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50 YEARS RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

THE SCOOP

August 16, 2017

Fun at the fair

Richland Newhope once again had a booth at the Richland County Fair Aug. 7-12.

Staff, individuals, and volunteers manned the booth and distributed informational material and other items.

This year our booth, located in Fairhaven Hall, featured a display marking the 50th anniversary of the Richland County Board of Developmental Disabilities. We also had several disability awareness activities. Those who "tried on a disability" received a Newhope logo temporary tattoo and an Always There sticker.

Thanks to everyone who manned the Richland Newhope booth as well as those who stopped by to say hi!



Newhope volunteers

More than 240 volunteers, including six from Richland Newhope, helped tackle 35 work projects at 17



project sites during United Way's Day of Caring on Aug. 4.

Newhope staff reported to Parent Aide following a kick-off event at Ed Pickens' Cafe on Main. They helped clean, vacuum, and wash windows, created intake files, and assembled and delivered cleaning supply buckets to Parent Aide clients.

The volunteers also learned a lot about what Parent Aide does and how it supports some of the individuals who receive services from Richland Newhope.

August Employee of the Month

Name: Kristy Harris

Position: Systems Support Specialist – Coordinator of Revenue & Financial Reporting

Employed since: Feb. 4, 2013

Nominator's Comments: "Every day she goes beyond her normal and expected job work. Kristy encourages her co-workers and colleagues to involve her in their job duties and use her as a resource or backup and is a motivator on "everyone working together." She always meets deadlines in Fiscal and never complains about surprises or changes."

Employee of the Month Comments: "I feel very honored that my co-workers value what I contribute to the agency. It is also a big deal to me that my co-workers recognize my strong effort in team work. I always have realized that it takes a team to get the job done."



Fond farewell

Richland Newhope recently said goodbye to Raintree volunteer Makayla Luther. The teen and her family moved back to their hometown of Cincinnati after living in Mansfield the past three years.



Makayla was recognized in May as our 2017 Hero with Heart award recipient for her dedication to making a difference in the lives of people with disabilities, especially the residents of Raintree.

Before she left, Makayla and her siblings presented Raintree with statues of a rabbit and bulldog that are now 'guardians' of the memorial garden located there. The entire family spent a lot of time in the garden courtyard area pushing individuals on the swings, painting benches, blowing bubbles, and gardening.

We may not have seen the last of Makayla. She vows to return to Mansfield at least once more this summer to participate in a 5K race with one of the Raintree individuals.

Thank you, Makayla, and the entire Luther family for your volunteer service and special gift to Raintree! You will be missed.

Agency in-service, holiday to impact service

Richland Newhope will hold its annual all-staff agency in-service day on Friday, Sept. 1 and that will impact hours of operation.

The Early Childhood Center (ECC) and Service and Support Administration (SSA) will be closed all day. The Administration Building at 314 Cleveland Ave. will be open after 1 p.m.

On Labor Day, Sept. 4, our Administration Building, ECC, and SSA offices will all be closed for the holiday.

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