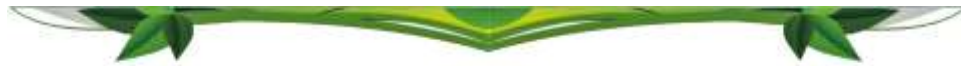


Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities Superintendent's Report



November 2018

Community Awareness/PR Opportunities/Collaborations

At VGC, Individuals enjoyed the season with many scenic rides throughout Lake County, as well as trips to the Halloween store, Pumpkinville, the Library, and Burger King, to name a few.

CES employers, RadAir, Rimeco Products, Inc., and Climax Metal Products Company presented at the "Employment Forum" during the Adult Services In-Service on October 26th to discuss the benefits of hiring individuals with disabilities served through CES.

CES individuals Bill M., Canesia K., and Nicole M presented at the "Employment Forum" during the Adult Services In-Service on October 26th to discuss their concerns and anxieties regarding working in the community and how they overcame those fears and became productive and valuable employees.

CES Director visited with State Senator John Eklund at the Columbus Statehouse to discuss why the Lake County Board of DD/Deepwood should be an option for services for individuals with developmental disabilities living in Lake County.

The Broadmoor Bobcats basketball team hosted games with Mentor High School for Homecoming Game and Dance, Lake Erie College Boys Basketball and Kirtland High School.

Holiday baskets from the Mentor United Methodist Church will be distributed to needy families for the holiday.

Director of Public Relations and Professional Services, along with Board Member, Tia Kozlovich and the Schulz family, supported St. Mary's Mentor "I Can the Way I Am" awareness program. They provided information and hands on age appropriate experiences about assistive communication, Autism, Down Syndrome and mobility impairments. Each presenter worked with a team of volunteers to provide a fun and informative experience for the students.

A Mentor Police Officer toured Lake County Board of DD/Deepwood programs and services as part of the October 2019 CIT program. 25 officers were trained in Crisis Intervention Techniques by a team of professionals from the Community Alliance on Mental Health and Law Enforcement. David Miller and Kiley Ritt presented about Deepwood and developmental disabilities on Wednesday October 24.

As of November 7, LCBDD/Deepwood has surpassed 2,000 followers on Facebook! All organic growth, too! This is in large part due to all of the great program and services we offer and the

fantastic job our program areas are doing with informing us of what is going on in the agency and sending photos and videos.

The departments of Marketing and Public Relations created videos for the Deepwood Foundation Magical Evening. One video featured interviews and photos to honor Michelle Cimperman as Advocate of the Year. The second video featured audio from past Deepwood Runs as well as photos and graphics celebrating them as Organization of the Year. They have raised over \$450,000 in the past 21 years to benefit individuals with disabilities.

Broadening Abilities is presently collaborating with the American Legion to collect canned foods and nonperishable foods to give to needy families in the community.

Individuals from Broadening Abilities had the opportunity to get out and enjoy the beautiful scenery of the fall at these lovely parks: Orchard Hills, North Chagrin, Mentor Headlands, Sunnybrook Preserve, Big Creek, Veteran's Park, Rockefeller Greenhouse, Patterson's, and Mentor Lagoons. Individuals also had the opportunity to go to Trinity Church for concerts, Wendy's, McDonalds, and Long John Silvers.

Charlotte Harrison and Kathy Davis attended Job Fairs at the Great Lakes Mall on October 18th and at Lakeland Community College on October 29th.

Staff Development held an In Service Day for 107 current employees on October 26th.

Departmental Program Enhancements/Updates

On October 27, New Avenues to Independence began their Swim, Gym and More Saturday Program, Saturday respite and recreational activities, which will run through the end of April.

Special Events

There were many craft opportunities throughout the month of October at VGC in each of the hab groups and in working with the Recreation Department staff. The individuals enjoyed decorating their groups and other areas around the building.

VGC held their last cookout for the season with a tailgate party. Everyone wore their favorite team gear and staff came together to create an amazing potluck lunch.

Individuals at VGC participated in National Homemade Cookie Day and Taco Day with a Taco Bar at lunchtime.

VGC continues with Groovy Garfoose Music Therapy sessions, movie days, NFL picks, and the walking program. New to this month is our bowling league on Wednesdays, and the improvement observed each week is amazing! We have many new additions into the VGC Strike Club!

VGC individuals enjoyed the Halloween celebration with a parade around the building to show off their awesome costumes, while moving to the spooky songs at our Halloween Dance Party.

Broadmoor School held the following special events: Muffins with Moms; Grotto Picnic, and Halloween Parade.

On November 2, a dedication ceremony in memory of Joan Spring, former 169 Board Member, was held at Broadmoor School. A plaque was hung in the lobby for her dedicated years of commitment and service in appreciation of our new lobby furniture that was made possible through donations in her memory. A life that touches others goes on forever!

Decorating pumpkins and making the hallways scary at Broadening Abilities went along with the month-long celebration of Halloween. Individuals spent time making ghost puppets, sparkly spiders, Pumpkin cookies, and making fall cards with their Halloween picture in them. Adaptive bowling in the gym, music and dancing with friends, along with a Halloween parade in fun costumes, made this month memorable for all. Swimming at the Broadmoor pool, story time with Pete, Groovy Garfoose, and Bobcat Basketball makes every day fun and special at Broadening Abilities.

Employment First Initiative Update

The LCBDD/Deepwood has joined a collaborative with other Lake County Public School's to provide the Unique Like Me Store located at 184 Main St., in Painesville, Ohio. Several students are now able to work one day per week and learn more about competitive employment in the community. Please stop in for some holiday cheer and the opportunity to see students in action at their retail job site. A Holiday Walk was held on November 13, 2018 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Featured Success Stories

Barb, Emmalynn, and Mark are the new additions to the VGC bowling team (VGC Strike Club). Way to go!!

Staff Development/Training

Two preschool teachers are completing course work, offered by The Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence (OCALI), on Autism Strategies in Preschool.