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FALL NEWSLETTER



TRUMBULL COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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What's Your Story?

Meet Andre Johnson! Andre is one of the awesome individuals served by the Trumbull County Board of Developmental Disabilities. He is 33 years old and lives in Howland, Ohio with his dad, Larry, and his dog, Max. He also frequently visits his mother, Sharon Whitney, and his brother, Marcus.

Andre works at the Tomaski Center (TTC) and is currently working on a school job. He is also an assistant coach on the Howland Little Tigers football team. Everyone he works with knows that he is a reliable, hard-working employee!

In his free time, Andre enjoys playing sports, like basketball, football, golf and running. In the winter, you can find him sledding and playing in the snow. His favorite place is New York City, which he loves to visit with his family. We are proud to serve individuals like Andre!



EVENT CALENDAR

OCTOBER

OCTOBER 19, 20, 21: Gift Basket Open House at TCBDD board office.

OCTOBER 26: 18th Annual Calendar Art Show at Ciminero's in Niles

NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 19: The Collective Palette Studio Holiday Open House during FACT's Holiday Street Art Hop

DECEMBER

DECEMBER 3: Holiday Movie Day
DECEMBER 6: Shop for a Cause at Simpson Gallery

SPECIAL OLYMPICS:

The Fairhaven School and Special Olympics 6th annual golf outing was held on Saturday, September 10. This event had a great turn out, beautiful weather and a fun day for golfers and staff that volunteered. A portion of the monies raised will support the Fairhaven Special Olympics. Funds raised from this year's outing will help purchase new Special Olympics cheerleading uniforms and the school's new Gross Motor Room.



Superintendent's Corner:

As you know, many transitions are coming to county boards of developmental disabilities across the state of Ohio. In response to the mandated transitions, the Trumbull County Board members and the Fairhaven Industries Board members have agreed to the following items:

First, Fairhaven Industries has committed to becoming a certified Medicaid Waiver Provider in order to support TCBDD's transition. As part of this process, Fairhaven Industries is in negotiations to select a candidate for the CEO position, with a tentative start date of November 1, 2016.



Second, once a CEO is in place, Fairhaven Industries will tentatively complete the provider certification process by February of 2017.

Third, once certified as a Medicaid Provider, the TCBDD and Fairhaven Industries will work together to transition ALL adult services programs under Fairhaven Industries. A tentative date to complete the transition has been set for July 1, 2018.

With this agreed to draft plan for the transition, the board has further agreed to allow any individual who is currently receiving adult services from the Board to remain en-

rolled in the Board's adult services program if/when they receive Medicaid Waiver funding. Specifically, an adult currently enrolled and attending the NWS, CWS, or TTC who enrolls on an IO, Level 1, or SELF waiver is NOT required to receive services from a private provider.

Individuals may continue to attend their current workshops through the transition process. Once enrolled on a Medicaid Waiver, individuals have free choice of provider and can elect to receive services from a private provider at any time. However, the Board will not require them to leave the adult services program.

That said, we will NOT enroll anyone new to the adult services program. Adults who are not currently enrolled in the Board's adult services program must select a different provider.

The primary mission of the Board is to continue to ensure individuals receive the services and support they need throughout their lifetime. This transition process will assist individuals in receiving the support they need at the location they desire. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we work through this process.

COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT

Like the changing of the season, the TCBDD Community Employment Program, Direct Link, has gone through many changes this year. Some of these changes include Direct Link becoming its own department, moving to a new location, changing the logo, and staffing the department. The Direct Link staff includes Richard Mistovich, Community Employment Director, Judith Peters, Community Employment Manager, Tammy Danes, Job Developer, Amber Hrdlicka and Shannon Patton, Employment Coordinators, Kathy Sprague, Transition Coordinator, and four Employment Specialists, Cara Gordon, Ruth Rabel, Michelle Swonger, and David Wills. Jennifer Givens, Robin McCall, Carol Quarles, and Glenda Walker are Workshop Specialists who work as Employment Specialists when needed.

The Direct Link team has been very successful with assisting nine job seekers find work over the past two months. Two were hired

at Wal-Mart in Middlefield, one at Wal-Mart in Warren, one at the Hampton Inn in Niles, one at Shepherd of the Valley in Howland, two at McDonald's in McKinley Heights, one at Russo's Pizza in Mineral Ridge, and one at IGA in Kinsman.

Although there have been a lot of changes with Direct Link, one thing has remained the same- the dedication of the Direct Link team. They all work together to help job seekers find employment and provide supports needed to be successful with their jobs. They assist with career exploration, community based assessments, job readiness, interviewing, arranging transportation, job coaching, and follow-along services.

If you are interested in finding a job in the community, talk to your SSA or Habilitation Coordinator to find out how Direct Link can help you succeed!

Fairhaven Foundation News:

Please join us in honoring the 2017 calendar winners at the 18th Annual Art Show. The event will be hosted at Ciminero's Banquet Center on Wednesday, October 26 from 5-7:30 p.m. RSVP by October 18, checks may be made payable to the Fairhaven Foundation. Adult tickets are \$15 and \$10 for students. One FREE ticket will be given to anyone eligible for receiving services through TCBDD.

Please contact Linda Tiihonen at (330) 652-9800 or LindaTiihonen@tcbdd.org with questions.

BASKET OPEN HOUSE

OCTOBER 19, 20, and 21
from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
(20th till 6 p.m.)

TICKETS FOR ALL
BASKETS INCLUDING
COACH & TORO

26 FOR \$10

TCBDD Board Office — 45 North Road, Niles
For more information call Debbie at 330-652-9800



Margot Carryau was
Fuchsia Whistle!

18TH ANNUAL CALENDAR ART SHOW

Please join us in honoring our
2017 Calendar winners
and
Honorable Mention Winners from each location
on
Wednesday, October 26, 2016
from
5:00 to 7:30 p.m.

at **Ciminero's Banquet Center**
123 North Main Street—Niles

On Exhibit will be:
2017 Calendar Art
Winners

Honorable Mention
Winners

Awards Ceremony
at 6:30 p.m.
Basket tickets on sale
before and after the
Awards Ceremony

Remember to take home your complementary 2017 Fairhaven Calendar.

THE COLLECTIVE
PALETTE HAS MOVED!!

We are now located in the Fine Arts Council Building at the corner of High and North Park. Our regular hours begin October 1, 2016.

Fairhaven School Updates:

The Fairhaven Little Bulldogs headed back to school on September 9, we wish them a great year!

