

Logan County Board of DD Kicks off their 2014 Flower Sales

The Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board kicked off their Annual Flower Sale for 2014 on the first day of spring at their board meeting last night. They offer a large selection of beautiful hanging baskets and pots of geraniums in a wide variety of colors. Orders must be placed by April 25, 2014. For more details or to place an order contact Connie Hall at 592-2009.

In other board business, Karen Hesson-Brady, Director of Support Services gave a presentation on Support Services Administration and all of their job responsibilities. She shared how things in their department have changed over the years since she has been with the agency. Ms. Brady said the biggest change was when they began supported living by providing the supports needed for individuals to live in the residence of their choice. This was a big change for many people and a positive step to remove individuals from institutions and let them be valued members of the community. Many of our associates rent apartments or homes and some even own their own homes.

Superintendent Bauer discussed DD Awareness Month and the many activities the agency supports this month. Project Stir went to Advocacy Day at the State House in Columbus; RTC Industries hosted an Employee Appreciation Breakfast to honor all the local companies that support us; the Elected Officials Breakfast was held to thank all of the elected officials and businesses that assist us as well as the wonderful media coverage from the Bellefontaine Examiner Newspaper and Progress Edition and WPKO radio. We were the winner of the WPKO Spotlight Grant for the month of March. A few of our associates have recorded messages that have been playing throughout the month as well as an interview with Superintendent Saul Bauer and In Sync with Liz Zantek-Rose and Lisa Sulich. The theme for DD Awareness this year is Ability at Work and Director John Martin, who was the keynote speaker at the Elected Officials Breakfast was happy to report that Logan County has over 40 associates currently employed in the community and that we are very active with new plans and ideas that will hopefully provide many additional new job opportunities as we adapt and make changes to comply with new Federal and State guidelines.

In other board news, Superintendent Bauer informed the board that the Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities now has a Facebook page. Please look at all of our wonderful news and activities on Facebook under Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities. Like us and share with your friends.

Mr. Bauer shared that the Polar plunge took place last Saturday at Indian Lake and we should know soon how much money was raised to support Special Olympics. Thanks to everyone who participated in and supported this event. A staff vs. Braves Special Olympics team basketball game was held Wednesday evening and the Braves made the staff work very hard for their 1 point win. A few staff members were a little bit sore afterwards. The Braves gave our staff a good work out.

Mr. Bauer informed the board that we are working with Martin Jenkins on our agency strategic plan. We will be sending out surveys to stakeholders and will have a Strategic Development Team that will meet and work with Mr. Jenkins on this process. He invited board members to be part of the SDT that will play a key role in the development of this plan.

Mr. Bauer also expressed his thanks to RTC Industries for their completion of the "Wall of Fame" celebrating individuals who are community employed. Different colors represent years employed. White – 5-10 years, Silver is over 10 and Gold is over 20 yrs employed in the community! He also expressed gratitude to the many people who made the Elected Officials Breakfast a success this morning. Danielle Reeves sang the National Anthem (she received a standing ovation), Ty Ferguson provided the invocation and Bryan Krehn was one of the speakers.

The next finance committee meeting, is scheduled for April 10th 2013 @ 4:15 pm 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, April 17th at 5:30 pm in the board conference room. These meetings are open to the public.

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