

# Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities

## Discuss Plans for March – DD Awareness Month

The Logan County Board of Development Disabilities Board *discussed plans for DD Awareness Month in March at their board meeting held on Thursday. This years Theme is “Look Beyond”. The first event will be an In-Service on March 8<sup>th</sup> at the First Church of God. The staff will focus on awareness and guest speakers will talk about self advocacy.*

*March 14<sup>th</sup> will be the Elected Official Breakfast which will be held at the DD office to thank elected officials and people who support our organization. The guest speakers will be: John Martin, Director of Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, Honorable Judge Brady, Family Court Judge and Dustin Wickersham President of Logan County Commissioners.*

*March 16<sup>th</sup> is the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Polar Plunge to support Special Olympics. Plungers are asked to raise a “bear” minimum of \$75 to participate. The Indian Lake Moose Lodge will serve as the headquarters for this event. They will host a Post Plunge Party which you can attend for \$10 and they will have a costume contest. For more information call 651-6308.*

*RTC Industries will sponsor the Business Appreciation Breakfast on March 19<sup>th</sup>. The Breakfast gives RTC an opportunity to thank the local businesses that provide work for persons with disabilities. We honor businesses that have persons with disabilities working in their setting or that provide work for associates at RTC Industries.*

*The LCBDD will participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Doors of Encouragement to support the Logan County Cancer Society. We will Display our Door at the events held at our DD office. The door will then be put on display downtown April 7<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup>. An Auction will be held downtown at 6:00 pm on April 30<sup>th</sup> with the proceeds staying in Logan County to support individuals with cancer related medications, supplies, wigs, and travel expenses.*

*Superintendent Bauer also explained that in March we will increase public awareness in the community with the support of WPKO and the Bellefontaine Examiner. We will raise public awareness of the many abilities people have, regardless of disability. “Look Beyond” encourages people to understand that when people with disabilities are welcomed into our communities, into local neighborhoods, into workplaces, into houses of worship and schools... everyone benefits.*

*In other board action LCBDD approved a new mission statement, vision, and slogan. The organization has been working for almost a year on modifying its mission. During an in-service day in October, 100 employees took part in helping develop the new mission. The organization composed examples and chose keywords to implement into the mission statement. The final result of their hard work and efforts will be revealed at the In-service held on March 8<sup>th</sup>.*

*The new mission solidifies the board of DD's purpose and helps set the organization's values. The new mission, vision, and slogan will be used to set future agency goals.*