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Each quarter you will see an employee spotlight for our Employee Recognition Program. The employee is selected by their peers for going above and beyond in their field.

Employee Spotlight:

April– Debbie Maberry May– Leslie Amyx June- Sally Doup

Ray Shaw

Raymond Shaw, an Individual who is in the Supported Living program, who has a passion for storm chasing. He finds thrills in watching storms and notifying everyone when a storm is going to happen. He got to skype with Brian Hirth. Brian Hirth Ph.D, Research Professor, at the National Wind Institute at Texas Tech University, has a wide range of research interests including:

- Wind plant complex flows measurements
- Field measurements of extreme wind events
- Doppler radar measurements and data analysis
- Data acquisition and software developments

Brian was introduced to Raymond through the Director of Supported Living, Kayla Kissell.

Brian States: "I am happy I had the chance to Skype with Ray, I enjoy talking with people who have an interest in weather, particularly in tornadoes, which is exactly what Ray is interested in. We conduct a lot of research related to tornadoes and hurricanes here at Texas Tech, and I wanted to not only talk with Ray but also be able to show him some of the equipment we use for severe weather research. His genuine passion for weather became very obvious to me during our Skype conversation, and I hope he continues to follow his love for the weather. "

Raymond was excited to get to speak with Brian, after the skype, Raymond bought all new storm chaser apparel and gear. He really enjoyed being able to see all the equipment and talk about his passion. They Plan to keep in touch.



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Licking County Board of **Developmental Disabilities**





Current Events

Get to know Don B. He is an Individual who participates in Green Dreams and ADS/ ASP activities.

Don Bolton

How many years have you been participating in the Green Dreams program?

I recently celebrated my 2 years of service.

What are some of your favorite activities when you`re at the ADS?

Playing on the Wii my favorite games are bowling and Just Dance. I also enjoy cleaning and participating in the activities such as outings and the science experiments.

What do you like most about participating in the Green Dreams program?

I enjoy taking care of the plants, watering all of them is my favorite part. I also enjoy making candy bouquets. What is your favorite food?

I like spaghetti and I really enjoy cooking it.

What do you do every morning?

I come in and make everyone a cup of coffee because I like to make sure they have a good day.

What do you do in your free time?

I like going to the mall, going bowling and singing at Gears 'n' Company.

Where is your favorite place to visit?

Eastland. What is your favorite television show?

I like watching Family Feud.

What did you sing at Gears 'n' Company?

Hey, Good Looking, I also got to learn a new dance for it.

What is something else you want to share about you? I am saving up my money so that I can go on vacation to Alabama.

How do you want people to remember you? For always being a team player and positive.

Milestones!

We would like to recognize the following staff members who had an anniversary in the second quarter:

Names	Years of Servic
Paula Bowden	22
Pennie Chappell	4
Mamie Malone	4
Cheryll Blessard	3
Darryl Hudson	2
Jesse Slocum	2
Dawn Coleman	2
Ashley Skeens	2
Stephanie Farley	1
Melissa Crawford	1
Eric Gibson	1
Mark Bennett	1
Lori Bolton	1
Curtis Kincaid	1
Lisa Arndt	1
Angela Rojas	1

Welcome to the Team

Chayse M. Christian-Thompson

Anthony T. Cunningham

Carrie A. Hess

Troy R. Gibson

Robert E. Mahan

Michelle R. Hahn

Michael D. Stewart

In Remembrance:



Don Bolen (1929-2015)

Upcoming Events

July – Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Anniversary

July 16th is Disability Awareness Day.

Knights of Columbus is hosting a picnic for CDS on July 19th at 2:00 pm.

Circle of Friends is hosting a Summer Camp program from July 27-31st.

August— Back to School

August 11th, Knox County board of DD is hosting a Summer Fest.

August 14th, Adaptive Socialization Programs Annual Luau at the American Legion.

August 29th , 2nd Annual Knox County board of DD 5-K.

September– Direct Support Professional (DSP) Awareness Week

National DSP Awareness week Sep. 13th-19th.

Next Edition Sneak Peek

Hear from the students and volunteers about the good times and special friendships formed at Circle of Friends Summer Camp!

Services

Adult Day Services

Provides the support and opportunities needed to improve employability, independence, and self-confidence for adults with developmental disabilities. Now four (4) locations!

Adaptive Socialization

Recreation & Socialization Program offers a wide selection of social and recreational activities to choose from each month.

Circle of Friends

Offers elementary age students, with and without disabilities, the opportunity to socialize while engaging in recreational activities and community service projects.

Creative Housing

Provides and maintains housing through affordable leasing options to individuals with developmental disabilities.

Non-Medical Transportation

Provides individuals with developmental disabilities the transportation needed to access their adult day services, supported employment location, or vocational habilitation programs.

Supporting Employment

Green Dreams is a paid employment opportunity offered through our Adult Day Services Program.

Supported Living

Offers individualized personal support that enables individuals to maintain their independence.

Gears 'N' Company















This year the group decided on a Country Theme, the concert was entitled "Hee Haw"!

The members of Gears 'N' Company worked hard to put on a great performance. Weekly practices started at the beginning of April. The interest was so great the group practiced on two separate nights. The night of rehearsal was the first time both

groups performed together.











May 21st was the Gears 'N' Company performance.



The performance had 200+ audience attendees





The concert was dedicated to Terry Kidd and Mike Shoop

Want a Gears 'N ' Company video? DVD's can be purchased from our website www.centerds.org. mail or drop off order forms at the



Always in our hearts is Tracy Athey who passed shortly after the concert. He was an avid gears perform-

Adaptive Socialization Program Formal



We want to thank all of the volunteers and staff who helped make the evening a huge success.

Adult Day Services Cook-out



In honor of Fourth of July, all ADS locations joined together on Thursday June 2nd to celebrate with a fun filled cook-out.



There is only one success: To be able to spend your life in your own way.

-Christopher Marley

Eastland Outings

A glance at the wonderful field trips the group at Eastland participated in!











Non-Medical Transportation

"STOP. . . BOOM . . . CRASH!"

These words were repeated many times by Nick on April 27th after our transportation van was struck by a hit and run driver.

Our driver and three individuals were on their way to Colvin House to participate in the Adult Day Service Program. Eric, the driver, stated "upon pulling over to exchange information, the other driver just left the scene." Paramedics at the scene assessed each passenger and, although everyone was shook up, thankfully, no one was injured.

The van was not so lucky, Tragically, the van was determined totaled. Unfortunately, the dollar value of the van was far below the \$45,000 needed to replace it. Being short one van and struggling to find funds to replace it has created quite a burden for the agency. Any assistance in this area would be greatly appreciated.

CDS is expanding

We've outgrown our place, there just isn't enough space. Though the address will be different the welcome will be the same!

After 18 years, we need to relocate to accommodate our growth. Please don't be alarmed when you see our building for sale. We will still provide the same great services to Licking, Knox and Coshocton Counties.

We will keep posting updates about the progress as new information becomes available.

CDS' GROWING PAID EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Green Dreams

A Paid Employment Opportunity through our Adult Day Services Program.

Individuals participating in our Green Dreams employment have been busy. The Green houses are full of ready to sell flowers, plants and herbs. The facilities currently have:

Plants- cucumbers, vines, banana trees, spider plants, tomatoes and catnip.

Herbs- chives, sweet basil, and parsley

Flowers- ferns, African marigolds, painted daisies, and delphiniums

All items are for sale to the general public. Items for sale are available through all day service locations and our website, www.centerds.org.

Candy bouquets are currently revamped to feature new designs for small bouquets. Small bouquets will now be customizable with 5 different sayings. (see photos below)

Other creative individualized employment opportunities are also available.











You can now place plant orders online at

www.centerds.org



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