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# Press Release

## **"Together" is the theme Month 2011 for Developmental Disabilities Awareness**

**Celina, Ohio, Monday, April 02, 2018:** Mercer Residential Services, and other related organizations celebrate Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in March ('this month'), and invite you to consider the true meaning of this year's theme, "Together."

Statewide, and across the nation, organizations devoted to serving individuals with developmental disabilities are planning special events in March to raise public awareness of the many abilities people have, regardless of disability. "Together" encourages people to understand that when people with disabilities are welcomed into local neighborhoods, workplaces, houses of worship, and schools everyone wins.

"This is a time when our organization focuses on encouraging the public to better understand the individuals we serve," said Garry Mosier, CEO.

"During 'Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, we encourage people to learn more about the people in this community who have developmental disabilities and to recognize that all of us have talents and abilities that we can offer to make this a better place to live. 'Together' we can accomplish more."

At MRSI's Adult Day Service center, 420 S. Sugar Street, clients and staff are busy preparing for the annual DD Awareness Month Kick-off in Columbus. The event is held at the Ohio Statehouse. The group will travel to Columbus on Thursday, March 3 to attend the festivities. T-shirt's displaying this year's logo, **together**, will be worn by each participant and a hand-held plaque will display the logo along with each client's picture and a personal invitation to make acquaintances. After the program they will tour the Statehouse and learn about Ohio history. The day will end with a special luncheon at a Columbus restaurant. Please watch your newspaper as the ADS plans on having an open house once this winter's unpredictable weather is a thing of the past.

During March, Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, get acquainted with someone who has a developmental disability. You'll learn that everyone has something to offer and that *and when we are all together our communities are stronger, we accomplish more, and everyone wins!*

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