As County Boards continue to privatize their sheltered workshops and transportation services, many private providers have been able to step up and offer more choices and options for people who need these vital services.

Mercer Residential Services has a fleet of vans that are required every day to transport our clients from their homes to their programs, places of employment and on outings, as well as to keep appointments for individuals with their doctors, dentists and therapists. This requires vehicles that are kept busy 16+ hours per day. Because of expanding services, MRSI needs to add another handicapped accessible van. Without these vehicles, the quality of life of the individuals we serve would suffer tremendously. In other words, MRSI could not deliver on its mission without the ongoing support of these vehicles. MRSI is running a Van Replacement campaign to allow the purchase a new van in 2016. The cost for a wheelchair accessible van personalized for MRSI’s use costs around $53,000. Our target is to provide for the purchase of one new vehicle this year. There is an immediate need for a wheelchair accessible van at our Adult Day Services program in Van Wert. Your generous gift will enable MRSI to continue to meet the transportation needs of our clients. To give MRSI’s clients the security of safe and available transport in their daily lives, and the seamless continuation of the exceptional quality of care MRSI provides, please take a moment now to make your donation online by going to this link https://www.gofundme.com/r8mjrgng

Please note “Van Replacement Campaign” in the purpose field.

You can also make checks payable to Mercer Residential Services, Inc. and note “The Van Replacement Campaign” on the memo line. Your donation is tax deductible.

Garry Mosier, CEO
Van Wert Activities

Science Central
Van Wert ADS has been out and about with the temperatures going up! They’ve been to Science Central in Ft. Wayne to check out some cool science exploring. Science Central is an ex-power plant turned 30,000 sq. ft. interactive museum for science, math and technology learning.

Trip to the Shoe
Missy, Sharon and Francis attended the Spring Game to watch Ohio State scrimmage. It was a record breaking day for attendance at the Shoe and these three look ALL smiles! They’re pumped for some football!

Bicycle Museum
The Bicycle Museum of America is a museum in New Bremen. The museum is one of the largest private collections of bicycles in the world! Van Wert ADS clients had a blast checking out all the bicycles and even trying a few!
Van Wert Activities

Civic Center

On March 13th and March 20th; Thomas Edison Group Home, Crawford St., Linden St., Park St., and Gay St. residents went to the Van Wert Civic Center Theatre to see *The Beauty and the Beast*. TEGH’s very own Darcy Hitchcock was cast in the play! Everyone had a great time watching her perform and enjoyed the humor of all the actors. Residents are looking forward to going to more plays in the future!

Fishing...

Philip and Ted love to fish! It just so happens Mary Jo’s (TEGH Home Coordinator) sister has a really nice big pond in her back yard! She is always happy to have residents come out and fish! April 17th the guys went out and had a small picnic and fished for a few hours. Philip got a good catch and Ted is trying his hardest to catch a big one! There will be plenty more fishing outings there this summer to catch some fish!

Easter Festivities

Francis, Sharon and Ruth enjoyed coloring Easter Eggs with staff member Julie! We bet the Easter Bunny appreciated their help!
Celina Activities

Things are “Abloom” at Mercer ADS!

Celina ADS is in full bloom as Spring has sprung! From starting to plant their own garden with wheelchair accessible gardens, stopping to smell the roses at local florists, YMCA, fish hatchery, and lots of outdoors activities we are glad for some sunshine!

Harrod Railroad Park

Ohio owes its railroad existence to the village of Harrod, Ohio. Chicago and Atlantic Railroad Companies laid the track there in 1882. Railroad operations ceased in 1976 and the tracks were removed in 1982. Luckily Harrod received a caboose to display in the center of town to keep the pride of their history and bring visitors to the park, which is just what Mercer ADS did and they enjoyed exploring!

Please keep in mind... ADS is always collecting cans, all proceeds are for ADS clients. Mercer ADS also has gift baskets available! We can customize and create one just for your special occasion! Give Monica a call at: 419-586-4709
**YMCA Action**

Jeff's infectious grin while enjoying the YMCA!

Anissa SHOOTS and...

Nick gets some arm exercise in while having fun!

**DID YOU KNOW??**

Van Wert & Celina ADS’s attend their local YMCA’s twice weekly! The clients enjoy getting some exercise and being involved with activities at the Y!!

**Diversity Activity**

Diversity is something we all face at some point in our lives. Mercer ADS did some diversity activities with clients to get them thinking. Clients enjoyed and were surprised to see a white and brown egg that were the same on the inside!

Lots to see at the Fish Hatchery!

**St. Mary Fish Hatchery**

Mercer ADS traveled to St. Marys Fish Hatchery that sits on 160 acres, and opened in 1913! The hatchery has 26 ponds containing 5 species of fish; saugeye, walleye, yellow perch, channel catfish and largemouth bass! Once the species are stocked into area lakes the ponds are refilled and restocked! Clients enjoyed seeing and learning about fish and the way they are produced!

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Attention MRSI Employees!

Do you have a smart phone? Would you like to access your pay check stub’s from your smart phone? Good news… There’s an app for that!

Go to your App Store on your smart phone and search for Paycor, it’s the app with this logo:

It’s pretty convenient!

MRSI is seeking individuals/families that are looking to welcome an individual with disabilities into their homes as a foster family. If you or someone you know what be a good fit for this please contact our office to learn more or to apply!

MRSI would like to thank employees with milestone anniversary’s so far in 2016…

Wanda Fields (Health Services Coordinator) - 20 years

MRSI would like to welcome…

Jeneane Garwood (Home Coordinator)
Kirsten Tuckerman (Direct Support Professional)
Mike Roth (Direct Support Professional—ADS)
Sadia Canfield (Direct Support Professional)