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Developmental Disabilities Board recognizes local supporters

NEWARK – The Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities (LCBDD) recently handed out its annual awards to those in the local community who have shown the highest level of support for people with disabilities.

Connie Zeune of Pataskala received the Jane Marsh Disability Awareness Award in the individual category. This award is named after the late Jane Marsh, a pioneer in the local developmental disabilities movement.

Earlier this year, Zeune organized a bake sale in Pataskala that raised more than \$1,200 for Kaiden's Project, which provides books to parents of babies with Down syndrome and other developmental disabilities. Kaiden's Project was named for Zeune's grandson, Kaiden Cole.

Emmanuel Church of Etna earned the Jane Marsh award in the business/organization category for developing a special needs ministry, and hosting a carnival and resource fair last August for families who have children with disabilities. Pastor Roger Legg and his wife Rhonda accepted the award on behalf of the congregation.

John Gutmann of Heath accepted the Above & Beyond Service Award – the LCBDD's highest honor -- for coordinating groups of State Farm Insurance employees to conduct volunteer projects at LICCO Inc. Some of the projects included extensive painting and landscaping improvements. Gutmann is the immediate past chairman of the LICCO Board of Directors.

The employees of Famous Supply Co. in Newark also received the Above & Beyond Service award for helping a coworker who has a developmental disability.

THK Manufacturing of America, located in Hebron, earned the Customer of the Year Award from LICCO Inc. The company has employed crews of LICCO workers for more than 10 years at its North High Street facility.

The awards ceremony was held on March 24 – Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day in Licking County – at the Eleanor S. Weiant Center, Newark. The event was sponsored by Park National Bank.

The LCBDD provides comprehensive services to more than 1,300 Licking County children and adults with developmental disabilities. The agency offers county-wide, home-based early intervention services to babies and toddlers who have delays and disabilities; adult services at LICCO Inc. in Heath; residential supports; family respite; and service coordination.

The LCBDD is nationally accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) for providing high-quality support services to individuals with disabilities and their families.

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