



# All in the Family

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## Habitat for Humanity makes dream come true



"Home is where the heart is," and with the help of Habitat for Humanity, family, friends, volunteers, and a lot of sweat, Ryan Young went from renter to homeowner. On October 29, 2010, against tremendous odds, Ryan received the keys to his first home.

"My favorite part was getting my keys," said Ryan while sitting on his overstuffed Lazy-Boy in his living room. Young, who receives services from the Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities, never thought that he would have a house of his own.

Before moving into his new house, Ryan lived in government assisted housing in downtown Canton.

One day Ryan's father, Jeff, saw an article in the The Repository about Habitat for Humanity. Both Young and Jeff found themselves in an informational meeting where Young filled out an application seeking homeownership.

Young was interviewed and accepted into Habitat's program which included 35 hours of classes, including

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Ryan Young welcomes visitors to his newly built Massillon home. Young participated in the Habitat for Humanity program, and with the help of family, friends and volunteers, became a first-time homeowner in October 2010.

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*"Amazing. Every. One."*



## Looking Ahead at Stark DD

### April

April 13  
Adult Social Night  
Foltz East Canton Community Center

April 14  
Transition Fair  
RS Southgate School

April 15  
Southgate Spring Activities Day  
sponsored by Jr. High Unit

April 15  
Stark DD Board Meeting  
WDC, 4:30 pm  
Open to the Public

April 18 - 22  
Spring Break  
No School for Eastgate;  
Southgate students

April 22  
Good Friday  
Program Closed

### May

May 2-6  
Teacher Appreciation Week

May 3  
National Teacher Day

May 6  
Screening Day for Eastgate  
Typical Peer Program

May 7  
Area 10 Spring Games  
Wooster High School

May 11  
Parents/Friends of Individuals  
with DD Public Meeting  
WDC, 6:30 pm

Bill Green, Superintendent • 330-479-3932

## Continuing our Mission

We received notification from the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DoDD) in March that we will receive a one year accreditation award and can begin to enroll people on Home and Community Based Waivers without restriction once again. During a DoDD site visit of our adult program, the reviewer affirmed that improvement has occurred since our initial survey in September 2010. We also received positive feedback on February 22, 2011, on other parts of our plan of correction and DoDD is pleased with the actions we are taking in regards to service and support administration.

As far as the initial impact of Governor Kasich's budget, we will be receiving a 45% decrease in the County Board subsidy that we receive from the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, which equates to over a \$400,000 decrease in our state funding. In our 2011 budget, we prepared for a 20% cut in County Board subsidy; so this decrease is a little more than expected. We should keep in mind that this is Governor Kasich's budget proposal and revisions will inevitably occur as the budget bill navigates through the legislative process to a final outcome by June 30, 2011. We are also monitoring details in this budget pertaining to the Tangible Personal Property Tax phase-out and a proposal to have the time frame accelerated from the 7 year phase-out that is presently in place.

On the Senate Bill 5 front, we continue to monitor the status of this new law signed by the Governor and are assessing the impact it will have on our budget and employees of the agency.

We continue to have much work to do this next year, and we will incorporate the work into our annual plan. Annual plan surveys inserted into this publication can be returned to the Superintendent's office. The survey can also be found and submitted online at the Stark DD website at [www.starkdd.org/](http://www.starkdd.org/). Public hearings will be scheduled on the proposed annual plan in June. Our proposed annual plan will integrate the goals from our strategic plan.

The CARF accreditation survey took place April 13-15. The visiting team reviewed many components of the agency from 2008 through February 2011.

I thank each of you for your commitment and service to people with developmental disabilities. We are the support that connects individuals and families with services they need.



**Golf anyone?**

**First Annual  
Citizens Who Care for People with Developmental Disabilities  
Golf Outing**

**Friday, May 13, 2011  
8:30 am**

**Glenmoor Country Club**  
4191 Glenmoor Rd NW, Canton

For more information, contact  
Lisa Parramore at 330.479.3934  
or visit [www.starkdd.org](http://www.starkdd.org) to download the registration form.



Ryan enjoys cooking in his new kitchen.

## Habitat home

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Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, 250 volunteer hours on other homes, known as "sweat equity", working at Habitat's ReStore shop, and service work on his own house.

"Habitat was incorporating not only how to be a homeowner, but also how to repair a house," said Jeff. "It was a really nice experience for Ryan because everyone he (took classes with) became his neighbors."

Previously, Young had a general idea of how houses were built. But by working on his own home, his father by his side every service hour, Young was taught how to move from being a renter to being a homeowner. He was taught skills needed for successful homeownership, including how to fix a leaky faucet, and how to patch up holes in the wall.

## What is Habitat for Humanity?

The international, nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry invites people of all backgrounds, races, and religions to build houses together in partnership with families in need.

Habitat is not a giveaway program. In addition to a down payment and monthly mortgage payments, homeowners invest hundreds of hours of their own labor (sweat equity) into building their Habitat house and the houses of others. Habitat houses are sold to partner families at no profit and financed with affordable loans.

SOURCE: [www.habitat.org](http://www.habitat.org)

"Habitat doesn't give you a house, they partner with you to make (homeownership) a reality. They help to make you successful," said Jeff.

The process that began with an informational meeting on January 12, 2010 and ended successfully with Young receiving keys, took a little under a year. But a home is not the only thing that Young received. The Youngs became quick friends with Habitat staff and visit them on a regular basis. They also look forward to helping Young's new neighbors build their homes.

With the foundations of a future home in the yard next door, Young is eager to see other Habitat homes be built around his own. "It's all about establishing strong relationships," said Jeff. Those relationships are so important. "My dad and I worked on my hours together," explained Young. Both Young and Jeff look forward to continuing to work with Habitat in the near future. ■

Service & Support Administration • Bobbi Montenegro, Director • 330-479-3570



## Looking Ahead at Stark DD cont.

May 13  
El Mommy/Child Play group  
Eastgate, 10:30 a.m.

May 13  
1<sup>st</sup> Annual Citizens Who Care for  
People with DD Golf Outing  
Glenmoor Country  
Club, Canton

May 14  
Special Olympics  
North Canton Jaycees / Stark DD  
Invitational  
May 18  
Eastgate Blood Drive  
Noon - 6 p.m.

May 19  
Adult Social Night  
Myers Lake Ballroom  
Canton

May 20  
Stark DD Board Meeting  
WDC, 4:30 pm  
Open to the Public

May 20  
Jr./Sr. Prom  
RS Southgate School

May 21  
Special Olympics Track Carroll  
County Invitational at Minerva  
High School

May 30  
Memorial Day  
All Programs Closed

## June

June 2  
Jr. High School Awards  
RS Southgate School



## Looking Ahead at Stark DD cont.

June 3  
Sr. High School Awards  
RS Southgate School

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Graduation Ceremony  
RS Southgate School

June 11  
Special Olympics  
Medina Invitational

June 18  
Special Olympics Track Meet  
Austintown Fitch June 16  
Adult Social Night  
Our Lady of Peace  
Canton

June 21  
Public Hearings for the  
Annual Plan  
Whipple-Dale Centre  
10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

June 24  
Stark DD Board Meeting  
WDC, 4:30 pm  
Open to the Public

June 24 - 26  
Special Olympics Ohio  
State Summer Games  
Columbus, OH

June 30  
Adult Services/Administration  
Last Day of 2010/2011  
Program Year

Adult Services • Carmen Crum, Director • 330-479-3930

# Artists make Spring bloom BIG

The Stark County District Library and the Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities partnered together in a spring celebration of Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. The “Spring has Sprung!” art exhibit was featured at the Main Branch Library in downtown Canton through the month of March.

The adult artists went green this spring and used all recyclable and reusable products to make their exhibit come alive. With the use of paper mâché, clay, paint, tubes, and some old pop bottles, furry critters began to take shape, flowers started blooming, rainbow fish splashed in the pond, and the trees budded a magical yellow.

The art program “is all about the individuals and what they have inside,” said Debbie Kempthorn, a workshop specialist at the Whipple-Dale Centre’s art program. Over a two month period, adult artists worked side-by-side to complete the art project; sharing ideas, paint brushes, and inspiration, all the while encouraging one another.

“I worked on the bird and the art coloring,” said TWi artist Jennifer Nuskye “The bird is so cool. I just picked a color. I thought red is really nice. I added gold to the legs because they looked plain. I thought red and white and gold were pretty; they looked like socks. My favorite part was the painting. It all came from up here,” she explained, while smiling and pointing to her head.

“We’re very pleased to host this exhibit at the library,” said Linda Dahl, the Public Information Manager for the Stark County District Library. “The bright colors and ‘spring-like’ efforts of the artists help bring their cheer into our building. What better way to illustrate this year’s Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month theme of ‘Together’ than for the library to work with the Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities to bring this show to the public.” ■



Top: TWi artists Michele Yekel (left), Scott Simler (right), worked with Whipple-Dale art staff Arnette Collins to create the “Spring has Sprung” art display.

Middle: A larger than life flower grew from the creative hands of the artists at West Stark Center.

## Local councilwoman, All in the Family recognized for awareness efforts

Massillon City Councilwoman Katherine Catazaro-Perry and the Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities both were honored with Awards of Merit at the Ohio Public Images Annual Awareness Luncheon on March 21 in Columbus.

Mrs. Catazaro-Perry was recognized for her contribution as a community/elected official for 2010. The *All in the Family* quarterly newsletter of the Stark County Board of DD achieved recognition in the category of print publications.

The Public Images Network, and its parent organization, Ohio Public Images, Inc. (OPI), a not-for-profit corporation, were established in 1983 to promote positive awareness of people with developmental disabilities. Each year the OPI honors individuals and groups from across the state that have, through various events and media efforts, painted detailed images of the lives of individuals and families living with developmental disabilities.

The OPI judges and Board honored Mrs. Catazaro-Perry because her many endeavors have positively impacted the quality of life for families with children with developmental disabilities. In addition to her role as councilwoman, Mrs. Catazaro-Perry is the Executive Director of the Golden Key Center for Exceptional Children in Canton. The day care center, which opened in November 2008, is the first child care center in Stark County designed for children with medically fragile needs.

Mrs. Catazaro-Perry is also founder and head coach of the award-winning American Elite American Idols cheerleading squad for young people with developmental disabilities. In April 2010, the squad was one of three special needs teams to compete in the Cheerleading and Dance Worlds competition at the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando. To help pay for the trip, the team raised \$28,000 through a fashion show that included local and state elected officials as models.

The award-winning quarterly newsletter of the Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities, *All in the Family*, circulates more than 3,000 copies in the community as a printed edition and is available for download on the Stark DD website.

“We are very proud of our newsletter because we believe that it addresses the interests of many segments of our community: the individuals and their families that we serve, the Stark DD staff, the business customers of The Workshops, Inc., and the community at-large,” said Bill Green, superintendent. “The stories are not only informative and educational, but also help the readers to learn more about the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities.” ■



*Katherine Catazaro-Perry accepts her Award of Merit at the Ohio Public Images Annual Awareness Luncheon on March 21 in Columbus. Also pictured is her husband, Dr. Anthony Perry.*



### Looking Ahead at Stark DD cont.

## July

July 1  
Adult Services/Administration  
First Day of 2011/2012  
Program Year

July 4-8  
Independence Day  
Individuals Vacations

July 15  
Adult Services Formal  
Canton Memorial Civic Center  
5:30 to 10 p.m.

## Parent group meeting

The Parents/Friends of the Stark County Board of DD will host a public meeting on Wednesday, May 11, 2011, at the Whipple-Dale Centre from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Superintendent Bill Green will be available to answer questions concerning the direction the DD program is taking and why. A representative from the Service and Support Administration department will be on hand to answer questions about how to find the right private service provider. Light refreshments will be served.



The Workshops, Inc. • Tim Casper, Manager • 330-479-3958

# Now Starring



## Movie showcases abilities, work

There's a new movie in town. It's long on smiles, and action packed with the busy hands of the employees at The Workshops Inc.

The movie, produced by TWi, will debut on May 13 at the Citizens Who Care for People with Developmental Disabilities Golf Outing at Glenmoor Country Club. After that, it will be available for viewing on the TWi website at [www.theworkshopsinc.com](http://www.theworkshopsinc.com) and used in sales promotions.

It became apparent to TWi that many people who toured the facilities were

unclear about the type of work the individuals could do with many ending the tour by saying, "I had no idea."

"We decided to produce a promotional video that would tell the TWi story, since there seemed to be so much interest about TWi's role.," said Tim Casper, Manager of The Workshops Inc.

The process started by selecting a video production company that had experience working with non-profit organizations similar to TWi. Casper selected Milepost Productions in North Canton and a series of meetings happened to educate them about how TWi

*Don't let Spring yard clean up  
get you down...  
hire us to do it for you!*

## TWIG

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- Mulching
- Raking
- Yard clean-up
- Planting



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*The Stark County*

Adult



*Evening Under the Stars*

Ken Bates, SE 330-484-4814. Lora



## production to area customers

wanted to final product to feel.

“Our hopes were to show lots of busy, happy people doing work in a clean, safe environment,” said Casper. “We wanted area business people to more clearly understand our capabilities and clear up any preconceived notions that may exist about our level of services and the people who work here.”

Step one was to write a script that captured the desired tone. Step two was to begin visualizing how to make those words come to life. Step three was to spend three and a half days videotaping the variety of jobs TWi employees can do and the services provided both in the

workshops and in supported employment. After taping we recorded the script and then edited the tape to match the words and selected some appropriate background music.

“The final version successfully captured the mood, tone and feeling we wanted by positioning TWi as a work resource for area businesses who have highly repetitive, labor intensive projects that need done quickly and economically,” said Casper. “The eight minute video captured smiling faces, busy hands and productive outcomes.” ■

*City Board of Developmental Disabilities with The Workshops Inc. invite you to an evening of dinner and dancing*

## Adult Services Formal Dinner Dance 2011

*Who:* All friends, family, clients, and employees of the Stark Board of Developmental Disabilities

*What:* A night of dinner, dancing, and presentation.

*Where:* The Canton Memorial Civic Center

*When:* Friday, July 15th  
Doors open at 5:30. Dinner is served at 6:15.

Presentation of Adult Services-TWI Employee of the Year at 7:30  
Dancing immediately following until 10:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$25.00 per person and will be on sale at each site April 14 - July 1  
Purchase deadline is Friday July 1, 2011

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Boyce, Whipple-Dale Centre 330-479-3878. Cindy Burga, Higgins 220-479-3786. Joe Benincasa, West Stark Center 330-479-3972

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The Whipple-Dale Centre  
2950 Whipple Ave. NW  
Canton, OH 44708  
M-F 9:30 am to 5 pm



Canton City Hall  
218 Cleveland Ave. SW  
Open Monday - Friday  
7:30 am to 2:30 pm



### **In Memoriam**

Robert L. 'Robbie' Cordray II  
Employee at Whipple-Dale Centre  
Received SSA Services

Ronald F. Fisher  
Attended the Workshops  
Participated in Special Olympics

Linda Louise Pitts  
Employed at the Whipple-Dale  
Centre

Kathryn Anna Mae Caldwell  
Received Stark DD Services

Irene Onderak  
Received Stark DD Services  
Attended the Workshops

Katelyn Demaree 'Pookie' Dewell  
Received SSA Services

Jerry 'Pete' Hiner  
Received SSA Services

Janet Leigh Plummer  
Attended the Workshops  
Received SSA Services

### **Promotions**

David Gingerich  
Karen Stanfill  
Intervention Specialists

Cynthia Baumgart  
Sandra Card  
Melissa Thompson  
Intervention Spec. Assts.

Ellen Bossart  
Nurse

Daniel Contrucci  
Truck Driver

Diane Sidwell  
Asst. Transportation Manager

Eastgate Early Childhood & Family Center • Tammy Maney, Principal • 330-479-3440



Executive director of Pathway Caring for Children, Eric Belden (center, back) accepts donations from Eastgate students (from left) Emma Oliver, Lucy Shaheen, Ruby Shaheen, Brock Johnson and Warren Martin, with the assistance of teachers Michelle Clagg (from left) Mary Ann Mastnick and Ann Slagle.

## **Eastgate shoppers share the bounty**

The spirit of giving on the part of the Eastgate Coupon committee continued in March when Eric Belden, executive director of Pathway Caring for Children accepted more than 60 deodorants, 30 toothbrushes and 50 toothpastes.

Belden said they make up bags for children that were removed from their homes, and that these were items of need.

“We decided to help out when Michelle Name read in a North Canton paper about the recent flood damage to the Pathway offices,” said Kay Clark, Eastgate Intervention Assistant. “She made the contact to Eric (Belden) and he wanted to personally come pick the donation up.”

Some of the children helped put things in boxes for Belden. He also toured the school with Principal Tammy Maney.

The coupon committee felt that it was a very worthwhile cause to help another agency in need. While their first priority is Eastgate, Clark said, there are many times that the group finds “freebies” so they utilize those to help out others in need. The committee discusses who/what will be donated, and all items are personally donated by the committee members and at no cost to the board. “It’s our way of giving back,” Clark said. ■

### **Screening for Typical Peer Program on May 6**

Eastgate preschool program provides a developmentally appropriate curriculum for typically developing children and those with disabilities. It is designed to facilitate children’s social, emotional, intellectual, and physical growth.

- Each class has a maximum of eight children with disabilities and two typically developing children.
- Classes run Monday through Thursday, 8:30 – 2:30.
- Children enrolled as typical peers must be good role models for the children with disabilities, especially in the areas of language and social development.
- Tuition includes four full days and transportation.

To have a child screened on our May 6th Screening Day, please call:

**Eastgate Early Childhood and Family Center**  
2121 Ashland Street • Louisville, OH 44641  
(330) 479-3440



# COSI blasts into Southgate

On Wednesday, February 23 RS Southgate School students took a trip through Outer Space with COSI on Wheels. COSI, the Center for Science and Industry, in Columbus Ohio, sent a truck full of interactive science experiments designed to bring out the astronaut in everyone.

The morning began with an exciting presentation about space travel. Students and staff learned that the Space Shuttle is a very large vehicle, as tall as five school busses stacked end to end on top of each other!

They also saw a demonstration of how the exterior tiles protect it from extreme heat as it breaks through Earth's atmosphere, and learned about the effects of air pressure and gravity on our bodies.

Throughout the day, every student had the opportunity to participate in hands on activities.

At the stations, students made a marshmallow expand by reducing the air pressure in its chamber; blew the tops off test tubes with a mixture of water, bicarbonate and citric acid; learned about products made by the space program; mixed up some space food; tried to assemble items while wearing space gloves; examined crystals and rocks; looked at the spectrums of different planets, compared the planets sizes and measured how far apart they are; learned how they conduct experiments in space; and discovered what happens to astronauts in zero gravity.

"It was a fun filled and very educational day for both students and staff," said Principal Myrna Blosser. ■

*Top: Michael Cabassa uses a magnifying glass to study crystals and rocks.*

*Middle: Leigh Montgomery reacts to the different colored bottles at the COSI station.*

*Bottom: Sam Preiss learns about experiments conducted in space with the assistance of Wanda Brewer, SG therapist.*



RS Southgate School • Myrna Blosser, Principal • 330-484-2547



## New Hires

Joann Brown  
TraVenna Parks  
Bus Rider Substitute

Carmen Crum  
Director of Adult Services

Kristi Earle  
Robert Young  
Denise Frangos  
Susan Sharkley  
Training Coordinators

Kristen Rodocker  
Payment Authorization Spc

Kirk Greaves  
Ruth Hawari  
Tammy Martinez  
Sandra Metz  
Phyllis Norwood  
Rachel Swonger  
Evelyn Kelly  
Program Substitutes

Shellee Hoover  
Nurse Substitute

## Rehired

David Budd  
Special Olympics Coach

Annette Bradley  
Bus Rider Substitute

LaVonne Buckle  
John Rouse  
Workshop / Sub

Patricia Swinehart  
Speech Language Pathologist



## Special Olympic Coaches

### Bocce Coaches:

Shirley Diano (Community)  
Lynn Dye – West Stark Center,  
330.479.3970.

### Bowling Coaches:

Head Coach -  
Kris Baughman (North Place)  
330.479.7744

### Track and Field Coaches:

Darla Orenchuk (Community)  
330.936.2588

1<sup>st</sup> Ast. Coach – Jim Keller  
(Supported Employment)  
330.904.3974

Ast. Coach – Jayme Riley (West  
Stark Center)

Ast. Coach – Rich Miday  
(Supported Employment)

### Softball Coaches:

1<sup>st</sup> Ast. Coach – Pat Cooley  
(Community)

Ast. Coach – David Budd (Bus  
Garage)

Ast. Coach – Theresa Murray  
(Bus Garage)



Special Olympics • Ron Leonard, coordinator • 330-479-3940

Basketball Skills team in orange shirts are first row: (left to right) Cheryl Sprout, Tiffany Bradford, Darryl Terrell, Don Sanders, Special Olympics Nurse Angie Galang. Second Row: Shannon Pirolozzi, Brian Dalton. Third Row: David Hudson, Dale Wirth, Bill Frye, Shawn Neubauer, Herbert Guillaron. Fourth Row: Josh Tichenor, Glenn Crabtree, and Kevin Mendenhall.



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## Cagers bring home the medals

Fourteen members of the Special Olympics Basketball Skills team competed in the State Basketball Individual Skills competition at Bowling Green on Saturday, March 26. The team brought home eight silver medals and four Bronze medals.

The athletes were lead by Head Coach Darla Orenchuk. Also accompanying the team on the overnight trip were basketball coaches: Joe Benincasa, Rich Miday, Jayme Riley, Special Olympics Coordinator Ron Leonard and a number of residential support staff.

The following athletes received medals:

Tiffany Bradford – Silver medal (Massillon)  
Glenn Crabtree – Silver medal (Canton)  
Brain Dalton – Silver medal (Canton)  
Bill Frye – Silver medal (North Canton)  
Herbert Guillaron – Bronze medal (Canton)  
David Hudson – 5<sup>th</sup> place (Canton)  
Kevin Mendenhall – Bronze medal (Canton)  
Shawn Neubauer – Silver medal (Canton)

Shannon Pirolozzi – Silver medal (Canton)  
Don Sanders – Bronze medal (Canton)  
Cheryl Sprout – Silver medal (North Canton)  
Darryl Terrell – 4<sup>th</sup> place (Canton)  
Josh Tichenor – Bronze medal (Canton)  
Dale Wirth – Silver medal (Canton)

## Spring, summer sports begin

### Bocce

The Bocce team will practice on Wednesday evenings beginning April 27<sup>th</sup> and continuing through June 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 6:00 – 7:30 at Schroyer Courts in Canton.

### Bowling

The Stark DD Special Olympics bowling leagues will begin Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at Hall of Fame Lanes, and will be held each Tuesday evening through June 28<sup>th</sup>. The early league is from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. and the late shift is 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

### Track and Field

The Track and Field team will begin a Saturday / Wednesday practice schedule on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. All practices will be at Malone College with Saturday practices being held from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., and Wednesday practices running from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

### Softball

### Softball

Softball Coaches are in the process of being hired. It is anticipated that softball tryouts will be held in mid June, with practices starting Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be two Special Olympics softball teams chosen. Additionally there will be a softball skills program, with a maximum of 45 participants, offered.

# Stark DD educators join county team

The area's top educators were recognized Thursday, April 7 during the Ninth Annual Education Celebration Awards held at the R.G. Drage Career Technical Center.

Congratulations to Sharon Overbey, Intervention Specialist at RS Southgate School and Eastgate Early Childhood and Family Center Intervention Specialist Amanda Tomey on their recent placement on the All County Teaming Team 2011.

Overbey and Tomey received a certificate, dinner and a crystal apple in recognition of making the team.

Overbey has been with Stark DD school program since February 1, 2001 and currently works in the junior high unit as an Intervention Specialist. She completed coursework to obtain her Masters in Special Education and holds IS certification. She has moved from the music specialist to the classroom and has had to adapt to several changing needs of the students she teaches. Recently Overbey collaborated with a home school district and successfully transitioned a student midyear and the student has made continued progress in his home school environment.

She works collaboratively with support staff and is an essential part

*Below: Cindi Baumgart, Andi Everline, Amanda Tomey, Chris Shaheen and Tanya Tomey enjoy the Ninth Annual Education Celebration dinner, celebrating Tomey's placement on the All County Teaching Team.*

*Right: Sharon Overbey receives a certificate and crystal apple in recognition of her naming to the All County Teaching Team.*



of the IEP team, providing vital information about students' abilities and potentials.

"It is not unusual to walk into Overbey's room and see the students busy working on individual goals, whole group creating a project or working on an activity with a variety of materials so that each student is participating," said RSSS Principal Myrna Blosser.

Tomey has worked for Stark DD as an intervention specialist for three years. is a natural teacher. She works very hard at making sure her students with multiple disabilities receive the best education possible.

"She is constantly thinking about what more she can do to help a child gain new skills and achieve independence," said Eastgate Principal Tammy Maney. "Amanda also makes sure to involve her parents in their child's education and easily establishes rapport with them."

In addition to her outstanding skills in the classroom, Tomey is a leader among the rest of the preschool staff members. She serves on several building committees and has not hesitated to take lead roles on these committees. ■



## Recalled

Mary Marchand  
Kyra Beard  
Laurie Keller  
Alice Woodring  
Mary Yeager  
Richard Miday  
Workshop Spec. 1

Kathleen Harsh  
Kirk Gruber  
Workshop Spec. 2

Henry Beshore  
Rebecca Howard  
Bus Driver

## Retired

Marion Brahler  
Bus Rider

Janet Fitzgibbon  
Bus Rider

Glenna House  
Bus Driver

Arlene Hurless  
Bus Driver

Margaret Miller  
Bus Driver

Candy Price  
Workshop Spec. 1

Patricia Kaster  
Workshop Spec. 1

Judith Pritza  
Workshop Spec. 1

Victor Campbell  
Workshop Spec. 2

Patricia Minor  
Workshop Spec. 2

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