



Look Beyond and see my capabilities



MATTHEW THOMAN

Matthew works part time at Marc's in North Canton. He is one of 384 adults with disabilities who work in our community.



Meet Matthew Thoman. He receives various types of support from Stark County Board of DD so he can live, work and learn in our community. With the financial assistance of a waiver, Matthew lives independently in a staff supported home in the Stark community. With the guidance of his Stark DD job coach Kailynn Marks, he has worked part-time as a

stocker at Marc's in North Canton since 2011. Matthew is known as a polite, conscientious worker who is always on time and eager to do what is asked of him. Matthew is also pursuing his dream of studying computer science, with the ultimate goal of achieving independence. This past year he completed his first course in Computer Exploration

at Stark State University. Matthew acknowledges that he never would have been able to accomplish all that he is doing without the support of his family, friends, staff and God. Matthew is just one of the many adults with developmental disabilities who rely on Stark DD to help them live out their dreams.

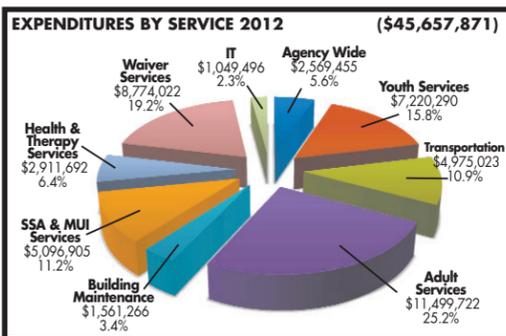
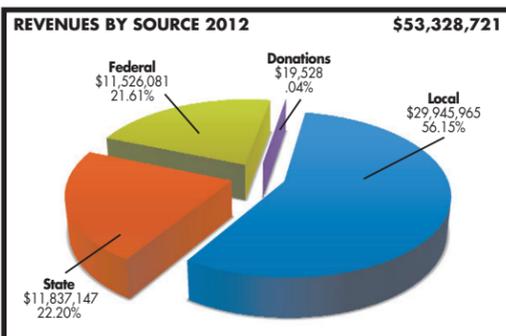
Thank you for believing in us!

Making the Most of Our 2012 Resources

Like other public organizations, Stark Board of Developmental Disabilities (Stark DD) has worked hard to maximize taxpayers' dollars, while offering vital and increasing services to children and adults with developmental disabilities living in the Stark community.

Through grant programs, maximizing federal Medicaid dollars and implementing more operational efficiencies; we are stretching local taxpayer dollars and trying to do more with less.

The Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities' in 2012 continued to focus our efforts on being a fiscally responsible organization by closely monitoring our expenditures to remain in line with our resources, as well as executed on opportunities to drive efficiencies in our operations. By using bold thinking and strategic decision making, we were also able to continue our transformation into an agency that funds services for individuals with disabilities. We reallocated monies to Waiver Services, while also increasing our revenue from federal sources to



match those waiver expenses. In fact, once again this year we've offered 10 Individual Option Waivers to individuals directly from the waiting list, increasing the total number of I. O. waivers funded by four percent to a total of 555 waivers. Enrollment in the Enhanced Choice Initiative more than tripled this year, which led to funding more services for adults choosing providers in our community network. In 2012 we saw more adults earning a living by working in our community, expanding Supportive Employment

opportunities so that over 45 percent of adults served by Stark DD work in the community. We also joined with Goodwill Industries to create a Work Assessment Program that currently employs 24 adults with disabilities, working five days per week at minimum wage.

With continuous planning, resourceful thinking and strategic decision making, Stark DD will continue to implement means to streamline our operations while providing the vital, high-quality services Stark County's residents and families depend on.

Dear Stark County Residents,

Gratitude is a feeling or attitude in acknowledgment of an act of kindness that has been received. On behalf of the 3,400 people with disabilities we serve, we are grateful for the support of Issue 1 – a levy that combined a 1.9 mill levy expiring in 2013 and a 1.4 mill levy ending in 2014.

We want the Stark County community to know:

- We will be effective stewards of the dollars we have been given;
- This money will help us fulfill our mission of "being the support that connects individuals with disabilities and their families with the services they need"; and
- Given state funding reductions and decreasing property values, we will have to continue to find new and inventive ways to provide services to people with disabilities, so please expect us to continue to evolve and change.

As you review our annual report to the community, please know how grateful we are for your support.

With many thanks,

Larry Marcus

Bill Green



Larry Marcus
BOARD PRESIDENT



Bill Green
SUPERINTENDENT

MISSION STATEMENT

To be the support that connects individuals and families with the services they need.