



THE SCOOP

February 20, 2019

Newhope ready for DD Awareness Month

Richland Newhope is planning several activities to mark Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in March.

We'll kick things off Feb. 28 when the Richland County commissioners present the first of 10 proclamations we'll be receiving through March.

Our 26th Annual Richland County Third Grade Coloring Contest Awards Luncheon takes place March 8 at our Early Childhood Center. The contest involves hundreds of students from Richland County schools.

Newhope will hold its 18th Annual Community Awareness Day on March 14. The 28 members of the current class of Leadership Unlimited will visit various locations that provide supports for people with developmental disabilities in Richland County.

For the first time, the agency will have a booth at the 14th Annual Chamber Business Expo set



for March 21 at the Richland County Fairgrounds. This event runs from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. and is open to the public. The booth will also be part of Business After Hours on March 20.

Our 2nd Annual ‘Step Into Spring’ – a free, fun walk – will take place at the Richland Mall on March 29. This is being held in conjunction with the mall, Richland Public Health, Richland County Children Services, and the Mansfield Y. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. with the walk starting around 10:30 a.m. The first 100 people to sign in will get a goodie bag.

Other activities planned include an informational display at the Mansfield-Richland County Public Library and the Richland Mall plus the distribution of more than 6,000 pamphlets through area churches.

Time to nominate

Richland Newhope/Richland County Board of Developmental Disabilities is now seeking nominations for its new CARE awards.

CARE stands for Compassion, Advocacy, Respect, and Excellence. The award categories are Direct Support Professional, Self-Advocate, Community Partner, and Hero with Heart.

It’s easy to nominate someone for one of these honors. You can submit a nomination via our [website](#) where you’ll find detailed descriptions of each category. Nomination forms are also available at the Richland Newhope



Administration Building, 314 Cleveland Ave.,
Mansfield.

The nomination deadline is March 18.

For more information, contact Community
Education Director Jane Imbody at 419-774-
4215 or jimbody@rnewhope.org.

Hearts and sweets

Valentine's Day was a chance for preschoolers
at our Early Childhood Center to enjoy some
sweet treats, games, and exchange cards.
Students got to take home a special goodie
bag that they decorated. More photos can be
found on our [Facebook](#) page.



February Employee of the Month

Name: Chris Stransky

Position: Therapy Program Aide

Employed since: September 11, 1992

Nominators Comments: "Chris is the go-to-
person in the Therapy Department for
answering questions and solving problems –
whether they are technology or computer
related, billing related, policy related, or
equipment related. She keeps our department
organized and running smoothly while
supporting each of us in the work we do with
individuals. She goes above and beyond to



ensure our individuals have the equipment and services they need to participate in the community. She goes out of her way to help repair and adjust equipment that our individuals need for their daily activities.”

Employee of the Month Comments: Chris said she feels honored, knowing that her peers nominated her. “I work with great people who teach me new things every day. I’m thankful that they still enjoy working with me and put up with me on a daily basis.”

Chris said what she likes best about her job is the individuals. “I like that every day is different. I enjoy working with such a diverse group of people who are all working toward the same goal. Housekeeping, therapists, maintenance, teachers, individual consultants, administrative staff and, of course, the direct service providers – we all want the individuals to succeed, to be happy, and part of this community.”

EMPLOYEE MILESTONES

23 Years – Terri Benson & Angie Shaw

21 Years – Debra Jolin

13 Years – Deborah Fraley

10 Years – Allen Trospen

6 Years – Kim Duncan & Kristy Harris

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