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Murray Ridge Surpasses Goal for 50 Acts of Giving Back Initiative

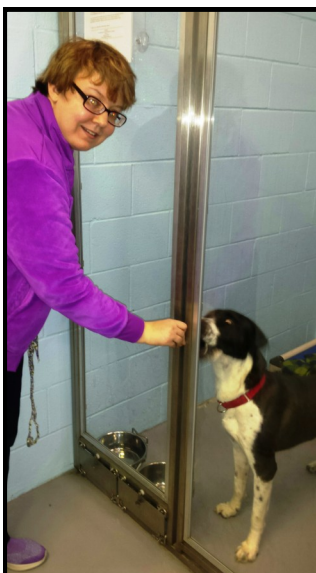
Murray Ridge Center has exceeded its goal of Fifty Acts of Giving Back in 2017!

On January 1, 2017, Murray Ridge Center kicked off its **"Fifty Acts of Giving Back"** project, a 50-year anniversary initiative whereby, in 2017, members of the Murray Ridge family will 'give back' through (at least) fifty acts of helping to meet needs in Lorain County.

This initiative was designed as a 'thank you' to the community that has generously supported the Agency in providing lifelong services for thousands of Lorain County residents with developmental disabilities.

As of May 2, 102 Murray Ridge Adult Program participants have completed 61 acts through volunteer work!

This number far exceeds our initial 50 Acts goal, but we have no plans of stopping there. Our Murray Ridge program participants, including adults at our Opportunity/Vocational Centers and students from Murray Ridge School, will continue to provide these volunteer acts throughout 2017, and into the future.



Left, Carol Anderson, Jennifer Moccabee, Lori Norton, and Linda Wells volunteer for the 4-H Carteen program. Above, middle and right, Judy Woods and Kasia Broz worked with the Lorain OVC to bake dog treats at the OVC and then delivered them in February. Right, the Elyria OVC seniors Mary Wallace, Janice Nicola, Harold Kilpatrick, and Leroy Davis, along with EOVC staff member Emily Ravis, bagged candy for an Easter Egg Hunt at the Elyria First United church.



Annual Spaghetti Dinner a Huge Success!

On April 29, the Murray Ridge Support Group (MRSRG) held its annual Spaghetti Dinner at the AmVets Post 55 in Sheffield Lake.

In total, the MRSRG raised more than \$6,000 through the event, and all proceeds will benefit Lorain County citizens impacted by developmental disabilities.

One highlight from the event was a presentation of artwork by consumer Michael Elliot (pictured, right, with Board President and MRSRG member Michelle Hunt, and members of the AmVets Post 55) to thank the AmVets for their continued generosity towards the Murray Ridge Support Group.



Thank you to all who came out for great food, great company, and a worthy cause!

Exceptional Service at Murray Ridge Center



On May 2, the Lorain County Board of DD honored Penni Shuster (left, with Board Member Dan White), Adult Program Instructor at the Elyria Opportunity/Vocational Center (EOVC), with the Exceptional Service Award for the first quarter of 2017.

In her many nomination letters, Penni was touted as being kind and understanding, warm and caring, and always willing to do whatever it takes to ensure that attendees at the EOVC are well taken care of, happy, and engaged. She is a friend to all, and her desire to help others has been a staple at Murray Ridge for more than twenty years.

Thank you Penni, for your exceptional service! And congratulations on receiving this prestigious award.

Super Hero Movie Night Fun For All!

Kids of all ages came out to Murray Ridge School on April 28 for Super Hero Movie Night, presented by Heroes United, a non-profit organization with a mission to make visits with children who are sick or in need of a hero!

The successful event included face painting, photo screen and props, a showing of the Lego Super Hero movie, and pizza and refreshments for all!

Heroes United raised \$500, which will be donated to Murray Ridge Center. Pictured left, members of Heroes United. Right, attendee Sam Judkins poses with his favorite super hero!



Mega Championship Wrestling Presents "Breaking Down Barriers 7!"

Mega Championship Wrestling, a local entertainment company, will be presenting an event called "Breaking Down Barriers 7."

As in the past, proceeds from this event will go to the Friends of Murray Ridge, a non-profit charitable organization which supports the mission, community education and informational outreach of the Murray Ridge Center.

Although wrestling may not be for everyone, many of our consumers enjoy watching WWE wrestling and would be interested in attending this event.



Date: Saturday, May 20th, 2017
Time: Doors open at 5:00 pm
Showtime 6:30-8:30 pm
Where: St. John's Lutheran Church Gymnasium, 1140 W. River Rd N, Elyria
Cost: \$8/ticket in advance and \$15 at the door

T-Shirts will be available at the door for \$15.00 (2XX plus sizes will cost more). There will be a concession stand open for you to purchase snacks.

To purchase tickets in advance for \$8.00 each:

1. Fill in the section below and cut on the dotted line.
2. Return the completed form below with your money or check in an envelope addressed to one of the buildings below:

Loretta Binder at the Oberlin Opportunity/Vocational Center	(440) 774-7400
Amber Fitzgerald at the Elyria Opportunity/Vocational Center	(440) 284-2720
Christine Mazze at the Lorain Opportunity/Vocational Center	(440) 282-2131
Beverly Monteleone at the Administration Building	(440) 329-3734
Peggy Smith at Murray Ridge School	(440) 329-3760

3. If you are sending a check make it out to: Mega Championship Wrestling OR You can stop in at one of the sites listed to purchase tickets.

If you have any questions call the numbers above.

Breaking Down Barriers 5 Ticket Order Form:

NAME OF PERSON ORDERING TICKETS: _____

NUMBER OF TICKETS (at \$8.00 each): _____

TOTAL AMOUNT MONEY/CHECK ENCLOSED: _____

Murray Ridge Special Olympics Updates!



On April 10, Murray Ridge Special Olympics bowlers (left) headed to Wickliffe for the Area Individual Bowling Tournament! Great job to all of our 2017 Tournament bowlers!

On April 29, the Murray Ridge Volleyball Teams competed at the state qualifying tournament at Oberlin College! Murray Ridge athletes created some great memories and friendships with the Oberlin College Women's Volleyball Team and the other participating counties including Lucas County, Lake County, Medina County, and Geauga County! The Murray Ridge Modified Team members were Tournament Champs (below, left) and the Traditional Team (below, right) finished in 3rd place. Congratulations Raiders! Thank you Oberlin College Woman's Volleyball Team for hosting this event!!





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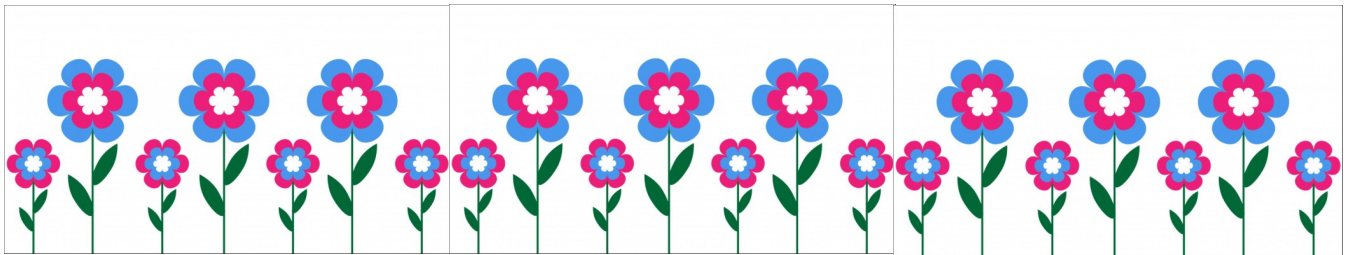
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Activities & Events

- 5/3 - Family Support Parent Committee meeting , 6:30 p.m., Administration Bldg., 1091 Infirmary Road in Elyria
- 5/5 - Murray Ridge School Senior Prom; 6:30—9:00 p.m., Murray Ridge School, 9750 Murray Ridge Road in Elyria
- 5/10 - LCBDD Finance Committee meeting , 12:00 p.m., Administration Bldg., 1091 Infirmary Road, Elyria
- 5/10 - Murray Ridge Support Group meeting, 4:15 p.m., Elyria Opportunity/Vocational Center, 1095 Infirmary Road in Elyria
- 5/19 - Murray Ridge Support Group Dance, 7:00 p.m., Murray Ridge School, 9750 Murray Ridge Road in Elyria
- 5/20 - Breaking Down Barriers IV at St. John's Lutheran Church, 6:00 p.m.
- 5/22 - Regular Meeting of the Board and Ethics Council, 6:30 p.m., Administration Bldg., 1091 Infirmary Road, Elyria
- 5/29 - **Agency Closed in Observance of Memorial Day**

2016-2017 Agency Calendars

The 2017-2018 agency calendars are now available at www.murrayridgecenter.org under Agency Calendar. Visit the website to see the schedules of our programs for the coming year!



BOARD ROOM BRIEFING

The Lorain County Board of DD convened at 6:30 p.m. on April 24, 2017:

Director of Business Greg Westgate reviewed with the Board on the tax budget, and it was unanimously approved. The 2017-2018 Agency calendars were discussed and approved. The Board approved updates to the policy on *Early Intervention*. The Board also unanimously approved an increase in wages for Murray Ridge School Summer Camp employees; the summer camp will be three weeks long in 2017, and will need to be limited to forty campers. The Board welcomed new Director of Human Resources Faira Corbett.

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Visit the Inclusive Playground This Summer!

Visit the Lorain County Metro Parks Inclusive Playground! The unique playground incorporates water play (seasonal), structured play, and natural play environments. People of all ages and abilities will be able to use the area and enjoy the play features. Stop in and visit today!

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Exceptional Service Award

Do you know a Murray Ridge employee whose work efforts reflect remarkable dedication and have significantly contributed to the well being of people with developmental disabilities? Nominate that employee for an Exceptional Service Award! If you are a community member; consumer; or parent, guardian, sibling or other relative of a Murray Ridge program participant, submit your nomination to Jennifer Judkins, Community Education/Volunteer Director. Include a brief paragraph outlining your reasons for nominating the employee. All nominations will be forwarded to the Board for consideration. The Board presents Exceptional Service Awards on a quarterly basis at regular scheduled meetings. If you have any questions, contact Jenn Judkins at 440-329-3734 or jjudkins@murrayridgecenter.org.