging from intake, career exploration, community based assessments to job development, Direct Link is there every step of the way. Presently, Direct Link has 59 individuals employed in the community throughout Trumbull, Mahoning and Geauga Counties. The employment market has heated up over the last two months as 10 job seekers have been hired.

To help prepare future job seekers, Direct Link completed its first Summer Youth Work

Experience Program (SYWE). With the SYWE program we worked with individuals who either graduated in the past school year or would be considering graduating in the upcoming year. SYWE assisted with the transition from a classroom setting to actual work experience. Work experiences were completed at local businesses. Of the 5 individuals who completed SYWE, one person is currently employed and another is in process of being hired!

Another recent development involves utilizing the United States Air Reserve Station and Trumbull Mobile Meals as volunteer sites to help individuals obtain work experience and understanding of the responsibilities of employees. The volunteer programs are set at sites where the locations would not pay an employee to complete those tasks.

Direct Link also offers a Miscellaneous Training program; this program is

funded directly through Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD). A sixty-hour training program specific to housekeeping and maintenance, that offers both an educational and work experience component. Participation must be approved through the OOD counselor and is designed for people who want to do custodial/housekeeping work.

If you know of an employer seeking a good employee, give Direct Link a call! **330.652.1116**

