



News, Views and Notes

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Volunteers: Touching hearts, changing lives



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You've heard me say it before: Our annual volunteer recognition brunch is one of my three favorite days of the year. (In case you're wondering, the other two are the SAW, Inc. annual meeting and St. Patrick's Day.)

This year the event took place at Landerhaven and featured a tribute to volunteers by Jeff Moyer, a well known musician and

advocate for the rights of individuals with disabilities.

We are fortunate to have more than 300 active

Site	Volunteer of the Year
Beachwood AAC	Don Bolden
Brooklyn AAC	Kathy Wolters & Ron Leitch
East Cleveland AAC	Jonetta Reed
Euclid AAC	Zach Fenell
Maple Heights AAC	Marie Smith
Parma AAC	Georgia Norgrove
Rocky River AAC	Joan Supple
Southwest AAC	Betty Jane Janka
Green Road EC/DC	Rebecca Smith
St. Bridget ECC	Kathy Corea
IMC	Cynthia Christman

volunteers who help us provide quality services for the children and adults we serve. Last year, they contributed nearly 15,500 hours of their time and talents. Two-thirds of them are community volunteers, and most of the rest are parents of those enrolled with us. About five percent are staff volunteers. Remarkably, we have six volunteers who have amassed more than 2,500 hours of service!

I want to thank all of our wonderful volunteers for their dedication, commitment, enthusiasm and creativity.

Hours	Volunteers
2,500+ hours	Barbara Aquila, Southwest AAC Jerry Cassano, Parma AAC
3,500+ hours	Millie Coppins, Beachwood AAC Rita Washington, Brooklyn AAC
5,500+ hours	Virginia Cassano, Parma AAC
6,500+ hours	Jenny Peak, Southwest AAC

Doggie Day Care & Boarding to open this month near the airport

This month, Hattie Larlham will officially open its third Hattie's Doggie Day Care & Boarding on Brookpark Road in Cleveland.

We are pleased to be a partner with Hattie Larlham in supporting and financing this venture. We have successfully worked with them on other enterprises and are confident that this one too will be a success. Both our organizations share the goal of providing meaningful opportunities for people with developmental disabilities to live, learn, work and play in the community.

Doggie Day Care & Boarding is an award-winning social enterprise

that provides vocational training and meaningful employment to people with developmental disabilities.

The new location will create 40 jobs for people with developmental disabilities. The cage-free facility will offer day care, overnight boarding and grooming.

Programs like Hattie's Doggie Day Care & Boarding are a win-win situation for people with developmental disabilities who have a passion for working with animals. They can build skills and gain confidence while providing a safe, loving and attentive environment for the dogs in their care.

The new location is just two miles from Cleveland Hopkins International Airport and within walking distance of the Brookpark Road RTA station, making it convenient for both travelers and commuters.

The 5,300-square-foot facility features 26 individual dog rooms, two 2,000-square-foot outdoor play areas and four indoor activity areas. It will be the largest Hattie's Doggie Day Care & Boarding to date. Like its sister facilities in Green and Twinsburg, the focus in Cleveland will also be on providing as much play and socialization time for dogs as possible.

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Improving options for care

More than 200 people from the fields of developmental disabilities, mental health, alcohol and drug addiction, justice, law enforcement and medicine attended the Community-Based Care Conference we



hosted last month. This one-day event featured Leon Evans (left) and Gilbert Gonzales from the Center for Health Services in San Antonio, Texas, exploring effective ways of meeting the needs of those with multiple disabilities, particularly developmental disabilities and severe mental illness.

By bringing these various community partners together, we hope to begin developing alternatives that will reduce the number of people with multiple disabilities who end up in jail for misdemeanors or emergency rooms for unusual behavior when their needs can be better met elsewhere.

Recent awards

I'm honored to be the recipient of one of this year's Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County Awards in the Community Partner Collaboration category.

The award is based on our efforts to ensure that the city of Strongsville carefully considered appropriate language in an ordinance regarding community-based residential care facilities; our financial support for the Seasons of Hope Safe House for women who have developmental disabilities and alcohol and other drug addictions and our recent Community-Based Care Conference, which explored ways to divert individuals with developmental disabilities and/or mental illness and addiction issues from jail and emergency rooms and into community programs.

I am proud that these contributions to Cuyahoga County's behavioral health system are making a difference in the lives of people we serve.

I also recently received one of three Distinguished Service Awards given to alumni of Manhattan College's Department of Physical Education and Human Performance, where I earned my undergraduate degree in 1972. A selection committee of faculty and administration chose the honorees for their leadership and service to local and regional communities around the country. It was a sentimental journey to go back to New York, where my career in the field of developmental disabilities began.

Coming up

Razzle Dazzle XII

We Are Family

The Beck Center for the Arts
17801 Detroit Ave., Lakewood

Friday, May 4, 7:30 p.m.-\$15

Saturday, May 5, 3:30 & 7:30 p.m.-Free

The Spring Thing

9th Annual Arts, Crafts & Flea Bazaar

Rocky River Adult Activities Center
20120 Detroit Road

Saturday, May 12, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Hattie's Doggie Day Care & Boarding

18200 Brookpark Road, Suite A, Cleveland
Opens for Business

Monday, May 14

Board Meetings

M.A. Donzella Building

1275 Lakeside Ave. East, Downtown

Thursday, May 24, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 28, 5:30 p.m.

CCBDD Days with the Indians

Progressive Field

Wednesday, May 30, 12:05 p.m. vs. Royals

Wednesday, June 20, 7:05 p.m. vs. Reds

Tuesday, July 3, 7:05 p.m. vs. Angels

Sunday, August 12, vs. Red Sox

For ticket order form, go to

www.cuyahogabdd.org/pdf_BDD/en-US/Indians2012.pdf

Memorial Day

All CCBDD centers and offices closed

Monday, May 28

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