

Logan County Board of DD to Host First Annual Buddy Walk

At the board meeting last night, Superintendent Saul Bauer explained that the Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board will be holding their first Annual Buddy Walk at Southview Park on Saturday May 17th from 10 am until noon. This is sponsored by the Logan County Board of DD Wellness Committee CHAMPS. We encourage everyone in the community to come out and join us as we walk around the track. (You can walk as many laps as you want.) This event is to raise awareness of how people with disabilities can be friends, neighbors, employees and so much more. We will have health and wellness vendors at tables along the walk. We are trying to encourage our associates, employees, and everyone in the community to start taking steps to a healthier you. Our event Ambassadors (Sponsored by CRSI) are: Preschool & EI – Austin Ferguson, School age – Taylor Stroud, Adults – Brent Fromm, & Seniors – Karen Jenkins. We will have a ribbon cutting ceremony at 10 am to start the event. Snacks will be provided by our sponsors: Dannon Yogurt – Minster, Freshway Foods – Sidney, Easton Water – Bellefontaine, & Curley's Meats – Jackson Center. We have T-shirts that can be ordered prior to the event for \$10 if ordered by April 25th. We will have a few additional shirts the day of the event for \$12. We are promoting health, friendship & awareness. We hope you can join us. For more information contact Deb Morrison @ 292-3011.

Mr. Bauer discussed our Annual Flower Sale for 2014 that we kicked off on March 20th this year. Superintendent Bauer said, "The sales are lower than they have been in the past couple of years at this time. We think it is because of the cold weather and occasional snow flurries this spring. It will be warming up this weekend and hopefully that will get people out in their yards and thinking about our gorgeous flowers." We offer a large selection of beautiful hanging baskets and pots of geraniums in a wide variety of colors. They will arrive just in time for Mothers' Day. The proceeds from this sale assist local individuals with developmental disabilities. Orders must be placed by April 25, 2014. For more details or to place an order contact Connie Hall at 592-2009 or get an order form from our website www.logancbdd.org.

In other board business, Tonya Reed, Director of Employment Services gave a presentation on RTC Employment Services explaining the wonderful opportunities for our associates to be gainfully employed because of the fantastic support of our community. She shared how things in their department have changed over the years since she has been with the agency and how our Community First Policy has helped them get more creative in seeking employment opportunities for our associates. They have created a wall of fame that displays the pictures of associates who have been employed for 5 years or more. The associates are very excited about this and are proud to have this public recognition. The color of the mat behind their picture shows how long they have been employed. White is five years, silver is ten years, and gold is 20 years. We already have two associates with 20+ years of service. They also love seeing their pictures displayed on our new Facebook Page. They get excited when they see how many people have looked at their picture and article and even more excited if it was liked. You can see some of the great things we are doing on Facebook. We are listed as Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

Superintendent Bauer discussed the six pages of Administrative Work Rule Changes handed down by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities that will be happening soon. He shared the details they provided us on all the changes and their current status. This is the most changes that we have had in a very long time. Mr. Bauer also shared the results of our mini audit that was held to prepare us for accreditation. Overall the results were very good and we are working to make changes and improvements to be prepared for the Accreditation Audit in August.

Mr. Bauer informed everyone that the Bellefontaine Fire Department won our “Hometown Hero” traveling trophy at our last blood drive. The competition is getting pretty close between the Bellefontaine Fire and Police Departments and the Logan County Sheriff Department. We have had several first time donors give and vote for their hometown hero. The next blood drive will be Friday May 16th from noon to 4 pm at the Discovery Center. You can register at www.donortime.com

The next finance committee meeting, is scheduled for May 15th 2013 @ noon at the Logan County Board of DD board office conference room at 1851 St. Rt. 47 West, Bellefontaine. The next board meeting takes place on Thursday, May 22nd at 5:30 pm in the board conference room. These meetings are open to the public.

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