

THE SCOOP

June 6, 2018

DD Board honors DSP

Richland Newhope has selected Vicki Thornsberry as this year's recipient of its Direct Support Professional (DSP) award.

Vicki was formally recognized during a meeting of the Richland County Board of Developmental Disabilities on May 23. She has been an independent provider since 2014 and has 15 clients.

The person who nominated Vicki cited her caring heart and compassion for individuals with disabilities.

"The individuals in her caseload have become her extended family. Her respect and patience...is something we should all strive for. She genuinely cares for and finds joy in the successes of individuals with disabilities," noted the nominator.

In addition to being an independent provider, Vicki is also an area coordinator for Special Olympics.



We'll tell you more about Vicki coming up in the next edition of our quarterly newsletter, 'The Insider,' this July.

DSP is one of four categories that make up Richland Newhope's CARE awards. A presentation for this year's Hero with Heart award winner will take place in June.

New Director of Education/Therapy Services named

Julie Litt is Richland Newhope's new director of Education and Therapy Services. Julie has served in that position on an interim basis since January.

Born and raised in Mansfield, Julie was one of seven children.

"I learned early the importance of family," she says.

Julie graduated from Ohio Dominican University and has been in the education field for 40 years. She began her career with Richland Newhope in 1986 as the program coordinator in the Residential Department. One year later, Julie moved to the school program where, in 1989, she became student services coordinator until assuming the role of interim director this year.

"Julie has spent almost her entire professional career supporting students and young children of various ages and abilities," notes



Superintendent Michele Giess. “She has a passion for supporting individuals and families in a person-centered way to identify their hopes and dreams and reach their full potential.”

“I have enjoyed working for Newhope for nearly 32 years, and I’m truly excited to support the agency in my new role with such dedicated staff,” Julie says.

When she’s not working, Julie enjoys spending time with her large, extended, family – including her husband, Doug, who she says is “my love of my life.”

The Class of 2031

Twenty-one children reached an important and exciting milestone at the Early Childhood Center on May 24. Graduation! During the ceremony, the graduates sang “Today is Wonderful,” “The Butterfly Song,” “We are Here to Graduate,” and “ABC You Later,” for their proud parents and many misty-eyed Newhope staff. They celebrated afterwards in their classrooms with cookies and juice.

Congratulations to the class of 2031!



Newhope Charities Golf Outing

The 20th Annual Newhope Charities Golf Outing is coming up Friday, July 20, at the Pebble Creek Golf Club in Lexington. It will include a \$5,000 Hole-In-One Challenge.



The cost remains \$360 per team or \$90 per golfer. The deadline to register for the four-person scramble is July 9. Those who register and pay by June 29 will receive the Early Bird Special Discount of \$5 per golfer. The entry fee includes golf, cart, food, beverages, skins games, proximities, a team photo, and a goody bag.

The outing will also include a 50/50 raffle, a prize raffle and, for the first time, mulligans will be offered.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. There will be hot dogs at the turn plus dinner and an awards program after golf.

Sponsorship opportunities are available ranging from \$100 to \$1,000. Raffles prizes are also being sought.

Brochures with details about registration and sponsorships are available at Newhope's administrative offices, 314 Cleveland Ave., Mansfield, or on-line at

Out and about

Richland Newhope participated in several community events the past few weeks.

First was the Kids Carnival sponsored by Catalyst Life Services on May 17 at the Rehab Center. Dozens of children enjoyed playing the pig race game for a chance to win a prize.

On May 19, Richland Newhope manned a table at the Kinship Information and Resource Fair at



the Richland County Fairgrounds. The event was sponsored by the Independent Living Center of North Central Ohio.

Richland Newhope was also among 70 local businesses and organizations to participate in a job fair on May 22 that was sponsored by the Richland Area Chamber of Commerce and Ohio Means Jobs.



Design a Magnet Reminder

There's still time to enter Richland Newhope's Design a Magnet contest.

The contest is for individuals with developmental disabilities in Richland County. The winning entry will be featured on a magnet that's distributed to the community, starting with the Richland County Fair in August. Click [here](#) for the entry form. Artists can use colored pencil (best), markers, or crayons.

Please remember to include the name of the artist, address, and a telephone number and/or email address with each entry.

The winner will receive two tickets to the fair and a Richland Newhope bag.

Entries should be mailed to Richland Newhope's Community Relations Department, 314 Cleveland Ave., Mansfield, OH 44902. The deadline is June 30.

For more information, call 419-774-4214 or 419-774-4215.

In Memoriam

Kimberly Gretzinger - May 13, 2018

Jason Bone - May 31, 2018

Calendar

June 11 - SCRAP recycling trailer, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m., Early Childhood Center, 255 Hedges St., Mansfield

June 27 - Richland Co. Board of Developmental Disabilities meeting, 11:30 a.m., Richland Newhope Administration Building, 314 Cleveland Ave., Mansfield

June 28 - RNI Dance Troupe's International Celebration of Dance, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m., Renaissance Theatre, 138 Park Ave. West, Mansfield

July 4 – Independence Day Holiday: Richland Newhope Administration Building, Service & Support Administration, and Early Childhood Center closed

July 6 - First Friday, 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m., Element of Art Studio/Gallery, 96 N. Main St., Mansfield

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