Superintendent Update

Over the past several months, our agency has made significant changes to our service delivery model in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This has not been easy on anyone, but our staff continues to work hard and remains dedicated to the individuals and families we support. Staff have remained flexible where needed and open to doing whatever it takes to provide the best support possible in spite of the pandemic restrictions and limitations that we have had to implement.

Community Shout-outs!

Thank you to the following people/businesses that have stepped up to help us fill the needs of the providers throughout the county!

- Richland Newhope Industries - Allowed staff to help cover shifts at our homes & other providers
Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development - their support and constant updates
Crossroads Church – providing a meal to our Residential staff and individuals
We are truly #InThisTogether!

**Torch Run continues**

The Special Olympics Ohio Summer Games were canceled, but that didn't stop the Mansfield Police Department from having their annual Torch Run to support the athletes here in Richland County.

On Friday, June 19th, at 9:00 a.m. the Torch Run started at the Mansfield Art Center and finished at the F.O.P. Memorial on the square. Several staff from Richland Newhope also participated.

Every year, the Mansfield Police Department does the Torch Run to signify the start of the Summer Games, and this year was no different. Thank you to Detective Scheurer and the Mansfield Police Department for showing their unwavering support for the Richland County Bears and Special Olympics Ohio!
Due to COVID-19, Newhope Charities has decided to reschedule its 22nd Annual Golf Outing for September 11, 2020. We hope to see you there!

Free Yoga Classes
Richland Newhope has partnered with the Youth & Family Council, MOESC, & Stephanie Campbell to bring Yoga classes to individuals served by Richland Newhope (age 10 and up) at no charge to individuals/families.
Yoga mats will be provided. The yoga can be done on the floor, on a mat, or in a chair. The chair yoga can be done in a wheelchair or sitting on a regular chair provided.

All participants must be pre-registered by texting or calling Stephanie at (419) 632-0762. There is a limit of 9 participants per class so that participants can be socially distanced at least 6 feet from one another.

When registering, please provide information on any mobility challenges so that the instructor can be aware of any modifications that may be needed for class.

A support person must stay during the class time. This person may participate in the yoga class or sit in the back but will be included in the total count for the class.

If you are feeling sick or have a temperature, do NOT attend.

**Location:**
Mid Ohio Educational Service Center at 890 West 4th Street

**Dates:**
- Tuesday July 28, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday August 11, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday August 25, 6:30-7:30 pm
- Tuesday September 15, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday September 22, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

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**2020 CARE Awards**

C - Compassion  
A - Advocacy  
R - Respect  
E - Excellence

We had winners this year in four different categories.

Congratulations to the following recipients:

- **Self-Advocate Award - Missy Davis**  
- **Hero with Heart Award - Tom Hehmeyer**  
- **Direct Service Award - Naomi Shifferly**  
- **Community Partner Award - Becky Pittman**
May Employee of the Month
Name: Amy Willis
Position: Service Coordinator
Employed since: April 4, 2019
Nominators Comments: She has joined our team and brought with her a wealth of knowledge. She has experience in other counties and is able to give a fresh perspective to our team. She can listen to a family talk and read cues and knows just the right thing to say! Her comments are uplifting and positive. She brings new life to our team!
Employee of the Month Comments: Early childhood intervention is important work and to be part of it is challenging and also very rewarding. Being able to partner with families and journey with them in supporting their child is a true privilege. I am inspired by the team’s passion, dedication, and integrity. The bar is set high, so to be acknowledged by them is an honor.

June Employee of the Month
Name: Wanda Board
Position: Direct Support Professional
Employed Since: June 5, 2010
Nominators Comments: Wanda goes above and beyond the call of duty. She makes sure the ladies at the home have what they need. Since she has worked with these ladies, they see her as a mother figure. Their love for her is amazing! She is always giving and has a big heart. I think she needs to know she is appreciated.
Employee of the Month Comments: I feel very grateful that my peers think of me this way. I also feel grateful to be part of such a good team, I couldn’t do this by myself. Taking care of the individuals is the best part of my job.

July Employee of the Month
Name: Paula Slarb
Position: Direct Support Professional
**Employed Since:** May 21, 2018

**Nominators Comments:** She goes above and beyond her job expectations and absolutely loves the residents. She makes sure all job duties are complete, taking care of everyone, and she gives her best at all times.

**Employee of the Month Comments:** It means a great deal to me being selected for this honor. I appreciate that my fellow employees recognize my hard work. But everyone works hard for the individuals of Newhope. It means a lot to be with a team who works and enjoys the work we do.