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## TRUMBULL COUNTY

## —— BOARD OF —— DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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As March was Developmental Disabilities Month, we celebrated individuals of all abilities.



## Donald is **ALWAYS helpful**

Donald Titchnell is 26 years old and lives in Champion, Ohio with his mom. Donald is a very hard worker. He has two jobs, one at the Champion Workshop and another at Russo's Pizza. He also volunteers one day a week at the Second Harvest Food Bank.

In his free time, Donald enjoys watching movies, playing games on his PlayStation 2 and going to play bingo. In the summer, he likes to go swimming, play mini golf and attend Scrappers baseball games. Donald also likes to compete in Special Olympics. He competes on several teams, including basketball, bowling, track and field, swimming and golf.

Donald is very politie and always willing to help others. If you ask him, Donald will tell you that his biggest accomplishment is working in the community, which has allowed him to help his morn pay the rent and buy groceries. He enjoys his jobs and stays busy working several days a week.

Donald is known for always being helpful, and the Trumbull County Board of Developmental Disabilities is proud to be Always There for individuals like him!



### Paul's Story

Paul Colla is one of the many unique individuals served by the TCBDD. He loves participating in the Special Olympics and is involved in many sports, including swimming, track and basketball. Paul's mom, Betty, recently passed away. Betty worked for the TCBDD as a classroom assistant for 30 years and came to all her son's sporting events to cheer him on. "I am playing basketball in honor of my mom," Paul said. "I will surely miss her." When you see Paul during Special Olympics events, make sure to cheer him on!

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## PAINTING WITH RICK

The Collective Palette Studio organized a painting class to raise funds for maximizing the "match" grant proposal to the Ohio Arts Council. Rick Cesta, a member of the Studio committee, is the class instructor. Several individuals with disabilities along with members of the community created incredible "Palm Tree on a Beach" paintings. Classes are scheduled for May 4th and June 1st. The classes are held at the Trumbull County Board of DD's board office from 4 - 6:30 p.m. And cost is \$30 (supplies included). If you're interested in taking a class, call Linda at 330.652.9800 to sign up.





## Rocky is **ALWAYS working hard**

Rocco "Rocky" Maiorca works for Fairhaven Industries at the Champion Workshop. He lives with his parents in Cortland. He has a sister, Anna, a brother-in-law, Tom, and a dog, Zoey.

Rocky has a lot of hobbies and interests. He bowls on the Special Bowlers team. He also enjoys going to Disney World with his family in the summer. Rocky volunteers at the St. Vincent DePaul Soup kitchen, as a greeter at Blessed Sacrament Church and does other volunteer work with his parents for many different charities.

Rocky has many achievements to be proud of. He was selected as Student of the Year in Marion County, Florida, Student of the Month at TCTC and was a greeter and escort for the Warren Junior Women's League Annual Champagne Luncheon to benefit the Children's Rehabilitation Center. Rocky is currently focused on his next goal of finding a job in the community. He is working with Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) and Direct Link to accomplish his goal.

Rocky always has a smile on his face. He is a kind, giving and hard-working individual. The Trumbull County Board of Developmental Disabilities is Always There to help individuals like Rocco Maiorca achieve their dreams.



Ohio's County Boards are celebrating their 50th anniversary and welcome you to learm more about the Always There campaign at alwaysthereforohio.org







## **Bulldogs Have a Great Season**

The Fairhaven Special Olympics Bulldogs basketball teams wrapped up their 2016-2017 season with the March Madness tournament on Saturday, February 25. The teams took second place overall. The tournament included teams from the Mahoning County Board of D.D., Mahoning County Public Special Olympics, and the Cuyahoga Eagles. The Bulldogs played a great game and were lauded for their sportsmanship and teamwork. We are already looking forward to next season! If you or your child is interested in joining the Bulldogs basketball team, visit www.fairhavenpgm.com/fairhaven-programs.

### Distinguished Readers Day

In honor of March's Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, members from the Next Chapter Book Club from various workshops, accompanied by staff members, read to Fairhaven Preschool students to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday! Everyone involved enjoyed the visit and we hope to make this event an annual occurrence. All of the individuals who read to preschoolers are part of one of our book clubs, there are a total of three book clubs, two in Niles and one in Champion.



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## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

#### **ARC Dance**

April 28, 2017 There will not be an ARC Dance in May

#### **Parent Forum**

Friday April 28, 2017 6:30 p.m.

#### **Encore Fashion Show**

May 6, 2017

#### **Pump and Run**

June 3, 2017

20th annual Golf event



#### 20th Annual Fairhaven **Golf Classic Fees**

#### Golfer fee is \$130.00 per person and includes:

Golfer Luncheon Buffet 18 Holes of golf including cart & fees Full scramble with golfing prizes Use of locker room

Use of driving range Complimentary beverages and snacks on the course Dinner / Cash Bar

**Schedule** 

10:00 a.m. Registration Buffet Luncheon 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. Shot Gun Tee Off Dinner and Awarding 5:30 p.m. of Prizes For more information call:

John Vogt 330-652-9800

#### **New for 2017**

**HOLE-IN-ONE CONTEST** 4 - Par 3 hole contests 4 - Outstanding Prizes Grand Prize \$50,000.00!!



TO PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS, CONTACT JOHN VOGT AT THE BOARD OFFICE, 330.652.9800 OR JOHNVOGT@TCBDD.ORG.

