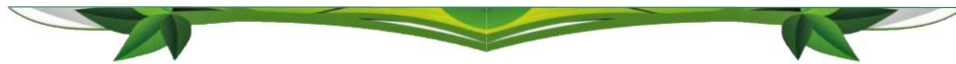


Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities Superintendent's Report



January 2019

Community Awareness/PR Opportunities/Collaborations

The Broadmoor Bobcats Basketball Team played the following games: December 7, North High School Girls, and December 14, Fairport Harbor High School Girls. January 14, Madison High School Boys, December 18, Perry High School, and January 25, Kirtland High School.

With the assistance of the Mentor United Methodist Church, Broadmoor distributed 32 baskets to needy families at the holiday time.

The Mentor Rotary hosted their annual Holiday Party at Lake Farm Parks for Broadmoor School Age I and School Age II.

A few individuals from the Imagine program participated in Volunteer Gift Wrapping at Great Lakes Mall a few times per week during the month of December. We had 3 individuals who took turns filling 2 hour shifts for a total of 7 times. The individuals enjoyed wrapping gifts for customers and working on their socialization skills in the community. It was a great experience and we plan to do it again next holiday season.

Willoughby Branch has begun a very exciting collaboration with WomenSafe. We will be operating in their recycling center and assisting in the kitchen in order to aid them in better serving Lake County individuals in need of assistance. Thank you WomenSafe.

We have started recycling cans and plastic bottles at VGC so that the collected cans can be dropped off as a donation to the Humane Society while we help our environment.

The SSA Department shared their musical talent by singing Christmas carols throughout the Habilitation Groups at VGC. Individuals enjoyed a hot lunch for both the Thanksgiving and Christmas luncheons. The Christmas Luncheon was held in the Fr. Tulley Center at St. Bede Catholic Church where we were thankful that Fr. Tim Plavac shared his talents with guitar music and singing carols with all of us. Santa made an appearance with special gifts for all the individuals and the afternoon was enjoyed by all.

Departmental Program Enhancements/Updates

The Integrated Preschool Program passed its unannounced Ohio Department of Education on site review in full compliance.

On December 19, the Lake Metro Park provided a "Solar and Lunar Cycle" presentation for all LEEP students.

The Imagine Program was able to sell their Pieces of Imagination Dog Treats during the month of December at VGC before the Provider Network Meeting, at a Broadmoor Basketball Game,

and at Willoughby Branch. We also started selling the treats at the Unique Like Me Store in Painesville.

Individuals from the Imagine Program began volunteering with other individuals from Willoughby Branch at the McKinley Center. We plan on volunteering a few times each month.

Sadly, Broadening Abilities and the Deepwood family at large lost a dear friend on December 10 when Naomi Findley passed away. Angel pins were worn by individuals and staff on December 19 for a concert that was held in her memory.

Special Events

On December 7, Broadmoor hosted Breakfast with Santa for all students and their families. The Broadmoor Family Network sponsored the breakfast and a special gift for each student.

The Imagine Program had their holiday party at Wickliffe Lanes on December 14. Everyone enjoyed pizza, salad, and treats for lunch and an afternoon of bowling. This was by far the most enjoyed outing by all.

Willoughby Branch held their annual Christmas party at LaVera Party Center and it was a HUGE SUCCESS! We had a DJ, dancing, desserts and Santa made a special appearance! Thank you once again to LaVera Party Center, Deepwood Industries and Willoughby Branch Advocacy Committee for the generous donations they made to lift our holiday spirits.

Holiday festivities at Broadening Abilities included a lovely luncheon, compliments of Deepwood Industries, from Mama Roberto's as well as a holiday concert with Christmas music played by musicians from the Geauga Music Center. Decorations, Christmas lights, and holiday music set the stage for a joyful event. Additionally, a retirement party for Paul Velikonya brought many family members and former staff to Broadening Abilities to say their goodbyes and send their good luck wishes.

Swimming, stories, music, basketball, winter crafts, gym time, and community integration are some of the fun things on our "to do" list at Broadening Abilities. Basket free-throw, bike riding, and bowling will keep us moving and grooving for the New Year. In honor of a legacy, we will celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. by reading his poem "*I Have a Dream*" and coloring a picture or making a craft to recognize the importance of the day.

November rolled in with a snow day contest for staff at VGC to see who could guess the first snow day...so far, no winners. The individuals enjoyed the Thanksgiving Luncheon and the Turkey Bowl that was in place of our typical Wednesday bowling. Individuals love getting together to cheer on the bowlers. We continue through the winter months with our walking program, swimming with the assistance of the Recreation Department, Groovy Garfoose Music Therapy for some, and numerous movie and craft days. The end of December brought a

Retirement Party so that all of us could give our best wishes to some very deserving long time employees- we wish them well!

Agency Resources

The St. Gabriel PTO delivered a check to the LEEP Program for \$2,150 as a part of their Annual Craft Fundraiser. The LEEP students have decided to purchase new uniform shirts with the Agency's updated logo with a portion of the funds.

Employment First Initiative Update

Willoughby Branch has completed WOIA (Workforce Opportunities Initiative Act) trainings for over 120 people and is on track to complete all 160 mandated trainings by the beginning of March, 2019.

Featured Success Stories

Congratulations to the Willoughby Branch for completing the highest year EVER in Adult Services total production sales. Thank you to all individuals and staff for another highly successful year.