



Center for Disability Services
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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:

January– Lillie Plitcha

February– ‘No Nominations’

March– Michelle Erwin

Provider Appreciation

Center for Disability Services was honored to attend the annual Provider Appreciation Breakfast held by the Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities. We would like to say Thank You to everyone involved with the event.



Make A Difference Award

Our very own Samantha Howard was presented the Make A Difference Award. Sam has been with CDS for 9 years. She cares deeply for the individuals supported and has built good, solid relationships with them and their families. She provides services with flexibility. She is a true advocate for individuals with developmental disabilities, and is more than happy to accommodate any special requests people have for her. Sam’s co-workers have announced that they love having her around and she is a dear friend to them. Sam is also coordinating cooking lessons for an individual who mentioned that they wanted to learn how to cook.



Samantha Howard

Honored by Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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Current Events

Please get to know the Individuals who were selected as this Quarters Spotlight!

Mike S.

Mike was nominated by the Director of the Adult Day Service program where he is also employed by Green Dreams. Mike always has a smile on his face and is kind and courteous to everyone he meets! He is very hard working and always willing to jump right in and try new things. Daily, Mike goes above and beyond to support and cheer on his peers at the ADS. It is a pleasure to have Mike attend the ADS and be an employee at Green Dreams!

Brian K.

Brian attends our Adult Day Service program and everyday he is a ray of sunshine and always has a smile! He loves to listen to music and loves to watch the fish at our Colvin Adult Day Service Program. Brian loves to hang out with his peers daily and he is always willing to give his input.

Larry H.

Larry is a part of our Supported Living Program, attends the Adult Day Service program where he is employed by Green Dreams, Adaptive Socialization Program and Gears 'N' Company. Larry is always excited to meet new people! While getting ready for the store he was willing to help sweep and took it upon himself to introduce himself to the Denison Students ! He has such a kind heart!

Milestones!

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

Names	Years of Service
Paula Bowden	23
Cheryll Blessard	4
Dawn Coleman	3
Ashley Skeens	3
Stephanie Farley	2
Melissa Crawford	2
Eric Gibson	2
Mark Bennett	2
Lori Bolton	2
Curtis Kincaid	2
Jen Slayers	1
Amanda Amyx	1
Chayse Thompson	1
Carrie Hess	1
Robert Mahan	1
Michelle Hahn	1
Michael Stewart	1
Amy Clodfelter	1
Kennady Nicolay	1

Welcome to the Team!

Levylin Barnes	Joann Corsi
Mariah Gostrue	Charita Daugherty
Cameron McKay	Randy Lane
Cheyenne Prince	Rylynn King
Laura Hannum	

Grand Opening

A huge thank you to Denison Venture Philanthropy for selecting CDS's Green Dreams program as the recipient of the Denison Venture Philanthropy Grant. With the help of the Denison Students, Green Dreams is opening their boutique on April 22, 2016! The students, Green Dreams employees and staff have been work-



You're Invited!!

What: Grand Opening of
Green Dreams Boutique

When: April 22nd 2016

Where: 117 W. Church Street
Newark, Ohio 43055

Time: 11am- 2pm



Getting Ready for the Big Opening Day! Stay Tuned for grand opening pictures in the next newsletter and on our Facebook page.

Adult Day Services Bowling

The day consisted of bowling and games!



All of the ADS Locations joined together on February 26th to enjoy a day of bowling!

Adaptive Socialization Program Valentines' Dance



Individuals celebrated Valentines Day the ASP valentines dance on February 26th!

Gears 'N' Company



Practice for our annual Gears 'n' company performance began on March 15th! This year's theme is Inner Strength! All of the songs selected by the performers give them inner strength!



Eastland Adult Day Service Egg Coloring

Getting ready for Easter, Eastland had an egg coloring activity!



Circle of Friends' St. Patrick's Day



Circle of Friends held a tailgate party before the students left for Spring Break! The day consisted of dancing, crafts and games that focused on social skill development!

Services Offered

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.

If you would like to receive an e-newsletter please go to www.centerds.org to sign up for our email.

Upcoming Events

April– Autism Awareness and Community Service Month

April 22nd from 11am-2pm is our Greens Dreams Boutique Grand Opening.

Adaptive Socialization Program Spring Dance will be held on the 22nd from 6-8:30pm.

May – Gears ‘N’ Company Performance

Gears ‘N’ Company rehearsal dinner will be held on May 18th at 5pm at Eastland ADS.

Gears ‘N’ company performance will be held May 19th starting at 7:00pm at the VFW on Forry Street.

June – Summer Break!!

Circle of Friends camp will start June 11th. Keep an eye out for more information.

Community Service– Canned Food Drive

Center for Disability Services and our Adult Day Service Programs located at Colvin and Eastland are collecting canned goods for Licking County Operation Feed. Donations are accepted Colvin/Hoover House and Eastland– M-F 9am-3:30pm or the administrative building M-F 9am- 5pm. Canned goods will be delivered to operation feed on April 9th.

Visit from Jason Umstot

Jason Umstot, Superintendent of Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities, visited to Center for Disability Services, Eastland and Colvin Adult Day Service. We would like to thank Jason and Pamela for coming out. The individuals loved showing them around and introducing themselves.



Pictured: Jason Umstot, LCBDD, Superintendent and Robin Reid, CDS, CEO

Pictured: Jason Umstot, LCBDD, Superintendent and an Individual who attends our ADS Program



Pictured: Robin Reid, CDS, CEO; Pamela Combs, LCBDD, Director of Provider Relations and Jason Umstot, LCBDD, Superintendent.

CDS' GROWING PAID EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Green Dreams

A Paid Employment Opportunity through our Adult Day Services Program.

Green Dreams is excited to announce that the new store front will be opening this quarter!! The store will create community integrated employment with on the job retail training. The store will sell special retail items. Look inside for more information!

Individuals employed by Green Dreams have been busy getting the store ready. The green houses are full of ready to sell flowers, plants and herbs.

All items are for sale to the general public. At this time the Green Dreams Boutique will be open Thursday- Saturday from 11am-3pm.

Keep in mind candy bouquets are great for the upcoming holidays!

Other creative individualized employment opportunities are also available through Green Dreams.



You can now place plant orders online at

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