



Voices for Independence

“There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind.”
– C.S. Lewis

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“Enriching the lives of persons with developmental disabilities by providing quality services, safe environments and opportunities for self-determination and community integration.”



Patty Schlosser, Associate Director, accepts the award from Community Supports Director, Patricia Stephens.

Community Service Special Recognition Award

The Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities presented Josina Lott the September 2017 Community Service Special Recognition Award. Here’s the proclamation:

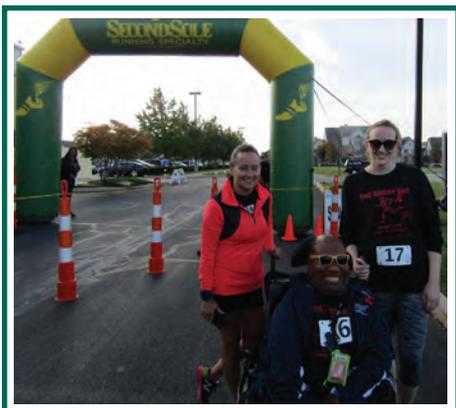
Josina Lott has been a long-standing provider of services to individuals with developmental disabilities and considered a valuable partner in the developmental disabilities community.

Josina Lott has led a number of initiatives in the community advocating for individuals. They have also taken a lead in helping the County Board & Providers build relations through hosting collaboration meetings at their offices, partnering on projects that support functions of the newly formed Employer Resource Network (ERN) and participating on the administrative implementation team of the Ohio Healthier Buckeye Initiative.

Josina Lott offered their venue to highlight the work of Direct Support Staff and assisted in the creation of a video project for the greater Toledo area to recruit and highlight their value. They also participate in the County Board’s Next Steps initiative working to build consistent standards for quality care and are taking advantage of integrating activities collaboratively with the County Board to build staff knowledge of Trauma Informed Care.

Josina Lott staff and management are kind, respectful, professional and responsive to the needs of individuals served. Thank you, Josina Lott Residential and Community Services, for all the wonderful work you do to improve the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities.

Thank you to the County Board for this honor!



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Days of Caring Impactful

Thank You Lourdes University & Mercy College

This fall, we had the pleasure of welcoming volunteers from **Lourdes University & Mercy College**. Staff and students from Lourdes painted pumpkins, made Halloween decorations and played Bingo with the individuals. Mercy staff helped the individuals make turkeys with gloves and cereal and also enjoyed reading & visiting.

“Partnerships with the community create a lasting impact on the individuals we serve! Meeting new people and trying new things are great ways for our individuals to grow,” said Michael Malone, executive director.

Individuals and groups are invited to volunteer at any of our regularly scheduled events or to setup a day of caring. Volunteers ages 14 & up can get involved after completing orientation.

Visit www.josinalott.org to review upcoming events, sign-up for orientation & get started! Groups may contact Melissa Gregg at 419-866-9013, ext 109 or volunteer@josinalott.org to plan their visit.



River Crossings Expansion Underway



The new pavilion will provide additional space for watching movies and arts and crafts. It will also be available to area non-profits for meetings.

The document destruction workspace is also being overhauled to make it more functional. It will feature a larger entrance, making it easier to bring in the shred bins, shelving, cabinets and additional outlets for our commercial shredders. This will allow us to contract with additional businesses, thus providing a paycheck for our individuals.

New Seating

Thank You to the Rotary Club of Toledo for the gift of new furniture at River Crossings!



The furniture was funded by the Toledo Rotary Club Foundation Fund of the Toledo Community Foundation.

Help Us Enrich Lives

Your gift will make a daily difference in the lives of individuals with disabilities.

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Time Flies When You're Having Fun...

Live Music at Lawn Games a Hit



The weather was perfect in September at our Annual Lawn Games! The guest list included our residents, individuals from the community, family, friends and staff.

After enjoying a picnic lunch prepared by our culinary team, the guests played games, danced and sang all of their favorites performed by Buddy Love & the Coconuts.

The individuals loved interacting with the guys from the band on the stage and during their visits to the audience! A few even joined in the singing with a mic in hand. The band had such a great time they didn't stop at the scheduled time!



Inclusive Miles Group Participates in the Red Ribbon Run

Inclusive Miles Running Club members attended the annual Red Ribbon Run at Levis Commons on October 21. The annual event supports the efforts of Prevention Partners to promote Red Ribbon Week and the importance of working together to build a healthy, drug-free lifestyle for area youth.

Inclusive Miles includes runners of all ability levels and mentor runners from Roadrunner Club of Toledo. The mentors and club members meet every Monday evening, at Josina Lott's main campus, to train.

Halloween Costume Ball Offers Fun



Over 70 guests attended our annual Costume Ball on October 28. Guests included residents, day program participants, individuals from other agencies, family, staff and volunteers.

Attendees enjoyed a variety of activities including walks on the haunted pathway, popcorn, candy, the costume contest, music & dancing to Tradewind DJ Service.

Thank you to our volunteers from UT's Recreation Therapy Program, Toledo ZooTeens and UT's graduate studies!

Community Partnerships

We love to give back to the community that is so kind to us!

Once a month, individuals, staff and volunteers pack food at the SeaGate Food Bank. It's a great learning experience, promotes teamwork and is fun!



Enjoy Our Beautiful Campus

We've been busy decorating inside & out. When you visit, take time to enjoy it!



Always in Our Hearts

It has been a sad couple of months as we said goodbye to long-time residents Joanne & Martha.



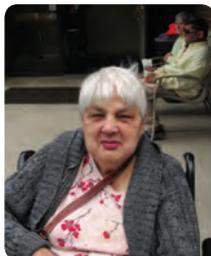
Joanne Seiple
November 11, 1942 -
September 16, 2017

Joanne enjoyed bowling, traveling & riding therapy horses.



Martha Kurtz
August 25, 1944 -
November 10, 2017

Martha loved bling; especially jewelry and purses.



Please keep their families and our staff in your thoughts and prayers.

Outstanding Community Volunteer Recognition



During National Philanthropy Day, Josina Lott recognized Bill Davis, Volunteer Manager at The Toledo Zoo, as an Outstanding Community Volunteer.

Bill oversees the ZooTeen program. The teens spend numerous hours each month with the individuals. The Toledo ZooTeens participate in a variety of events and are a great asset to our recreation program!

2018 ABLE Account Limit Increase

The amount of money that individuals with disabilities can deposit annually in their ABLE accounts without jeopardizing eligibility for government benefits is about to increase.

The IRS said that the federal gift tax exclusion will climb from \$14,000 to \$15,000 in 2018 thanks to inflation. Since the annual deposit limit on ABLE accounts is directly tied to that benchmark, it will also increase to \$15,000.

Established under 2014 federal law, people with disabilities can accrue up to \$100,000 in ABLE accounts without risking eligibility for Social Security and other government benefits. Medicaid can be retained regardless of the balance.

Money saved in ABLE accounts can be used to pay for qualified disability expenses including education, health care, transportation and housing. Interest earned is tax-free.

Family Meeting Held

In late October, we hosted family members of the individuals who call Josina Lott home, for a family meeting. Executive Director, Michael Malone, updated attendees on what's been occurring behind the scenes. Our special guest, Megan Coyle-Stamos, from Coyle Funeral and Cremation Services, shared tips on pre-planning a funeral and why planning ahead makes a difference.



Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year. ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson



We LOVE Volunteers

Bring a smile to our individuals by volunteering for a variety of events - the only thing we ask is for you to have fun! If you are 14 or older, attend a one-hour orientation, then join us.

Visit www.josinalott.org to sign-up for orientation & events.



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