

# On the Horizon

## Mission

**Our mission is to develop and provide living environments that enable the developmentally disabled individual to live life to the fullest. We strive to provide health and safety, habilitation services, a transportation program, and recreational activities that instill a sense of self- worth and inclusion which will enrich their quality of life.**

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## **Tuscarawas County Board of Developmental Disabilities:**

### *Imagine Ability @ Work*

“Ability at Work” is Tuscarawas County Board of Developmental Disabilities (TCBDD) theme for 2014. Through this theme, TCBDD encourages people to understand that when people with disabilities are welcomed into local neighborhoods, workplaces, houses of worship, and schools everyone wins.

“This is a time when we focus on encouraging people to learn more about the over 500 people in this community who have developmental disabilities and to recognize that all of us have talents and abilities that we can offer to make this a better place to live,” said Superintendent Natalie Lupi.

“Ability at Work summarizes our fundamental belief that all people have the right to work and that all people have abilities. All too often, individuals who receive supports from our agency are told what they CAN’T do. We believe in focusing on the individuals strengths and abilities. Our vision is for a community that recognizes the importance and potential of all citizens, “states Lupi.

In order to achieve that Vision, we believe that we, as a county board, and as a system, have become more Person Centered. In 2008, TCBDD became involved in a regional-state collaborative project that focuses on reviewing our system and our processes and making changes that will result in a more person centered way of providing supports to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. This project is called imagine and looks beyond how we operate as a system to truly see the people we support.

Imagine is a new way of making sure that the things that are important to the people we support and the things that are important for them make sense. It is a concept and a system change that will ultimately transform the developmental system in Ohio.

Visit the Tuscarawas County Board of Developmental Disabilities website to learn more: [www.tuscbdd.org](http://www.tuscbdd.org).



Katie Burroway shows off her artistic ability with her painting “Al the Owl” which State Representative Al Landis displayed in Columbus in 2013.

## A special bond between friends

Volunteer for the Special Olympics bowling team Parker Wills, of New Philadelphia, helps his bowling partner and friend, Shane York of Uhrichsville, hit his mark at Wabash Lanes in New Philadelphia.

Photo/Times Reporter Jim Cummings



New Philadelphia High School junior Parker Wills never imagined he'd bowl at the national Special Olympics. For one thing, he wasn't much of a bowler. For another, he doesn't have any developmental challenges.

It all began when Wills met Shane York, a 36-year-old client at Horizons group home, where Wills' mother, Diana, worked as a caretaker. Wills and York

seemed to click from the beginning. Wills had been familiar with individuals with developmental challenges through his mother's work and his sister's Sunday school class for developmentally disabled children. As Diana began to bring Shane around more and more, the two found things to talk and joke about with each other.

"We got along great,"

said Parker. "Shane's a lot of fun. So when Shane decided to train for the Tuscarawas County Special Olympics Bowling Team and asked Parker to be his partner he did not hesitate. Usually in Special Olympic Bowling, Olympians pair up with adult volunteers to work and train together as a team. But Parker began spending Sunday afternoons with Shane at the Boulevard Lanes practicing the game.

## Winning Medals

In spite of initial frustrations, it wouldn't take the two long to find their stride in the game, reflected in their continuously improving scores, which eventually qualified them to be part of the Tuscarawas County Special Olympics bowling team.

"We took home silver in Tuscarawas County and went on to state in Columbus and won silver there," said Wills. The pair did so well, in fact, they qualified for nationals in Reno, Nev., where they competed in February.

"We were roommates for that whole week," said Wills. "It was awesome. We had fun every evening. We get along really well. I enjoyed seeing him happy. I just knew I didn't want to let him down." The duo earned a bronze medal in doubles and their team took sixth place overall. For Wills, who was the youngest competitor in the games, the joy of victory was found in witnessing Shane's reaction. "He was jumping up in the walk-out ceremony, he was so happy."

"He's completely comfortable in this," said New Philadelphia High School Assistant Principal Dave Lautenschleger of Wills. "Here is a kid doing something that I don't know how many students would be willing to do. It takes a special kid to do this."

Shane is also a member of the Tuscarawas County Rockets Special Olympics Basketball team and helped take the team to the playoffs against the Stepping Stone Knights where they won 2<sup>nd</sup> Place.



# 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Recognition Dinner & Auction



The planning and preparation for Horizons, Inc. 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Recognition Dinner & Auction began in November 2013. The agency has hosted auctions in the past to raise funds to purchase those things which government funding does not provide for our individuals with developmental disabilities, but a recognition dinner with a speaker was a first. Therefore, we began early

contacting potential speakers and seeking business, civic and community group sponsorships.

When we decided to recognize our individuals for their accomplishments and growth we knew that it would take a special person to speak to them and the audience which would come in support of our efforts, however, finding someone with a disability who was willing and able to come to Tuscarawas County was not an easy task. Nonetheless we persevered and on January 24 received a response of interest from April Holmes.



April Holmes is a 3x Paralympic Medalist (1 Gold, 2 Bronze) who was involved in a train accident in 2001 that resulted in the loss of her left leg below the knee. While she lay in her hospital bed, a doctor told her about the Paralympic Games and three goals were firmly implanted in her mind. She desired to wear the USA uniform. She wanted to break world records. She was determined to win gold medals. On Saturday, April 5 at 5 p.m. our individuals, their families and guests began to arrive at J.I.M.'s Place in New Philadelphia, Ohio.

The dinner had been provided by Texas Roadhouse, and the response from the business community had been overwhelming, so with the arrival of April and her engaging smile and words of encouragement Horizons, Inc. recognized 76 individuals with developmental disabilities for their many achievements and accomplishments. The auction was a great success, so we thank all our sponsors and supporters for making this day a special one for those whom we serve.



## **Stories from the Field.....**

By Betty Alvey HPCP/Jefferson County

I became a provider for Roger Cleary in 2001. Through the years there has been one phrase he has repeated like a mantra "My mother said I would never make it on my own and I showed her!" Yes, Roger has proved his mother to be wrong. He is a good worker and friend. "Roger, your mom would be very proud of you!" I know I am.

One of Roger's skills is ordering a meal from a restaurant menu. Roger goes to our local Bob Evan's restaurant every Saturday morning and sits at the counter. He chooses his meal by looking at the pictures on the menu, but mostly from memory of his favorites, due to the fact he has been eating there for many years. Most of the staff knows Roger, and he is known as a "regular". Roger orders his meal, enjoys it and then pays for it sometimes with cash or by gift card which his sister proudly sends him. Roger always leaves a tip. We have talked about how important tips are to waitresses.

Because Roger only receives 12 hours of service a week he prepares most of his meals independently. Since another skill Roger has worked to develop is cooking a balanced meal we have developed creative ways for him to prepare his meals since he does not like using the stove/oven. He uses a George Foreman Grill (he has gone through three) and a microwave. Roger utilizes this skill twice a week. He selects what he would like, we create a grocery list, then we shop for the items needed, and finally he prepares it. He likes what he cooks, most of the time.

Roger began going to the Training Center for individuals with developmental disabilities, but after several years he decided to switch to the Workshop. He tried stapling boxes, but had difficulty with eye/hand coordination. Yet Roger did not give up. He asked his supervisor if he could sweep, clean up and empty the waste baskets and flatten cardboard boxes at the workshop. Of course, the answer was "YES". Roger has been a dependable janitor at the workshop and the School of Bright Promise for several years now. He enjoys what he does and takes great pride in his work. Roger is 72 years young and has said that he does not wish to retire.

Roger enjoys going to church every Sunday and participates as an Usher when needed, and passes out the church bulletins. He has a longtime friend who gives him a ride weekly. He enjoys the fellowship he receives.

I have learned a great deal from Roger, and I enjoy working with him.



**OADSP** is the nonprofit organization whose purpose is to advance the skills, professionalism, ethical practice and status of direct support professionals (DSPs) in Ohio. Its activities include but are not limited to the DSPATHS credentialing program, curriculum development, specialized courses and seminars and networking opportunities for DSPs throughout Ohio. A collaboration of providers, advocates, families, state and county representatives and others interested in improving the workforce for individuals with disabilities in Ohio.

Horizons, Inc. is a DSPATHS Licensed Entity. We provide staff with a nationally recognized education and training program that prepares staff to provide the highest quality services possible. As a DSPATHS Licensed Entity in Ohio we offer the DSPATHS courses to employees outside of our organization.

### **DSPaths Credentialing Program**

The DSPATHS curriculum is based on the best national models, such as the Community Support Skills Standards and the National Alliance of Direct Support Professionals' Code of Ethics. The program offers sequential credentials that teach, reinforce, and build upon the essential skills of a highly qualified Direct Support Professional.

### **Basic Certificate**

The DSPATHS Basic Certificate is a course of study that gives the student a basic knowledge of the skills required to become a Direct Support Professional. The DSPATHS Basic Certification program requires thirty (30) hours of classroom instruction. The DSPATHS Basic certificate is equivalent to the first ten (10) modules of the Certificate of Initial Proficiency (CIP). Basic Certificate Tuition = \$150

### **Certificate of Initial Proficiency (CIP)**

The DSPATHS Certificate of Initial Proficiency (CIP) is a course of study that focuses on developing the knowledge, skills and confidence of the direct support professional. The DSPATHS CIP program requires sixty (60) hours of classroom instruction. In addition, candidates for the DSPATHS CIP credential are required to demonstrate their proficiency in specific competency areas through the development of a professional portfolio. The DSPATHS CIP Portfolio consists of a collection of work samples that demonstrate the candidate's mastery of skills in a variety of areas.

Certificate of Initial Proficiency (CIP) Tuition = \$300.00

### **Certificate of Advanced Proficiency (CAP)**

The Certificate of Advanced Proficiency (CAP) program is an education and training program designed for Direct Support Professionals who have completed the Certificate of Initial Proficiency (CIP) and are interested in pursuing a higher level of certification, learning and skill attainment. The DSPATHS CAP Program includes sixty (60) hours of classroom instruction. In addition, candidates for the DSPATHS CAP credential are required to demonstrate their proficiency in specific competency areas through the development of a professional portfolio. The DSPATHS CAP Portfolio consists of a collection of work samples that demonstrate the candidate's mastery of skills in a variety of areas.

Certificate of Advanced Proficiency (CAP) Tuition = \$300.00

**By completing the CIP and CAP programs, candidates will also meet all major requirements for a national credential awarded by the National Alliance of Direct Support Professionals (NADSP).**

### **Funding Available for Participants**

#### OADSP Scholarship Program

**The OADSP Scholarship program was primarily set up; to aid DSPs finance participation in OADSP Seminars and DSPATHS courses. Priority is given to underserved regions. In order to qualify for a scholarship, you must register for a course/seminar and complete an application.**

Funding - The Ohio Alliance of Direct Support Professionals (OADSP) Scholarship and Stipend Program are funded by the Ohio Development Disabilities Council and the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities.

*"DSPATHS has helped our staff to become more confident in their skills. Being part of this program has empowered them to make creative changes in how they do things, which has made life better for the individuals served."*

*—Agency administrator*

***The next course will be in June. If you are interested in participating in an upcoming course offered through Horizons, Inc., please contact Julie Hardesty at (330)364-5415.***

## HELP US HELP YOU



Tuscarawas County First Responders have joined together to better serve you in the event of an emergency or disaster, by having a special needs registry. **Special Needs Definition:** Individuals in need of additional response assistance may include those who have disabilities; who live in institutionalized settings;

who are elderly; who are children; who are from diverse cultures; who have limited English proficiency; or who are transportation disadvantaged. Hearing impaired, seeing impaired, bed ridden, needs help to walk; but not limited to these. All information is confidential, and will help local fire/ems to respond

to community needs more efficiently. To register, visit the local Emergency Management Agency website at: [www.TUSCARAWAS.OH.US](http://www.TUSCARAWAS.OH.US) clicking on special needs registry and submitting your information. **Help us help you by registering, it could save your life.**

## May – July BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays are filled with yesterdays memories, today's joys, and tomorrows dreams. May the years continue to be good to you.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!**



MAY	
3	Theresa Mark
4	Freda Lee
6	Kirk Baker
8	Jamey Greer
10	Vicky Bryant
11	Rachel Moore
	William Williams
12	Olivia Brewer
13	Darlene Gastaldo
	Gwendolyn Watts
14	Rosalba De-Lause
	Jennifer Zimmerman
15	Maretta Cottrell
16	Brittany Spiker
17	Shandal Treherne
19	Judith Smith
20	Raymond Taylor
	Bonnie Tomassetti
21	Mary Martin
22	John Sutton
24	Emily White
27	Scott Beal
	Rhonda Edgerton
30	Jennifer George
	David Price
31	Helen Green

JUNE	
3	Del'Lesha Felton
5	Doreen Wright
6	Rachel Morrison
8	Beverly Peffer
	Brittany Weekley
9	Charissa Murray
10	Rebecca Welz
11	Ronald Tuttle
12	Brian Abel
	Kristie Proper
13	Larry Chiott
14	Tamara Steiner
15	Cindy Basiletti
	Kathryn Thompson
17	Jeffrey Martin
19	Jennifer Beare
20	Michael Groh
21	Krystle Hughes
	Stephanie Jones
23	Shannon Sikora
	Ken Stevens
24	Donna Merrill
26	Barbara Grant
27	Andrew Serafine
28	Josh Tristano
29	Sara Ashcraft
	Danae Dawson
	Heather Heid

## Ohio Provider Resource Association

The Ohio Provider Resource Association (OPRA) Spring Conference, April 8-9 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Dublin, provided updates and new information on subjects of interest to the statewide community of service providers, as well as showcased the providers and direct support professionals themselves. During opening comments, OPRA Executive Director Mark Davis observed, "When it comes to working with individuals with developmental disabilities, Ohio providers know their people! And because of that, we will be focusing on what we can do to shift from activities to outcomes in serving people – we need to

leverage the close relationships we have with them to assure better outcomes."

Included in the two-day conference were tracks and training on subjects such as using tele-health options for improved health services; Intermediate Care Facility (ICF) downsizing and conversion; new ways to think about person-centered planning; and, updates on changes to the Service and Support Administration Rule. DODD appreciates OPRA's collaborative approach toward informing conference attendees of the many Department initiatives, as well as on state and national trends in the developmental disabilities system. Supporting the statewide provider network in these efforts

to help our system to be better-informed, the system can become stronger and more responsive to change and growth.

More information at [www.opra.org](http://www.opra.org); and <https://www.facebook.com/OhioProviderResourceAssociation>

Or talk with Horizons staff who attended the conference:

Donna Merrill  
Anette Montgomery  
Rheda McCartney  
Julie Hardesty  
Jack Robinson  
Bobbi Chio  
Anna Norris  
Melody Alexander  
Leslie Roney  
Rodney Sutton, Sr.  
Theresa Mark



**IN  
THE  
SPOTLIGHT**

## ***INVICTUS***

By William Ernest Henley

Out of the night that covers me,  
Black as the pit from pole to pole,  
I thank whatever gods may be  
For my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance  
I have not winc'd nor cried aloud.  
Under the bludgeoning of chance  
My head bloody, but unbowed.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears  
Looms but the Horror of the shade,  
And yet the menace of the years  
Finds and shall find me unafraid.

It matters not how strait the gate  
How charged with punishments the scroll,  
I am the master of my fate,  
I am the captain of my soul.



Willandale Golf  
 Brenda's Grooming  
 Catola's Dry Cleaners  
 Hometown Toys  
 Green Valley Golf  
 Dennison Railroad Depot  
 Lake Erie Monsters  
 Conner's Corner  
 Yaggi's Cheese House  
 P. Graham Dunn  
 Mid-Town Dry Cleaners  
 Dumont's Sporting Goods  
 Long John Silvers - Dover  
 The Manor Restaurant  
 Dayspring Christian Book Store  
 Mary Zifer's Pizza  
 Lam's Restaurant  
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 Davis Radiator  
 Amerilube Express Care  
 Daily Grind Café  
 Boulevard Lanes  
 East of Chicago Pizza - Dover  
 Chuck Nicholson  
 Lorrie J. Abel, LMT  
 Warther Museum  
 Dennison T-Shirt  
 The Balloontique  
 GameDay Grill  
 Black & McCluskey Law Firm  
 Ferris Chevrolet  
 Trumpet in the Land  
 My Museum Tattoos  
 Texas Roadhouse  
 A Cut Above Hair Salon  
 Lauren International  
 The First National Bank  
 Kelley's Heating & Cooling  
 Home Mgrs & Office Staff of  
 Horizons, Inc. Wayne &  
 Ashland Counties  
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 Litty's  
 Shoney's  
 McDonalds – Uhrichsville  
 Curves  
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 Master Cuts  
 Edward Jones  
 Bev Long  
 Jim Abbott  
 Charity Grow  
 Dover Rotary  
 Midvale UMC

### ***A Heartfelt Thank You***

We would like to express thanks to all our sponsors and supporters, and to all of you who shared the special evening of recognition with us.

**A special thanks to April Holmes for the very real connection she made with our individuals.**



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 Theresa Mark  
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**July Birthdays**

- 1 Carrie McBee  
Terry St. George
- 2 Esther Mason
- 4 Talisha Robinson
- 7 Perry Scott
- 8 Carla Thomas
- 10 Virginia Baker  
Larry Cross
- 16 Connie Jones  
Dennis Terazzi
- 17 Mary Canode  
Thelma Lanzer  
Jamie Shields  
Destiny Williams
- 18 Kimberly Snider
- 21 Heather Cholewinski  
Kaitlyn Webb
- 23 Lurana Baker  
Bethany Penick
- 30 Wendell Beal
- 31 Valerie Farmer  
Anna Norris

**Anniversaries**

**5 years**

- Connie Jones 7/22/09
- Michael Refenschneider 7/16/09

**10 years**

- Brenda Meek 6/02/04
- Rachel Moore 6/29/04
- Kathryn Thompson 7/26/04

**15 years**

- Sara Ashcraft 7/02/99
- Jamie Shields 7/02/99

**Transportation**

Find and circle all of the transportation words that are hidden in the grid.  
The remaining letters will reveal an additional method of transportation.

C D E L S K T Y L E M A C M  
V A N L C N A E G S K I S O  
E H N U E C O A K O T E A T  
W N R O H V I W E C D I B O  
A T I T E R A S M A O G I R  
H A R R R N C T L O O R C C  
S O B A A A O B O N B Y Y Y  
K B C M L M R G D R R I C C  
C S K A T E B O A R D T L L  
I A T E L B L U E W F N E E  
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| BICYCLE          | GONDOLA    | ROCKET         | SUBMARINE  |
| BLIMP            | HORSE      | ROLLER BLADES  | TRAIN      |
| BOAT             | JET        | <u>SCOOTER</u> | TRAM       |
| CAMEL            | MOPED      | SHIP           | TRUCK      |
| CANOE            | MOTORCYCLE | SKATEBOARD     | VAN        |
| CARRIAGE         | PARACHUTE  | SKIS           | WAGON      |
| ELEVATOR         | RAFT       | <u>SLED</u>    | YACHT      |
| <u>ESCALATOR</u> |            |                |            |

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(New site coming soon)  
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[www.horizonsoftuscandcarroll.org](http://www.horizonsoftuscandcarroll.org)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **(May)**

11<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day  
26<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day

### **(June)**

7<sup>th</sup> Horizons BBQ/Car Wash  
14<sup>th</sup> Flag Day  
15<sup>th</sup> Father's Day  
21<sup>st</sup> Horizons Car Wash

### **(July)**

4<sup>th</sup> Independence Day  
19<sup>th</sup> Horizons BBQ

### **(August)**

23<sup>rd</sup> Horizons Craft Bazaar

**Summer Newsletter will appear in August – Submission deadline July 21<sup>st</sup>**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BBQ/CAR WASH – SEE RODNEY**

**BBQ Chicken Dinners \$8**

**BBQ Rib Dinners \$10**

**Car Wash \$5 (Van or Truck \$8)**

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