State Budget is Historic Investment for People with Disabilities

The Governor has signed the state budget and there is good news for people with developmental disabilities. The state will be making an historic investment in our system. The State of Ohio will invest $286 million ($116.5 million State share), over the next two years to increase opportunities for Ohioans with disabilities to live and work in the community. The initiatives in this budget expand supports for those who are waiting for services, increase opportunities for community participation, and improve the experience for those who are receiving services by modernizing our programs and strengthening the direct care force. We will continue to transition from sheltered workshops to real community jobs for those that can and want to work.

Funding will allow DODD to add nursing services to the IO waiver to enable people with medical needs to live in community settings, provide for much-deserved increase for direct care staff, increase the availability of add-on services for individuals with complex needs and behavioral challenges, provide training for those who receive, plan, and deliver waiver services.

There is still much work to be done. We still have a critical staffing shortage. The department of labor will be changing their rules for salaried employees. The Affordable Care Act for us will kick in the penalty phase on January 1. We are still learning how best to provide person centered thinking and planning to ensure we are delivering meaningful outcomes for our consumers. The challenges are great, but I believe if we continue to work as together as a team, we can truly make a positive impact on the people we provide services for lives’.

Garry Mosier, CEO
The MRSI ADS would like to welcome Dan Jones, Kristine Eischen, and Jessica Baker. We are very pleased to have all three here at the ADS. They bring many assets to the ADS and the clients that will benefit everyone. We look forward to continuing to growing and seeing the new adventures we can have in the near future.

The clients have been busy with many employment responsibilities. We have begun cleaning apartments in Celina on top of our other employment duties. It is incredible to see the clients continuing to increase their job skills and grow in the work force!! Great job to all!!

*** SAVE YOUR CANS!!!*** The clients are saving cans to take to the recycling center. They will be using the money they raise for outings, to purchase large items, and extra activities. They are very excited about the new recycling opportunity. If you are interested in donating cans, please contact Monica Drewes at mdrewes@mrsinc.org and I will make arrangements to pick them up for you. I thank you for your continued support of our ADS!

We continue to stay busy with activities here! The clients do numerous exercise activities, craft projects, ADS Olympics, community inclusion activities, Museum trips, and more. We have started PenPal letters with a Day Service in Xenia and the clients are excited to meet their new friends later this year!! We will be traveling to the Toledo Zoo and Aquarium at the end of July!! We can’t wait!!!

Look for us in the Celina Lakefest Parade!! The clients will be enjoying the excitement!!

Thank you!

Monica Drewes
With a heavy heart we report the passing of our friend, housemate and client; John Allen Ramsey. On April 23, 2015 John went to be with his Lord & Savior. John loved music, movies and didn't know a stranger. He enjoyed eating out on Friday evenings and would always ask the staff to be his date. He is so missed by his housemates and staff!

May 28, 2015 Van Wert MRSI had their annual fundraiser where they enjoyed dinner and a movie; to honor John they watched his favorite movie: Home Alone. Everyone enjoyed themselves and was able to raise $2,157!! Thanks to ALL the staff for their hard work!!

Wayne Street Group Home would like to welcome their newest resident; Fred Bowden! Fred came to live with them on April 29th from the Van Wert Manor. Fred had been a lifelong resident of Celina and is happy to return here to be closer to his mother. Fred enjoys bingo, game shows, stuffed animals and like attending MRSI’s ADS daily.

Wayne Street Residents have been enjoying the outdoors this summer (when it's not raining). They have been trying to take daily walks or bike rides. When the weather isn’t so nice, the residents are enjoying being at home and reading.
MRSI would like to Welcome: Kelly Smith, Financial Coordinator and Michelle Truesdale, Admin/HR Assistant to our Home Office! These two ladies will be stepping in as Melanie Shindeldecker fades out. Please give them a warm welcome and feel free to contact them!

We wish Melanie lots of luck and happiness in her new journey! She will certainly be missed! Melanie’s last day with MRSI will be; July 30, 2015.

Attendance Drawing Winners:

Celina
April: Shelly Hogan
May: Rose Gray
June: Rose Gray
Van Wert
March – Kim Faszler
April – Joan Hey

** Keep up perfect attendance for a chance to be entered into the drawing for a $50.00 Chamber Gift Certificate!!