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Our MISSION: To improve the lives of persons with disabilities!

2018 SCOC Calendar

- Sept. 26 School Pictures
- Oct. 8 Columbus Day (Program Closed)
- Oct. 10 169 Board Meeting, SCOC , 4:30 pm
- Oct. 11 Hoot in the Park, 5:30-7; public invited
- Oct. 12 Grandparents Day
- Oct. 16 Fall Sports Sign Ups-6:00 pm
- Oct. 20 United Way Day of Caring
- Oct. 21 TDC Halloween Parade, 2:00 PM
- Oct. 25 PM-Parent Conferences
- Oct. 26 AM-Parent Conferences
- Oct. 27 SCOC Craft Show, 9 am-3 pm
- Nov. 1 2 hour delay for staff training
- Nov. 3-4 Unity Conference, Sawmill Creek
- Nov. 13 169 Board meeting, SCOC, 4:30 pm
- Nov. 12 Veterans' Day (Program Closed)
- Nov 22-23 Thanksgiving (Program Closed)



Tiffin University's football team, cheerleaders, and band supported area youths in their first annual Victory Day.

As we start off the first day of school, the Seneca Co. Opportunity Center is proud to say that we are a Bully Free Zone! We support the Seneca Co. Bullying Prevention Coalition in their efforts to reduce bullying county wide.
 #bullyfreezone #raisingawareness #backtoschool



Opportunity Center News

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Happy Fall 2018!

Congratulations Retirees



Jennine Reinhart-Kramer has been with the SCOC for 31 years . Jennine began as a job coach and was a long time teacher in the School of Opportunity. “I feel blessed to make a career out of something you love and is dear to your heart,” said Jennine. “Unless you are a part of it, people don’t understand how important our work is.”



Anita Koons has been with the SCOC for 29 years. She started in 1989 as sub and then became a full time workshop specialist in January 1990. Anita looks forward to spending more time with her grandchildren and being able to attend her grandson’s football games.



Chuck Schilling has been with the SCOC for 17 years as bus driver . Chuck plans to enjoy the retired life and having more time to ride his bicycle. “He appreciates knowing that even though he is retiring he will always have a family at SCOC.”

We wish you health and happy days in your retirement!



Aktion Club

Aktion Club is part of the Tiffin Kiwanis Club and they do service projects that give back to the community. This year the club helped in the community with Peanut Days and they have an on going service project to collect crayons for Tiffin Mercy. Aktion Club induction will be October 12th at Kiwanis Manor with 12 invitations going out to potential new members.



Kiwanis Picnic!!

It was a beautiful evening for the Kiwanis Family Picnic; Aktion Club members thoroughly enjoyed visiting with all of the Kiwanis groups! Thank you Kiwanis for a wonderful time! 🍷 🍔 🌭



Congratulations STIR Graduates!!

William and John are the most recent graduates of Project STIR! They completed a three day training in Stark County where they received the supports and training to speak up and become good leaders. We are excited to see where they will go as Self Advocates. Congratulations William and John, well done!



Thank you

to Amy Coppus for bringing Rocky to visit the workshop this Summer. As you can tell by the expressions on the individuals faces, Rocky is loved by all!



This Non-Scary Trail with Activities is Sponsored by Opportunity Center's ACT Council & Is a Service Project for Opportunity Center's Aktion Club!



Thursday October 11, 2018
OPPORTUNITY PARK 780 E. Co. Rd. 20 Tiffin
Located Behind the Building

5:30pm-7:00pm In Case of Rain it Will be Inside

Welcome to All Kids 10 and Under

Seneca Arrows' Fall Sports Sign-ups

Tuesday, October 16
6:00pm
Opportunity Center Gym

For more information, please contact Kristina Egbert
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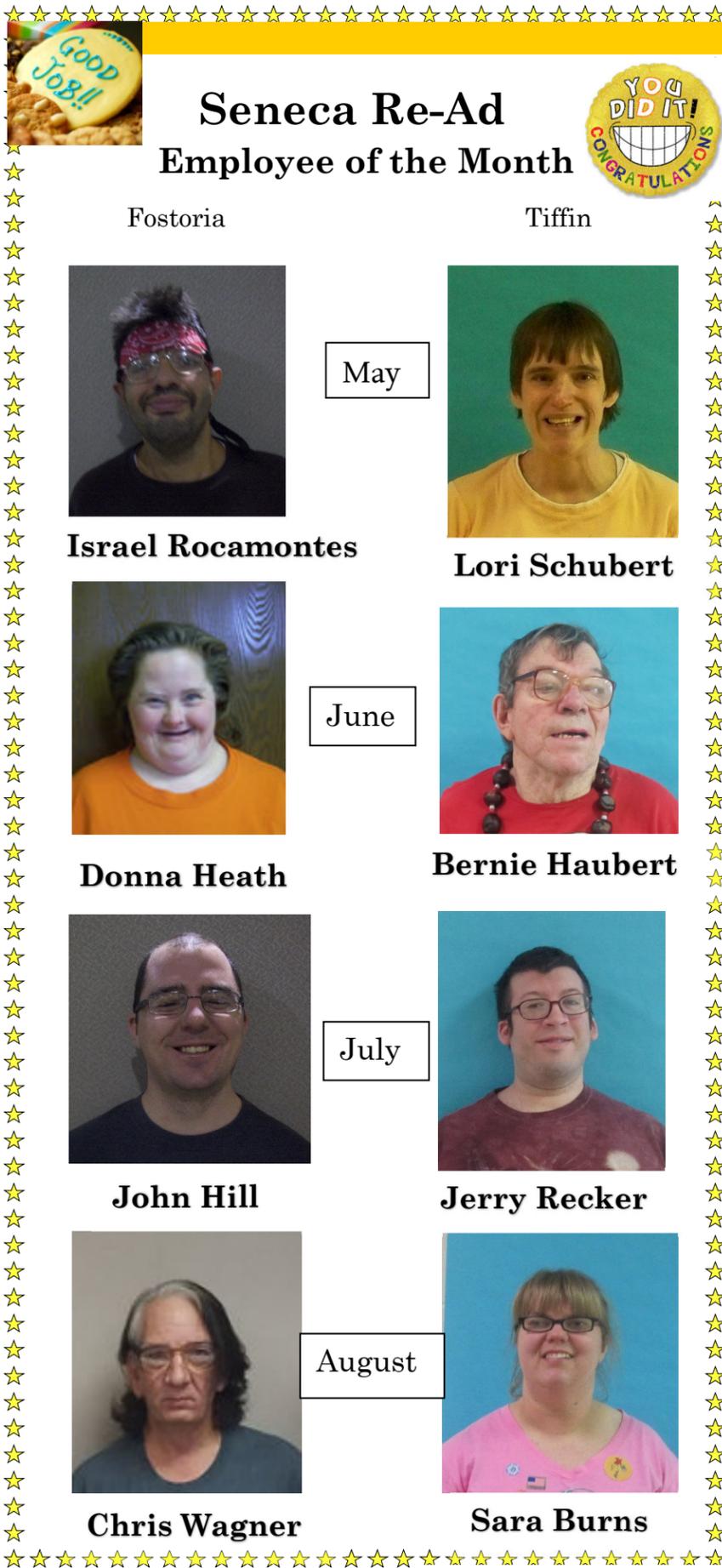


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There are several containers throughout the building or they can be given to the receptionist, class room staff, or unit managers. Thank you!



Seneca Re-Ad Employee of the Month



Fostoria

Tiffin



May

Israel Rocamontes

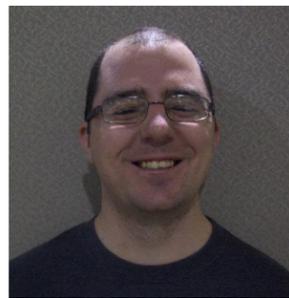
Lori Schubert



June

Donna Heath

Bernie Haubert



July

John Hill

Jerry Recker



August

Chris Wagner

Sara Burns



The Waiting List

County boards across the state of Ohio, along with the Department of Developmental Disabilities have been working together to address the issues with the current Ohio Waiver Waiting List.

The new Waiting List Rule took effect on September 1, 2018. Families who are on the list will be contacted by their county board for an assessment interview. The reason for the interview will be to talk about current needs and determine if a waiver is the only way to meet the need.

If you were on the Waiting List under the old rule, you will now be on a Transitional Waiting List until assessments are completed.

The county board will contact you, and using the Waiting List Assessment Tool, the board can determine if you have an Immediate Need, Current Need, or No Urgent Needs. If it is determined that you have no unmet needs at this time, you will be removed from the Waiting List.

The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities is developing a family portal on its website that will allow you to view your assessment. You may also request additional copies from your SSA. If you would like to access the portal, please provide a current email address to your SSA so a secured link to the portal can be forwarded.

If your needs change and you need a new assessment, please contact your SSA.

Lori Lutes celebrates 20 years of service at Autumnwood!



Congratulations Lori on your work Anniversary!



STYLISH CLOTHES for special needs

Hands up if you've had a closet standoff because little Johnny insisted on shorts in December?! Now magnify that angst for a child with diabetes who has to accommodate a pump, or a kid with sensory issues who is overwhelmed by seams or tags. Nearly 13% of the population is faced with such a disability. The Cat & Jack line of clothing developed by Target is a supercute collection of adaptive apparel. The tagless pieces have things like zip-off sleeves, back and side snap closures and hidden openings for abdominal access. It's adorable and affordable—and every piece is under \$40!

Summer School Fun!!



Self Advocates take on the Hill in Washington D.C.!

18 self advocates, families and staff flew to Washington D.C. to attend the ACCESS conference July 23—25. Thank you to Re-Ads who sponsored the trip.



What is self advocacy?

- **Speaking up and out for your rights**

Chris Wagner had that opportunity when the presentation his team was going to give was cancelled due to protestors.

- **Communicating the choice of where you want to live and work**

SCOC self advocates meet with over 30 legislators and aids to present their voice on the right to choose where they live and work.

- **Having a voice for people of ALL abilities on these choices**

Family members and self advocates presented on behalf of their family and friends the right to choice and how they love what they do in the local workshops and habilitation programs.

- **Asking questions to get the help that is required**

Since the Washington trip, Ryan Herr has diligently been working on calling legislative aids to get his voice heard on the right to choose. He is working toward having some legislators visit the SCOC facility.

- **Knowing your needs and wants**

Education and understanding that individuals needs are different and also blending with that the wants required to make each day the best and live life to the fullest.

- **Negotiating for yourself and helping others**

As the last day of the conference drew to a close, our self-advocates shared their video inspiring others to stand up and be heard . The message inspired not just legislators, but people from all over the United States. Calls have been received about promoting self advocacy in states that currently do not have a voice.



Don't miss your chance to be a HERO everyday!

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