

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**May, 2018**

### **Community Awareness/PR Opportunities/Collaborations**

On behalf of Lake Metroparks, Broadmoor received a letter of appreciation for the LCBDD/Deepwood's facility usage of the school gym for their Adapted Jazzercise and Special Olympics Basketball programs.

The United Way of Lake County's annual food drive campaign, Feed Lake County, was held during the month of April. On top of the \$300.00 monetary donations from our agency, the total food collection amounted to 770 pounds, which will help to provide 1,841 meals to Lake County residents in need. The drive this year nearly doubled last year's collection of 355 pounds, which provided 296 meals. The individual departments collected non-perishable food items and/or monetary donations and the end results were outstanding. Staff and individuals from Willoughby Branch also donated time to help sort the food donations at the collection site.

A group of individuals from VGC explored the Mentor Public Library on "Love the Library Day".

Individuals at BA were recognized for participation with over twenty years in the Adult Services Program. Twenty five individuals received framed certificates signed and presented by Superintendent, Elfie Roman. Many parents, family members, and friends were present to take part in a very special day. Staff highlighted the event with words of praise about the individual and their accomplishments. Colleen and Roger were crowned Queen and King for their 45 and 44 years of Adult Services participation.

### **Departmental Program Enhancements/Updates**

The Junior Women's Club of Mentor awarded Broadening Abilities with a grant totaling over \$1,000 to create a sensory learning cart and to purchase sensory/learning items for the Broadening Abilities classrooms to enhance skill development, leisure skills, and create new opportunities of growth.

### **Special Events**

The following special events occurred at Broadmoor: Creative Arts Fair (4/20), Muffins with Mom (5/10), Donuts with Dad (4/26), Ron Shissler's Musical Guitar (4/30), Safari Jeff (5/24), Preschool Graduation (5/22), Flowers the Clown (Preschool Only) (6/1), Bus Driver Appreciation Day (5/7).

The annual Wheel Walk Run was held on May 18. Chick Fil A donated 200 sandwiches and the (BFN) Broadmoor Family Network provided water and chips.

The Prom for all Lake County Students with developmental disabilities was held on Friday, May 18 at the Lakeland College Breakers. The theme was "In the Clouds".

Broadmoor Graduation will be held on Tuesday, May 22 at 7:00p.m. There will be two Broadmoor students graduating this year. All are welcome to attend.

On March 23rd the individuals at the Imagine Program enjoyed a Bubble show put on by Zap Entertainment for DD awareness month. Everyone really enjoyed the show and it was a huge success.

Music therapy started back up at Imagine on April 9<sup>th</sup>. The individuals who participate in this activity were very excited to have it start up again.

VGC opened up April with a Cook Out (Eat In – due to the weather) for the Cleveland Indians' Home Opener where many came dressed in their favorite team gear. However, the damp weather didn't dampen our spirits.

Individuals enjoyed popping bubbles outside VGC on Bubble Day this month. Also at VGC, each Hab. Group is caring for flower seeds that the individuals planted and will transfer to make our courtyard a beautiful place to be.

Cinco de Mayo was celebrated with a staff potluck while the individuals at VGC enjoyed some Mexican cuisine including chicken fajitas and some margaritas too!

Groovy Garfoose started back up at Broadening Abilities on April 12<sup>th</sup>, with our largest enrollment to date. Twenty individuals are having ten fun weeks of music and playing instruments. Fundraising sponsored two individuals to participate.

Broadening Abilities was getting cheesy with grilled cheese sandwiches and cheeseballs as a delicious activity to savor the day in commemorating National Grilled Cheese Day and National Cheeseball Day.

Spinach and Milk Thistle were among the interesting seeds that were planted on Friday before Earth Day. The Willoughby Library generously donated some packets to Broadening Abilities for this activity. Packets of wild flowers and vegetables were also planted.

Opening Day for the Tribe was celebrated at Broadening Abilities with Indians jerseys and McDonald's hamburgers and French fries. It was a special treat with anticipation of the game everyone was waiting all season for! Additionally, Cinco De Mayo was celebrated with soft tacos from Taco Bell. It was a great way to kick off the weekend.

### **Agency Resources**

Broadmoor's Autism Committee sponsored two fundraisers, T-Shirt Sales and Penny Wars and raised awareness and funds for Autism.

### **SSA News**

SSA has been busy working on helping to develop marketing materials for the variety of services that we provide and that will be included in the Agency brochures. Below is some information on Transition Services through the SSA Department:

### **Transition Services (Age 14-22)**

The Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities/ Deepwood recognizes that the transition from High School to adulthood can be challenging for persons with disabilities. In order to better serve your student, we have developed a Service and Support Administrator (SSA) position to address Transition Services.

The Transition Services SSA partners with individuals, their families, local educational entities, and other service providers in order to better plan for individual's transition from High School to adult vocational and/or non-vocational programs while providing guidance throughout the process. Currently, the Transition Services SSA is primarily serving students aged 18-22 who have been found eligible for Board Services.

The Transition Services SSA may be able to help with the following:

- Attend IEP meetings
- Help develop a Transition Plan for life after high school
- Provide information and referral to community resources
- Help provide linkage to adult vocational and/or non-vocational programs

To inquire about working with a Transition Services SSA please contact Service and Support Administration at: 440-350-5145.

### **Featured Success Stories**

On Wednesday April 25, a Broadmoor LEEP student, Zack, was recognized as the Raymond A. Horn Outstanding Student and Elizabeth Turcovsky was awarded the Franklin B. Walter's Outstanding Educator at the award ceremony at the Auburn Center Auditorium.

Doug M. of the Imagine Program won the 2018 March Art Contest. His entry was a drawing of the Willoughby Brewing Company. Doug drew the picture when he job-shadowed a CES employee who worked there.