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Since 1974, Laketrans has worked closely with LCBDD to provide transportation for clients to get to work, school, medical appointments and social gatherings. Laketrans provided over 44,000 trips last year to LCBDD clients.

In 2016, Laketrans also expanded their partnership with LCBDD by becoming a Deepwood Industries employer site. Laketrans now employs 15 Deepwood Industries personnel that work daily at their Painesville Township headquarters.



Broadmoor School Enriches, Engages and Empowers Students

Nick is a student in Broadmoor School's Lake Employment Experience Program (LEEP) which is a pre-vocational assessment and exploration training program that helps EMPOWER students by developing their work skills in a student's preferred area of interest according to their strengths. Nick works part-time at Classic Chevrolet in Painesville doing detail work on cars at the dealership. He started as a volunteer in training then was hired to work on his learned skills on a more regular basis. Nick is extremely proud to be a part of such a dynamic team of people who share a similar interest in working with cars. He is truly a valuable asset the workforce!

Each December, the Mentor Rotary Club hosts a Holiday Party at Lake Metroparks Farmpark for children in Special Education Programs in the Mentor School District. They complete a craft with the students, see that Santa fulfills all of their gift requests and

also serve a pizza lunch! Students from the Primary and Intermediate Classrooms at Broadmoor School attend each year to ENRICH their program offering and holiday experience. They always have a wonderful time with their Rotarian friends!

The Lake Employment Experience Program (LEEP) students attend from each year at Lakeland Community College's Breakers Café. The dance is hosted by the Lake County Educational Service Center for all high school students with disabilities throughout Lake County. LEEP is a pre-vocational training program that emphasizes the importance of work and play that will ENGAGE each student in community events and opportunities. The peers of those in attendance from area high schools serve as helpers and join in the fun. Everyone enjoys dancing the night away together to celebrate another successful school year!



MISSION The Mission of the Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities/Deepwood is to advance public awareness and to assist individuals with developmental disabilities to become valued and contributing members of their chosen communities.



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Barry is Engaged...

Barry is a kind, generous, and engaged young man. He often refers to his home as "the place where I sleep". Barry is involved in many activities, participating in a bowling league on Saturday's, Karaoke night at a local restaurant and multiple recreation activities.

Barry is an active participant in Winter and Summer Special Olympics. In winter he participates in snowshoeing and in the Summer Olympics he participates in track and field events and swimming. Barry proudly shares that he has won gold medals in track and

field, silver in swimming and bronze in bowling.

Barry is an active employee at the Willoughby Branch of Deepwood Industries. He also enjoys volunteering at the Old South Church food pantry in Kirtland where he helps to unload a truck with items from the Cleveland Food Bank, clean and stock shelves as well as pack small lunches for those people who may need assistance. His friend Bill Knox at the church said, "Wow! What a difference Barry and his friends have made at the Food Pantry. He praised the positive impact

this group has made in the smooth running of the pantry. Their contribution has enriched so many lives." Barry states he enjoys volunteering there because "everyone is really nice to me and it is always good to help others because sometimes I may need help"

Barry is a part of the Advocacy Committee which also hosts the Chili Cook Off. For over 10 years their competition raises money which is donated to local charities like Project Hope, Ronald McDonald House, Lake County Humane Society, Penitentiary Glen and so many more.



Broadmoor's early childhood and preschool services engage, enrich and empower families for success

ENGAGEMENT and collaboration with members of our community is essential for building trust and forming lasting relationships. Broadmoor School's Preschool students enjoy regular visits from our local police department and other community helpers who teach students the importance of their presence in the community. The students engage in many interactive and learning activities with the police officers including talking about bike safety, wearing

bike helmets and how to safely cross the street. Kiera, Alex and Mason were especially captivated by the officer's uniform and equipment including their gun, badge walkie-talkie and handcuffs. All of the students receive a goodie bag with safety coloring books, tattoos and stickers.

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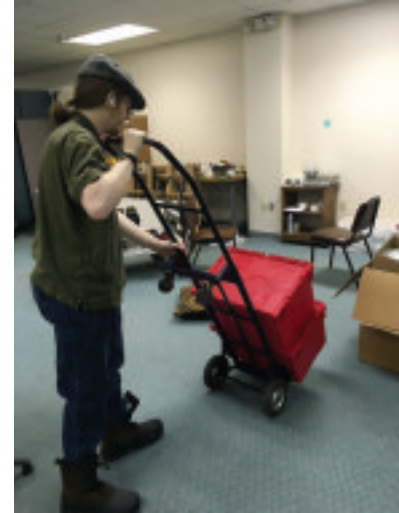
Engaged Blue Streak

Scott received an Individual Options Waiver in March 2016. I.O. Waiver services provided him the opportunity to move into a home in the community. Scott has needed to move several times in his life and starting over can be difficult. Despite being the “new kid” once again, Scott demonstrated his resilience by becoming actively engaged in his new high school. He is often found cheering the Blue Streaks to victory at basketball and football games and enjoys a night out at Madison’s Homecoming Dance. Scott is also actively engaged in his school work and is looking forward to graduation. The success that Scott felt as a result of his engagement with his local high school has boosted his confidence. Scott is now thinking of ways to increase his independence, get a summer job and is considering his higher education options as well.

Way to go, Scott!

Empowered Employee

Morgan enrolled on a Level 1 waiver in 2014. At that time, he was living with his mother, in their family home in Painesville, Ohio. Morgan was not engaged in any activities outside of the home, and had limited exposure to the environment around him. Since engaging in services through the waiver, Morgan has secured full time employment at Vocational Guidance Services four days each week. Morgan now serves as a role model to others who attend the program, and has become an exemplary employee; empowering other individuals towards work to reaching their potential. In addition to his work related achievements, Morgan now lives independently in an apartment of his own. He has learned to establish and adhere to a monthly budget and is paying his own bills. While working to achieve these goals, Morgan has developed an increased self esteem and self worth; continuing to grow in all facets of his life.



Imagine Empowers Through Skill Development

The Imagine Program focuses on empowering individuals to gain the skills necessary for gaining meaningful employment, as well as the skills necessary to engage and participate in their surrounding communities.

Zack and Mia are able to experience new events and activities and are therefore empowered to identify future goals. Incorporating shopping trips to grocery stores has allowed for expansion of money skills and experiencing the sense of empowerment to purchase the things they want and need.



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Throughout 2017, Ohio will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of House Bill 169... landmark legislation that mandated each Ohio County to establish a Board of Developmental Disabilities to administer programs and services for its citizens with developmental disabilities. Prior to this mandate, developmental disability services in Ohio were scattered and often available only at distant locations or in segregated settings.

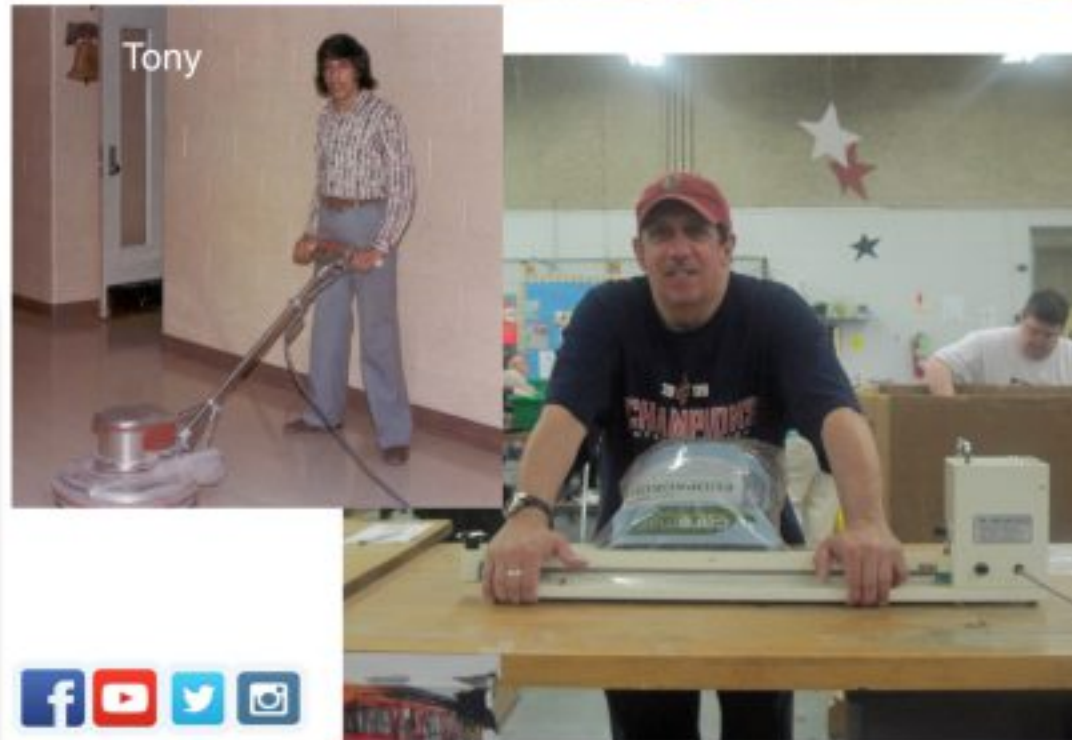
Lake County, however, through the tireless advocacy of families, neighbors, community and political leaders, established local programs and services a full decade before mandated by state law. From the 1950s/early 1960s, and the inception of programs in church basements, vacant community space, or family homes and with the strong support of an inclusive Lake County community, the Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities/Deepwood has offered a broad scope of multifaceted, community-inclusive services and supports for thousands of Lake County citizens with developmental disabilities and of all ages.

In the ever-changing landscape of federal and State regulations and mandates, the LCBDD's overriding mission remains constant...to offer Lake County citizens with the highest-quality, most-inclusive, collaborative, and person-centered services and supports available within our resources. Our deepest appreciation to the individuals we serve, their families, staff, volunteers, collaborative partners, community organizations, and Lake County citizens for your ongoing support in fulfillment of our mission.

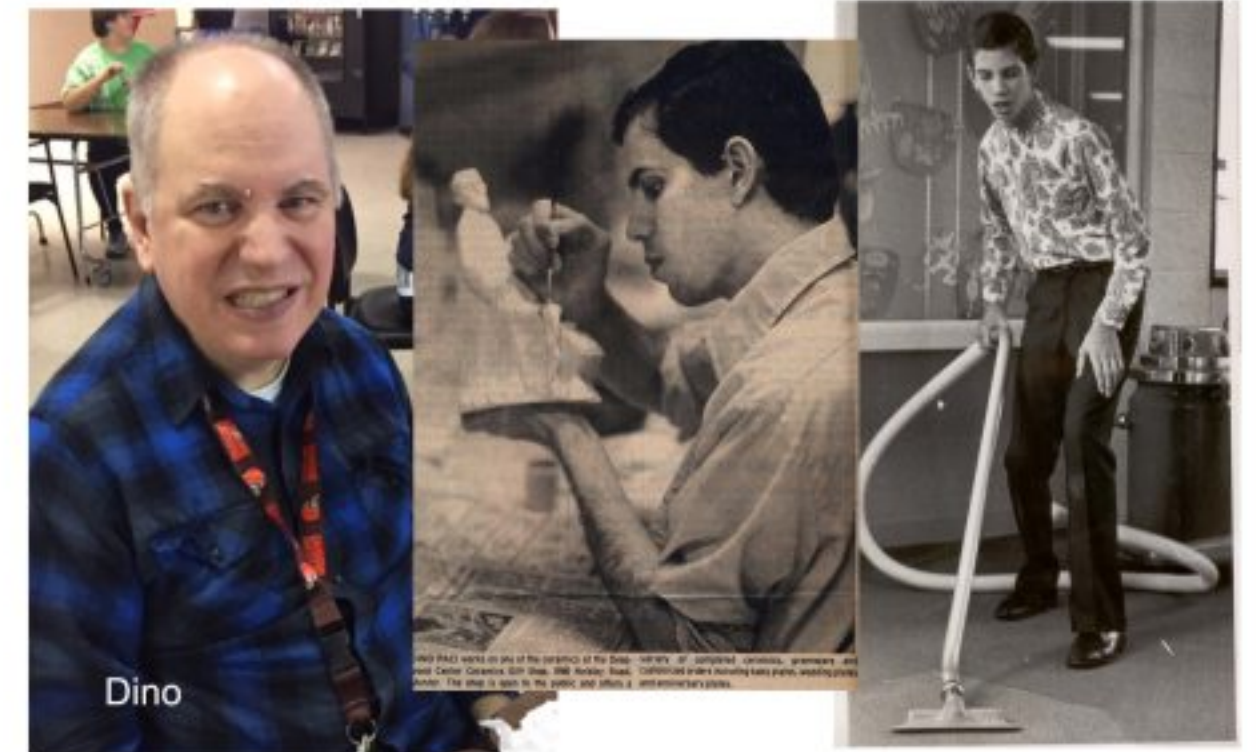
Effie Roman
Superintendent



David



Tony



Dino

It is hard to keep up with Dino because he is usually *engaged* in an *enriching* activity in the community. He has always been a valuable Deepwood Industries employee. He currently works at the Center for Pastoral Leadership and Willoughby Branch. He is the goalie for the Lake County soccer team and a valued friend to all who bowl in the LCARC bowling league.

Dino was one of the first students at Broadmoor in 1965 where he learned vocational skills along with basic academics. After graduation he worked in the ceramics studio at VGC prior to working at Dial Industries and Heisley Satellite.

Through person centered planning a Service and Support Administrator *empowers* Dino to use his IO Waiver to live, work and grow in the community he has chosen to call home.

Like Dino, David and Tony, attended Broadmoor School, worked at VGC and in the community. They are *enriched, engaged and empowered* to work, play in sports and get involved in their chosen communities.



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Melvin's Music Enriches

Music has always been there for 74 years old Melvin "Jules" Dobkowski. Melvin was born to parents who emigrated from Poland to the United States. Melvin has been an employee of Deepwood Industries and chose to 'retire' and participate in the activities offered at Broadening Abilities. What is interesting about Melvin is that he is uniquely gifted in musical composition. As a young child growing up in Pittsburgh, Melvin had the extraordinary opportunity to listen to his multi-talented father play with the Pittsburgh's Sympho-

ny. Mr. Dobkowski saw the importance of music in Melvin's life and taught him how to play the accordion, the violin and the piano. Melvin excelled to a level far beyond the typical student of music. Melvin's family eventually moved to the Cleveland area, where Mr. Dobkowski played for the Cleveland Symphony. It is there that Melvin's love for music grew immensely.

Melvin has enriched the lives of many individuals at Broadening Abilities by serenading his friends and staff with compositions ranging from Mozart's

"Moonlight Sonata" to Francis Scott Key's "National Anthem". Always a patriot, Melvin routinely sings the "National Anthem" at various events and leads the Pledge of Allegiance. Not a day goes by that friends or passersby are not left breathless by Melvin's magical fingers on the ivory keys. When Melvin plays, it is evident that he connects with the piano on another level. His performance brings so much joy, happiness and peacefulness to his audiences; all whose lives are enriched by his musical gift.

Empowered through Special Olympics

Special Olympics' oath is, "Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt." All the Special Olympians live up to the credo. Currently, there are over 17,000 athletes and 8,000 volunteers involved in 191 Special Olympics programs throughout the State of Ohio. Special Olympics provides a venue for individuals with developmental disabilities to acquire athletic skills and prowess, form new friendships, and have fun while competing in different sports.

More than 100 athletes are enrolled in 16 sports as part of Deepwood Special Olympics program supported by the Lake County Board of DD/Deepwood.

Hard work, sweat, team spirit and love of sports empower the Deepwood Special Olympics athletes all year. The Lake County Board of DD/Deepwood is proud of all the Special Olympic athletes and their accomplishments.



Lake County is proud of the Dance Does It team representing USA at the Special Olympics World Games in Austria.

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Toth's Place Engages

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Residents are Always Engaged

There is definitely a difference between watching documentaries, hearing descriptions and seeing pictures of



the world's most intriguing animals and seeing them in natural habitats at the Cleveland and Akron Zoos. Residents of Deepwood Center share their interest in and compassion for animals. Visiting the Zoo with other animal loving patrons provides enriching educational opportunities as well as engaging in great fun.

Lori is Always Empowered

Residents of Deepwood Center love being active citizens of our Lake County Community. Lori is one individual who not only enjoys the many recreational and social activities that Lake County has to offer, but also enjoys giving back to the community as a member of the

Aktion Club assisting volunteer efforts, such as with packing bags for the Republican National Convention, assisting needy families in Lake County and the local pet shelters to empower others to the highest quality of life they can..

Steve is Enriched

The Science Fair is an annual event greatly anticipated by Steve P.T. Stevie has a chance to interact with members of the community and with other students as he continues to work on and develop his scientific methods at whatever peaks his curiosity. Constantly challenging himself and digging deeper into material leads to a fun filled and enriching educational adventure.



Teddy is Engaged

Staying active with activities like Special Olympics, church events and bowling are just a few of things that fill up Teddy's busy schedule. On any given day or night Teddy is typically out connecting with old friends and making new friends throughout the community. Teddy's schedule is filled with family activities and community recreational activities. A multiple winner of gold medals at Special Olympics in distance and sprint events, devout church member, and productive employee of Deepwood Industries, Teddy engages with family, friends and the community on a daily basis.

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For over 30 years, Pete C has been attending the LCBDD/Deepwood Vocational Guidance Center (VGC) on main campus. Pete likes nothing better than engaging with friends in the walking program at the Great Lakes Mall. Pete can walk safely indoors in the winter months and walk in air conditioning in the summer months. Mall walking empowers Pete to socialize, exercise and explore new environments. Pete is forever enriching his life with new faces and opportunities.



Engaged in Learning

Joe B. has been a part of Deepwood Center's Vocational Guidance Center (VGC) since July 2016. Joe lives in Madison with his mother and sister. Joe is involved with Recreation and loves the opportunity to be out and about walking, especially in nature. In the colder months, Joe walks indoors always smiling and saying hello to others. Joe loves to go to the local library in Mentor. Joe engages his friends with his favorite books and videos about world events, countries of origin and their cultures. Learning about these topics empowers Joe to improve his quality of life and engage him in the community.



Exceptionally Engaged

Richard is exceptionally engaged in his community. He states he "likes a lot of things but especially sports and going out to eat".

Richard is employed at the Willowick police station where he cleans offices and conference rooms. He states he loves working there because he enjoys the extra money and meeting new people. The extra money allows him to take his girlfriend out to eat on the weekends. He states their favorite restaurant is Olive Garden.

Richard rides directly to his job via Laketrans. After his shift he again rides Laketrans to his second job at the Willoughby Branch of Deepwood Industries where he works in the afternoons. Richard states he likes taking Laketrans to and from his jobs because he likes being independent and "all the drivers are really nice"!

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- ★ Andy Kennedy singing *Hooked on a Feeling* from Guardians of the Galaxy Awesome Mix Vol 1.
- ★ Brian Posey singing *Your Song* by Ewan McGregor
- ★ Charlie S, David F (and Jennifer) playing instruments and singing *Living on a Prayer* by Bon Jovi
- ★ Chrissy Putman singing *Because of You* by Kelly Clarkson
- ★ Danielle S and Brendan R singing *Don't go Breaking My Heart* from Elle Enchanted
- ★ Jessica McAndrews singing *Jealous of the Angels* by Donna Taggart
- ★ Lisa F and Barry J singing *I got you Babe* by Sony and Cher
- ★ Melvin Dubkowski playing Mozart's *Tip Top* sonata on the piano
- ★ Mike Lekse playing *Amazing Grace* on the keyboards
- ★ Mindy C and Tina B singing *House Party* by Sam Hunt
- ★ Susan Murphy dancing to *We Got the Beat* by the GoGos

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Erin M was first to participate in the partnership between Community Employment Services and CVS Pharmacies. She, along with two of her peers, completed a customer service based training program at CVS' Regional Learning Center. This training is offered by CVS as a service to all organizations requesting this type of training...at no cost.

Erin was so proficient, that she was referred to complete a Community Based Assessment (CBA) at a CVS store. The CBA went extremely well, and the Store Manager was very impressed with Erin's customer service abilities as well as her overall pleasant and positive demeanor. Although Erin was not immediately offered a position, she early in 2017 did receive a job offer...from Walgreens.

Always there...Engage



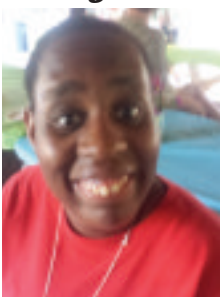
The Fall 2016 Adult Services In-Service Day for Employment First consisted of a panel discussion of both individuals who work independently in the community as well as the employers who hire them.

Who better to explain and educate our Adult Services staff on the benefits, as well as challenges of working in the community, than an individual who actually works in the community.

On that panel was Ashley H. Ashley currently works for Little Scholars Day Care, and absolutely loves what she does.

She very eloquently explained to the audience the difficulties she encountered working in the community, but also conveyed her passion for working with children. Ashley embodies those characteristics that employers are always seeking, and captured the attention of the Adult Services staff.

Always there...Enrich



In 2016, Community Employment Services (CES) enhanced their relationship with Laketran to provide employment opportunities for our individuals.

Employers are always seeking individuals who can complete the responsibilities of the job, however, having employees who bring joy and enthusiasm to their job is equally as important.

Sylvia R has that wonderful combination of both job knowledge and ability, as well as zeal for her job at Laketran. Sylvia has formed wonderful relationships with Laketran

employees and has been a leader by example for her peers. Sylvia can always be relied upon to get her work done with an engaging and wonderful smile.



Groovy Garfoose Enriches and Engages

For several year the Groovy Garfoose has offered enriching experiences for the individuals at Vocational Guidance Center and Willoughby. You may be asking yourself, Groovy Garfoose, what is that ... well, it is a unique way of defining Music Therapy that has a whimsical logo of half giraffe and half moose, hence the Garfoose. The Garfoose Music Therapy empowers people to foster relationships, engage in cognitive gymnastics as well as increase mobility. Music Therapy unlocks each individuals potential to be empowered by the move and groove and love of music.

Individuals at the Imagine Program also greatly enjoy their engagement in the community partnership with music therapy provider, "The Groovy Garfoose". Participating in the Groovy Garfoose music therapy sessions not only offers individuals the opportunity to engage in musical experiences with instruments that they may previously have not had the opportunity to engage in and experience, but it also further promotes social interaction in group activities with their friends. Many of the musical instruments and activities that they are participating with often prove to be very calming and enjoyable for the individuals participating in the sessions. Additionally, music therapy assists in teaching what can be a difficult skill to master for many people, including following the directions of others and engaging in a group activity for periods of time.

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