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50 YEARS RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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Richland County Board of DD celebrates 50 years



The Richland County Board of Developmental Disabilities (RCBDD) celebrated its golden anniversary on Oct. 25 - 50 years to the day of the very first board meeting in 1967.

The celebration was part of the board's regular monthly meeting held at Richland Newhope's Early Childhood Center, a facility that's also celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

On hand to mark the anniversary were Jeff Pfleiderer and his mother, Joan, and John Penney and his mother, Miriam. Jeff and John were among the first individuals to receive services at the Richland Newhope School, which is now the Early Childhood Center.

"I just wanted to thank this board for the 50 years that I had you available," noted Joan. It has been such a big help to me."

The celebration included a display of historical items related to Richland Newhope, including

newspaper clippings and photographs.

Special proclamation

The Richland County commissioners have recognized the 50th anniversary of the Richland County Board of Developmental Disabilities by issuing a special proclamation. It acknowledges the vital supports and resources that are provided as well as the community's on-going support for the agency's mission. Richland Newhope Superintendent Liz Prather and Tammi Black, who operates a snack stand at the courthouse, were on hand to accept the proclamation.



Statehouse celebration

Richland County was represented at the 'Day of Celebration & Advocacy at the Statehouse' on Oct. 24 in Columbus. The event was held to mark the 50th anniversary of Ohio's county boards of developmental disabilities.

Attending the event to represent Richland Newhope's past, present, and future were: Community Relations Director Jane Imbody, Raintree Recreation Coordinator Sherry Minnig, and long-time Raintree resident Mandy Catrow.

During the statehouse visit, the delegation also met with State Rep. Mark Romanchuk and an aide to State Sen. Larry Obhof.

All counties were also invited to fill a small container, or microcapsule, with items representing the board's history and how it

supports people with developmental disabilities. All 88 counties' microcapsules are being placed in a larger time capsule that will be sealed and left untouched until Oct. 25, 2042 - the 75th anniversary of county boards.

Among the items included in Richland County's microcapsule were a letter written by an individual who receives supports, a Christmas card and magnet designed by individuals, and some photographs. The box was also painted by Raintree residents.

RNI, Inc. salutes top employers and employees

Richland Newhope Industries, Inc. (RNI) saluted 147 area employers during its annual Employer Recognition Breakfast on Oct. 26.



McDonalds of Richland County was named 2017 Community Employer of the Year. The restaurant franchise employs six individuals at three of their nine locations. The Industrial Employer of the Year is MTD Products, Inc. For over 30 years, RNI has supplied MTD with a variety of products. This relationship provides employment opportunities for more than 200 individuals.

The community-based Employee of the Year is James Phillips of Mansfield. James has been employed at Golden Corral for the past five year. Anthony Koebel of Mansfield is the facility-based Employee of the Year at RNI's Longview Ave. location where he builds pallets and works on the lawn crew. Named Employee of the Year

at RNI's 4th St. location is Samuel Kingmen of Shelby. Samuel works on various production jobs there and also works as a dishwasher at City Garden Café.

The 300 people who attended the breakfast heard from representatives of several local companies and agencies who talked about the benefits of employing people with developmental disabilities.

"They really strengthen our team," noted Trent Creel of Meijer.

"They know when they come to work that they're there to work, and they're not going to mess around," added Marty Neidlinger of Thermo-O-Disc. "To see the enthusiasm and to see their dedication is amazing."

Special Needs Trust Seminar

The Richland County Board of Developmental Disabilities will host a special needs trusts (SNT) seminar on Nov. 9. The guest presenters will be Barry Jamieson, special needs certified financial planner with CMP Financial Planning, and Brian Cook, special needs attorney and representative of the Community Fund Management Foundation.

The presenters will address:

- What are SNTS
- The pros and cons
- How SNTs fit into family estate planning
- How SNTs work with other tax preference accounts (i.e. STABLE accounts)
- Picking the right attorney, trustee, trust administration and taxation

- Answer your legal and financial questions regards SNTs

The seminar will be held from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Richland County Longview Center, 1495 W. Longview Ave., Mansfield. All are welcome but RSVP by Nov. 6 is required to Melissa Nedelkos at mnedelko@rnewhope.org or 419-774-4345.

Fond farewell

Richland Newhope staff recently said goodbye and good luck to Operations/Transportation Director Court Sturts.

Court left the agency to become the superintendent of the Crawford County Board of Developmental Disabilities, replacing Liz Prather, who will be retiring at the end of the year after serving the past several years as superintendent of both the Crawford and Richland County Boards of DD.

Court previously served as Richland Newhope's director of residential services. He was first hired by the agency in 2004 as an individual consultant.



November Calendar:

Nov. 3 – First Friday, 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m., Element of Art Studio/Gallery, 96 N. Main St., Mansfield

Nov. 5 - Daylight Saving Time Ends at 2 a.m. - Turn your clocks back 1 hour!

Nov. 9 – Special Needs Trust Seminar, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Richland County Longview Center, 1495 W. Longview Ave., Mansfield

Nov. 10 – Veterans’ Day Holiday Observance: Richland Newhope’s Administrative Offices, Service & Support Administration, and Early Childhood Center closed

Nov. 13 – Autism Awareness Walk-A-Thon Thanksgiving Dinner, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m., Richland Newhope Early Childhood Center, 255 Hedges St., Mansfield

Nov. 14 – Provider/SSA MUI Training, 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. – 3 p.m., Richland County Longview Center, 1495 W. Longview Ave., Mansfield

Nov. 17 – Provider/SSA MUI Training, 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Richland County Longview Center, 1495 W. Longview Ave., Mansfield

Nov. 23-24: Thanksgiving Holiday: Richland Newhope’s Administrative Offices, Service & Support Administration, and Early Childhood Center closed

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