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1ST ANNUAL QUARTER ACUTION FUNDRAISER

MRSI is excited to announce our **1st Quarter Auction Fundraiser!** As a nonprofit organization, MRSI relies on fundraising to help cover essential expenses that Medicaid does not reimburse. These funds help us to purchase modified vehicles, wheelchair scales and other assistive devices. In addition, funds are allocated for updates & repairs for equipment, roof replacements, etc.

Your participation in our upcoming Quarter Auction helps ensure we can continue meeting our mission.

Date: April 25, 2026

Location: Ceina Eagles; 1400 E. Market St., Celina

Time: Doors open at 11:00am; Auction begins at 12:00 noon

Tickets Pre-Sale only: \$10.00; Includes admission, box meal, 1 paddle for the auction.

- Cash Bar is available throughout the event.
- Additional auction paddles will be sold the day of the event.
- Bake sale & 50/50 Drawing will be held day of the event.

Order your tickets today by calling Anna Cox or Cassandra Haworth at our Wayne Street Group Home: 419-586-4709. You purchase your tickets from any Wayne Street Group Home staff and from our Home Office staff.

We look forward to seeing you at the event! Follow our Facebook page for updates on auction items.



MERCER RESIDENTIAL SERVICES INC.
1ST ANNUAL QUARTER AUCTION

WHEN -> APRIL 25TH 2026
WHERE -> CELINA EAGLES LODGE 1231
1400 E MARKET ST. CELINA OHIO 45822
TIME -> 12PM TO 4PM (DOORS OPEN @ 11AM)
10\$ TICKET INCLUDES ENTRY, BOX MEAL, & ONE PADDLE FOR AUCTION

NON PROFIT

GAY ST.

Welcome back to Gay St., where we don't let the dust settle!

We're in the winter months in these parts and have celebrated Christmas with clients and staff and even baked up some goodies and serenaded our lucky neighbors with some Christmas songs. They truly loved it. For New Years, we invited our friends from Linden Drive and Convoy over to have some snacky foods and one heck of a good round of Bingo! We all walked away winners.

We are looking forward to some warmer weather and hopefully getting out and going on some adventures. As usual, we thank you kindly for stopping by and look forward to our next adventure.

See y'all on the flip side

Amy Bennett, Home Coordinator



LINDEN DR.

Linden has been doing their best to stay warm during this winter weather! To help pass the cold months, everyone has enjoyed plenty of crafts, painting projects, and bracelet-making. We've also been busy in the kitchen with healthy cooking activities and making positive lifestyle choices together.

We're all excited for the weather to warm up so we can get out of the house and enjoy more fun adventures. Linden welcomed the New Year with friends, celebrating with bingo, delicious snacks, and lots of great conversation. It was a wonderful way to start the year!



VAN WERT ADS

Over the past few months, Van Wert ADS has been embracing winter by finding creative ways to stay warm, stay active, and stay connected. Even with chilly temperatures outdoors, our participants and staff have kept spirits high with a variety of engaging indoor activities—both on-site and out in the community.

Our group enjoyed several enriching outings, including visits to Air & Space Museum as well as the Museum of Art. These trips offered meaningful opportunities to explore, learn, and experience something new together.

Inside our center, creativity has been in full bloom. Participants have been working on crafts, experimenting with delicious recipes, and welcoming special guests from the community who stop in to share time and talents with us. Winter has also given us the perfect chance to focus on learning new skills, practicing indoor exercise routines, and giving back to our community through various service projects.

Although we've made the most of the colder months, we're excited for the warm weather ahead and all the adventures it will bring. Until then, Van Wert ADS remains a place where connection, creativity, and community continue to thrive—no matter the season.



MERCER ADS

Mercer ADS has remained active throughout the winter with a variety of indoor activities. Participants enjoyed painting pottery at Brew Nation and trying seasonal beverages. We also visited the Celina Library for new reading materials and chair-yoga sessions. Additional winter favorites included board games and holiday-themed crafts.





TEGH:

TEGH recently visited the Dayton Air Force Museum, where everyone enjoyed exploring the historic aircrafts. We also participated in a spa day, celebrated several birthdays, and completed various in-home craft activities. We look forward to warmer weather and the opportunity to enjoy more community outings.

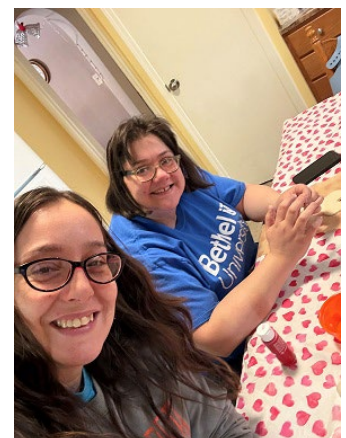
WSGH

We are in full swing of Special Olympic Bowling and Basketball. We recently attended the Kalahari trip for People First and had an amazing time doing so. Wayne Street Group Home is busy collecting donations for our upcoming Quarter Auction, and we encourage you all to attend and support MRSI.



PARK ST.

Park St. has been keeping busy with arts & crafts this winter season. We have enjoyed baking and decorating cookies. We have also been showing off our skills while making Valentines out of clay.



Beth is one of the individuals served by MRSI who enjoys writing. We are proud to share her stories.



From Positivity to Growth:

How opportunities opens doors for growth

Beth Johns

During Developmental Disability Awareness month, we celebrate individuals who make a difference in the community. Most people know I like to write and what's interesting is I've had different opportunities to write and utilize this unique skill and gift I have for different organizations. Writing is and has always been my favorite thing to do. Just recently I was invited by the executive director of LoveInc. to attend a writers conference this coming April in Paulding. She also asked my permission for name and contact information to a local author out of Paulding and connect with her. I have had connections with different places with writing for their newsletter, recognition, etc.

The places I have had opportunities to write for or to are the following:

- MRSI
- Times Bulletin
- VWCBD

With the skill and gift I do have of writing, up until just recently, opportunities have been offered to me time after time but it was all in the right timing. I have learned to advocate for myself and believe me it took time for me to learn and grow to get to that point in my life. Growth for me was and still is a learning process for not only myself but for others too. I feel that individuals with disabilities have more opportunities in this world than what most think. Any individual who has a disability, whether you see it or not, has room to grow and doors are opening for them in many ways than one. My last and final thought is that individuals with a disability can grow and when

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

Compliance is essential to the work we do because it protects the health, safety, and dignity of the individuals served. Adhering to regulations ensures care is delivered properly, consistently, and aligns with federal and state requirements. Strong compliance practices also support staff by providing clear guidelines, reducing errors, and promoting accountability in daily operations. For MRSI, compliance reduces legal and financial risk while strengthening trust with families, regulators, and the community as a whole. Ultimately, a culture of compliance reinforces quality care and helps ensure individuals with developmental disabilities receive the respectful and reliable support they deserve.

FROM THE NURSES

It's that time again everyone is looking to improve their health and wellbeing. The CDC recommends the following ways to get physically healthy to improve emotional well-being. Keep up with regular health appointments, testing, screenings, and vaccinations. Eat healthy. Get enough sleep. Move more and sit less. Limit alcohol intake. Avoid illegal drugs or using prescription drugs in ways other than prescribed. Avoid smoking, vaping, and the use of other tobacco products. For more tips and resources on getting healthy visit [CDC.gov/How Right Now](https://www.cdc.gov/HowRightNow).

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Caylee Phillips joined the MRSI team in 2024. Caylee works first shift at our Wayne Street Group Home and has helped cover other shifts as needed. She is kind, hardworking, and dependable and has helped train new people at the home. She is a valued team member. Caylee has helped come up with fun activities and events for the home. Caylee has created amazing relationships with all clients in



CLIENT SPOTLIGHT

Justin is our newest MRSI Mercer County Client as of November 2026. Justin enjoys going on walks, cars, astronomy and playing on the Special Olympics Wildcats Basketball game. Justin has a fun personality and enjoys spending time with his staff Devon.



Various activities we enjoyed during the winter months!

