

## Hero with Heart winner to be honored

The 2017 winner of Richland Newhope's Hero with Heart award is a 15-year-old student at Mansfield St. Peter's. Makayla Luther will be honored this Friday during the agency's 28th Annual Recognition Banquet. Makayla volunteers at Raintree, a residential facility operated by Richland Newhope. She was selected by our Developmental Disabilities Awareness Committee from among five nominations that were submitted this year.



The other nominees were: Aurelio Diaz, Virginia Harmon, Mark Sheely, and the Bill Benjamin family. We'll tell you more about Makayla in the next edition of The Scoop. This marks the 10th year for the Hero with Heart award.

## New DODD animation

Do you have questions about how the system that supports Ohioans with developmental disabilities and their families actually works?

If so, check out this [new animated video](#) just released by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities. It offers a brief overview of who can participate in services, what services are available, and more.

If you're a Richland County resident and have a family member who might qualify for supports, call 419-774-4201.

## Open house for new provider

Richland County's newest provider of day services for people with developmental disabilities is preparing to start June 5. Officials from Open Arms Health Systems held an open house on April 21 to introduce their services and plans for their newly-renovated facility at 928 Springmill St. in Mansfield.

The day program, called Elevate, emphasizes art, recreation, and community integrated activities – all with an educational component. For more information, call Melissa Stacy-Cull at 614-385-8354.



## What a show!

The Richland Newhope Industries, Inc. Dance Troupe put on a great performance at the Renaissance Theatre on April 26. Entitled 'Dancing throughout the Decades,' the dancers paid tribute to some of the top songs from the 70s, 80s, and 90s. Check out the [photo album](#) on Facebook! The next chance to see the dance troupe in action is Thursday, May 11, from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Mechanics Bank as part of its 'Time for Lunch' live performance series in the downtown courtyard.



## May Calendar:

May 5 – First Friday, Element of Art Studio/Gallery, 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

May 5 – Richland Newhope Recognition Banquet, Ontario Event Center, 5:45 p.m.

May 24 – Richland County Board of DD meeting, Administration Building, 11:30 a.m.

May 29 – Memorial Day: Richland Newhope Administration Building, ECC, and SSA closed

May 30 – Last day for preschool classes

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