

Logan County Board of DD Thanks Community for Support making the 28th Annual Chicken BBQ a Success

The Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board Superintendent Saul Bauer thanked the community at their board meeting Thursday October 15, 2015. The support they provided made the 28th annual chicken BBQ a great success. There was great participation from the community, sponsors, staff, associates, and volunteers that helped to make this year's chicken barbeque a great success.

Bauer said "Thank you to the Logan County Community for their tremendous support of our annual Chicken BBQ. We had more people turn out than ever. So many people arrived that we ran out of dinners. We will be sure to have more dinners in 2016. A sincere thank you to the many volunteers who prepared and delivered meals. Our volunteers delivered over 1000 meals during the lunch hour and we sold nearly 3000 dinners. A special thank you to the employees who volunteered late into the night on Wednesday and Thursday to assure our Chicken BBQ was successful. We are part of a great community in Logan County!" Preliminary figures estimate \$10,883 was raised from this year's event. The money will greatly benefit those with developmental disabilities in Logan County.

In other Board business, Joy Badenhop, Early Childhood Director introduced our newest staff member, Gail Hawley. Mrs. Hawley joined our team August 17, 2015 as an Instructor Assistant at the Discovery Center. We are confident that her skills and abilities will positively impact our program and we look forward to working with her. Superintendent Bauer also discussed other changes in staffing. We had two SSA's resign for employment opportunities in another county. Heather Shotts went to Champaign County effective October 9, 2015 and Erica Maze will also be going to Champaign County effective October 27, 2015. We are currently interviewing to fill the voids left by these changes. We had two intermittent subs resign, April Aldo and Nikki Smith effective October 7, 2015 and we hired a new intermittent sub Rick Bowsher effective September 29, 2015. We thank our staff for their dedicated service and wish them the best.

Associate Junior Baker made a presentation to the board about his recent cruise to Alaska. He was very excited because this was the first cruise he has ever taken and he saved and budgeted for many years to go on this adventure. Junior thanked everyone from the community who assisted him to make this lifetime dream come true. He met Destinie Shields at Madriver Mountain and she offered to accompany him on this trip. Destinie volunteered her time to help Junior throughout his adventure. Sharyn Waine and the AAA staff helped him plan his final vacation itinerary. The staff at our local post office assisted him with his passport. Junior traveled on three planes to arrive in Seattle. He was made the honorary captain of the ship and made everyone feel welcome. Junior was the life of the party participating in dancing and karaoke. His favorite food on the ship was shrimp. He enjoyed shopping. His first stop was Juneau where he visited more than 5 stores. His favorite was the Harley Davidson shop and he got his picture taken in a side car. He stopped at a Native Hot Spot for lunch. His next stop was Skagway and then on to Glacier Bay which was very cold and then more shopping at Ketchikan where he got some Indian artifacts. On his way home he stopped in Victoria British Columbia in Canada and Las Vegas. He is already making plans for another cruise. Junior said he wants to go someplace warmer next time and is thinking about a Disney Cruise.

Kelli Douglas Bader talked to the board about some of the ways associates have been participating in community events in Logan County. Associates have been part of "Fast Breaks" where they visit local workplaces thanking them for being a part of our community. They are also a part of the Community Garden, Aktion Club, Advocacy Training, one person is interested in running for the Fair Board, two associates will be participating in the Bellefontaine Citizens Police Academy, Summer Academy Arts Auction and Award Dinner, DRIVEN basketball game, Pause to assist people in need of respite care, BuDDie Walk at the St. Mary of the Woods Festival, Cookouts, Blood Drives, Supporting Causes, Healthy Living, and Volunteering. Thanks to the Logan County Community individuals with DD have been welcomed and included.

Superintendent Bauer said from a financial standpoint the organization is doing well. We are 75% through the year and the general fund is 61.20% utilized and revenues are 89.87% collected. The community support fund is 67.47% utilized and 86.4% collected.

The next finance committee meeting is scheduled for November 16th 2015 at noon in the Logan County Board of DD board office conference room at 1851 St. Rt. 47 West, Bellefontaine. The next board meeting and strategic plan takes place on Thursday, November 19th 2015 at 5:30 pm in the board conference room. These meetings are open to the public.

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