



TRUMBULL COUNTY

BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Their Journey, Their Needs, Our Support.



WINTER 2019 NEWSLETTER

Save The Date

- **Fashion Show**
March 30, Metroplex
- **Fairhaven Golf Classic**
June 3
- **Basket Open House**
October 31 - November 2,
8 a.m.- 4 p.m.
- **20th Annual Art Show**
November 7, 5-7:30 p.m.

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Superintendent Update

As we begin to embrace the changes 2019 has yet to bring, I would first like to express my gratitude to those of you who had a hand in making 2018 a wonderful year for the families and individuals we serve. This last year has been one of change and growth.

As outlined in this newsletter, there are many exciting developments to be on the lookout for within the upcoming months. Specifically, the recent updates involving Fairhaven Industries.

The Board is ahead of schedule regarding the transition of individuals from the Tony Tomaski Center and Niles Workshop to Fairhaven Industries. The timeline for the transition's completion was originally marked for June, but we are projected to finish some of the changes within the month of March.

As we move through the final phase of our transition, individuals, their families, and caregivers are encouraged to explore Fairhaven Industries as a provider option for their needs, but as always, the Board is also available as a resource to connect families with other private providers and support individuals to find the provider that work best for their needs.

I would like to thank the individuals served, parents and caregivers, our staff, private providers and the community for their continued understanding, patience and support over the last several years. Although the changes have been challenging at times, the health, well-being and opportunity of individuals served in our community remains of highest priority, and your support has been, and remains, much appreciated.

As always, please contact me without any questions at 330-652-9800.



Thank you Linda for 12 years of service!

We want to wish a well-deserved and relaxing retirement to Linda Tiihonen, who will be greatly missed!

Beginning in Jan. 2007, Linda has been with the Trumbull County Board of DD (TCBDD) for 12 years. Under her guidance, TCBDD and the Fairhaven Foundation have been able to expand our programs and services, providing much-needed support to a significant number of individuals and their families. Throughout her time with TCBDD, Linda has remained incredibly passionate about the individuals in our community and beyond, and she has made it her top priority to recognize opportunities for growth.

Furthermore, Linda's efforts have contributed to many amazing events for the board, such as the annual fashion show and various art programs. Along with other local agencies, Linda founded the Collective Palette Studio and continued to be a driving force for individuals served by the board who want to create, share and showcase their passion for art.

Linda, you are an embodiment of optimism and hard work. The contributions you have imparted to TCBDD are truly invaluable. Thank you for inspiring us every day at work.

We will miss you!



Book Club

Each Monday, three groups participate in book club. Together, we decide where the next meeting will take place and discuss the book we are currently reading. In the month of December, we read *Where the Red Fern Grows* and hosted our meeting at Panera.



DODD names new Director of the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities

Jeff Davis has been selected to direct the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD). Jeff previously served as director of government affairs and interim executive director of the Ohio Provider Resource Association. Jeff has been in the field for many years, including service as deputy director for the Ohio Department of Disabilities. Jeff has also served as an elected member of the Grove City Council. We wish him the best in his new role.



Announcing New Family Support Services (FSS) Program Director

We would like to introduce John Vogt as the new program director of the FSS Program.

Things to know about FSS:

- All paperwork must be sent to 45 North Rd., Niles Ohio, 44446 - Attention John Vogt
- For July 1st, 2019 through June 30th, 2020, quarterly allocation is \$125 (minus co-pay)
- A completed annual update form (green sheet) must be on file to continue to qualify for FSS services
- Invoices must have: The name of the TCBDD eligible individual's name, the parent/guardian signature and the date
- For respite services, the address and signature of the provider must be provided

Preschool Holiday Program

The Fairhaven Preschool students held their annual Holiday Extravaganza Program on December 20th. Our students recited poems and sang songs that followed along with “The Night Before Christmas” story.



Hubbard Art Day

Under the supervision of art teacher Joshua MacMillan, students from Hubbard High School’s National Art Honor Society and Future Teachers of America joined Fairhaven students for a morning filled with art projects on December 5th. Students made gingerbread name tags, snowman bags, bracelets and color papers with various holiday scenes. The Hubbard Art students are scheduled to return to the school in March for spring crafts.



Special Olympics Basketball

It was an exciting day for Special Olympics Basketball on Friday, January 18th, as Fairhaven School’s Blue and White basketball teams kicked off their game with the help of Hubbard High School pep band and cheerleaders. Fairhaven seniors, including Elizabeth Canann, Hailey Sample and Holly Smith (cheerleading) as well as Rebecca Hostetler (basketball), were honored and recognized at halftime.



Upcoming School Events

March

3/4 – Read Across America Week

3/7 - Hubbard Art Day

3/8 - Early Release Day. There will be no school scheduled for preschool students not on an IEP.

3/12 - The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition for preschool and school-age students.

3/13 - The St. Elizabeth Mobile Dental Clinic is scheduled to come to the school.

3/15 - NO SCHOOL – Staff In-Service Day

3/21 - Preschool’s Distinguished Reader’s Series continues

3/22 – Ice Cream Social

3/27 - School-age Phantoms Hockey Game field trip.

3/28 – Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences

3/29 - NO SCHOOL



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Everyone Was in the Holiday Spirit in the Month of December!

The TCBDD Christmas Carolers visited several nursing homes in the area, including Niles Shepard of the Valley, Manor at Howland Glenn, Howland Shepard of the Valley and Washington Square. The Carolers were a great hit and everyone had a wonderful time.

