

# FANS Network

ERIE COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES



April 2016

## April is recognized as Autism Awareness Month...



**Erie County staff helped  
LIGHT IT UP BLUE**

## FANS Updates

**Special Thanks  
To The Following FANS**

...Jim & Linda Smith...

...Tracy Holt...

For a large  
variety of fun  
board games!



## Super FAN Shoutout:

**Bob Elder**

Bob responded to a volunteer opportunity in our February FANS Newsletter. We wanted something that would catch attention and engage the community when we are out at public events. Bob came up with this 'Price is Right'-inspired spinning wheel - complete with our logo, dry-erase center spots and a custom holder for the markers & eraser.

Your craftsmanship, artistic design and creativity absolutely blew us away! We can't wait to show this off - Thank you, Bob, for being a SUPER FAN!



**Top Left:** A side view of the wheel displays its glitter numbers & colors + the custom dry erase marker and eraser holder.

**Top Right:** A front view of the wheel. Each section was made of dry erase board so we can customize per event.

# FANS Updates

Robert enjoys the company of a dog, but is unable to have one at his current residence. Luckily, we have two new FANS, Brody and his mom, Holly Miller.

On Thursday, April 14th, Brody came to visit Robert. The two hit it off with each other from the first “shake.”

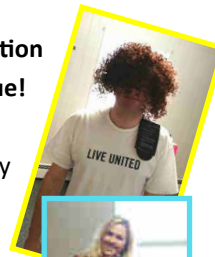
Brody is a 3.5 year old Boxer. He and his mom also enjoy spending time with the kids at Margareta Elementary School. When Brody is not out meeting new friends, he likes to spend his time travelling to Kelley’s Island and swimming in the lake.



**On Tuesday, April 12th a small group of FANS volunteered at The Salvation Army. Their job? Turn an old, unused classroom into a clothing boutique!**

Community members currently can receive utility assistance, food pantry access, Christmas assistance and ministry services at the Sandusky location, but will now be able to visit the boutique for clothing items.

FANS will continue to support this initiative with quarterly clothing drives and will volunteer time to stock & maintain the boutique!



**Above:** The spare room full of donated clothing racks, hangers & boxes. **Below:** Volunteers smile in the new ‘boutique.’



[Read more about how you can help in the FANS Opportunities section.](#)



**Left:** Thank you for donating to the FANS Network, Pizza House East. We enjoyed our delicious personal pizzas. **Right:** Mike, Jaclene and Julie pose with some of their favorite clothing donations.



# FANS Opportunities

**FANS (of all ages!) are invited to come have fun with our Community Connections group!**

Call 419-626-0208 if you want to join us!

**Game Night at Chet & Matt’s Pizza Buffet**

Tuesday, May 3 or Tuesday, May 24: 5 pm to 7:30 pm

**BINGO at the American Legion #83**

Monday, May 16: 6 pm to 9:30 pm

**Dianna’s Deli & Goofy Golf**

Wednesday, May 18: Noon to 3:30 pm

**Three Season Bowling at Cedar Lanes**

Friday, May 27: 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm



## **NEEDED: Community Art Mentors**

We are looking for community members that want to share their artistic skills and enjoy an evening of casual conversation & fun!

**Professional and/or amateur artists welcome!**

Open Studio Nights are starting in May. Ideally, these will be held twice a month on a weekday evening from 5 pm to 6:30 pm at the Erie County Board of DD on Galloway Road. Dates are flexible.

## FANS Opportunities

### Clothing Boutique Donation

It's that time of the year: Spring Cleaning! Go through your closets & drawers and consider donating your gently used items to The Salvation Army.

FANS will be providing support by volunteering time to help stock new items & merchandise.



**Drop-off location: 3333 Columbus Avenue Sandusky, OH 44870**  
Monday-Friday 9 am to 3 pm

### Children's Book Collection

The FANS Network wants to support the Sandusky Library in their quest for children's book donations. These books will be used for the Little Free Libraries around our community.

Each book we collect will be donated with the FANS sticker on the inside cover. Not only will these books help our youth but we can start spreading FANS awareness!



## Special Event Spotlight

**Tuesday, May 17:**

**LUNCH & LEARN**

**ECBDD: 11 am to Noon**



Join us for guest speaker, Karen Russell, Director of Firelands Counseling & Recovery Services. We will learn about mental health, dual diagnosis & trends in Erie County.

**Wednesday, May 18:**

**OPEN STUDIO NIGHT**

**ECBDD**

**5 pm to 6:30 pm**



Bring your supplies and come enjoy social and creative time with other artists. You may work on any project you want. Projects created may be submitted to our Traveling Art Gallery (locations and dates to be announced).

Guest Art Mentor: **Melanie Feizkhah**

Special skill: **Junkyard/Recyclable Art**

**Saturday, May 21:**

**Wightman Wieber Celebration**

**SAFETY FAIR & KIDS FUN FESTIVAL**

**Sandusky Bay Pavilion**

**Noon to 5 pm**



**Wednesday, May 25**

**AUTHOR: KARINA BARTOW**

**Huron Public Library: 7 pm**



Karina Bartow grew up and still lives in the small, rural town of Collins, Ohio. Though born with cerebral palsy, she's never allowed her disability to define her. Rather, she's used her experiences to breathe life into characters that have physical limitations.

**Mentor Bio:** Melanie was born in Sandusky, but now resides in Berlin Heights. She is a single mom of two girls and enjoys volunteering at her church and working at Vine & Olive. Melanie has 20 years experience in holistic health and feels she has a naturally creative way of thinking. She loves the outdoors and was inspired to start creating her pieces while picking up trash while out walking.

**\*\*If you wish to join along with Melanie, please bring an old coffee can & glue. She will be showing off her coffee can collages. Don't forget to bring items to decorate with—examples include: magazine pictures, buttons, nail polish—be creative!\*\***

**Attention:** The Erie County Board of Developmental Disabilities is looking for Independent Providers. If you have extra time & would like to earn money providing supportive services such as transporting people to their jobs or social events, this is a great opportunity for you! Contact us for more information: 419-626-0208 ext. 4163.

**Questions? Interested in a FAN Opportunity? Want to sign-up for the virtual newsletter?**

**Please reach out to Jaclene Pisano at [jpisano@eriecdd.org](mailto:jpisano@eriecdd.org) or 419-502-4129.**

**THIS NEWSLETTER IS AVAILABLE IN A VIRTUAL FORMAT & WILL ONLY BE MAILED TO YOU IN PAPER FORMAT UNTIL DECEMBER 2016.**



# Community Happenings

**\*These are public events: \*Not ECBDD supervised\***



## MAY



**Every Monday @ 6:30 pm. Check out the May locations below:**

Monday, May 2nd: **Osborn MetroPark**  
Dr. Niharika Juwarkar

Monday, May 16: **Gazebo on the Public Square**  
Dr. Allison Petznick & Dr. Matt Petznick

Monday, May 9th: **Oakland Cemetery**  
Dr. Terry Wiseman

Monday, May 23: **Sandusky Bay Pathway**  
Dr. Christopher Parnell



**Take the Kids Fishing Fun Day** ● Sunday, May 1 | 1:00pm-3:00pm | Shoreline Park | *Sponsored by Sandusky Recreation, Erie MetroParks & WBSA* \*In Memory of Chuck Hanck

**Tiny Tot Tuesdays** ● Tuesdays, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | 3:30pm-4:30pm | Erie County Board of DD | *Presented by Help Me Grow staff*

**Crusin' on the Square** ● Tuesdays, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | 5:00pm-8:00pm | Milan Town Square | *Presented by Milan Chamber of Commerce*

**MetroPark Hikers** ● Wednesday, May 4 | 10:30am & 6:00pm | Greenway South MetroPark, Milan | Erie MetroParks

**Drop-in and Play** ● Wednesdays, May 4, 11, 18, 25 (6:00pm-7:30pm) & Fridays, May 6, 13, 20, 27 (9:30am-11:00am) | Erie County Board of DD | *Presented by Parents as Teachers*

**Beginner Birding** ● Friday, May 6 | 5:30pm-7:00pm | Osborn MetroPark, Erie Room, Huron | Erie MetroParks

**Calendar Girls** ● May 6, 7, 8 & 13, 14, 15 | Fridays & Saturdays (8pm) & Sundays (2pm) | Harlequins Community Theatre

**Walk MS: Sandusky 2016** ● Saturday, May 7 | 8:00am | Erie County Senior Center | *Presented by the National MS Society: Ohio Buckeye Chapter*

**Angry Birds Bird House Workshop** ● Saturday, May 7 | 9:00am-Noon | The Home Depot | *Register online*

**Spring Bloom Fruit Tree Sale & Planting Workshop** ● Saturday, May 7 | 10:00am-1:00pm | Quarry Hill Orchards

**Free Comic Book Day!** ● Saturday, May 7 | 10:00am-2:00pm | Huron Public Library

**Matthew Ball: Ragtime and Boogie-Woogie Piano** ● Sunday, May 8 | 3:00pm | Huron Public Library

**Get Fit Club: Tai Chi** ● Tuesdays, May 10, 17, 24 | 6:00pm-7:00pm | Erie MetroParks

**Tuesday is for Toddlers!** ● Tuesdays, May 10, 24 | 11:00am-Noon | Center Court | Sandusky Mall

**MetroPark Hikers** ● Wednesday, May 11 | 10:30am & 6:00pm | Edison Woods MetroPark, Berlin Heights | Erie MetroParks

**Backyard Birds** ● Thursday, May 12 | 6:00pm-7:00pm | Osborn MetroPark, Frost Center, Huron | Erie MetroParks

**Annual Plant Sale** ● Saturday, May 14 | 9:00am-Noon | Erie County Fairgrounds | *Presented by Erie County Master Gardeners*

**Train Rides!** ● Saturday, May 14 | 1:00pm-3:00pm | East Sandusky Bay MetroPark, Eagle Point | Erie MetroParks

**Bike Erie County** ● Saturday, May 14 | Noon-2:00pm | Erie County Services Center

**Lunch and Learn: Mental Health Awareness Month** ● Tuesday, May 17 | 11:00am-Noon | Erie County Board of DD

**MetroPark Hikers** ● Wednesday, May 18 | 10:30am & 6:00pm | The Coupling MetroPark, Milan | Erie MetroParks

**Third Thursday Downtown Concert** ● Thursday, May 19 | 6:30pm | Downtown Vermilion | *Presented by the Vermilion Chamber of Commerce*

**Heartwalk** ● Saturday, May 21 | 7:30am | Sandusky Bay Pavilion | *Presented by the American Heart Association*

**International Museum Day & Nautical Flea Market** ● Saturday, May 21 | 10:00am-4:00pm | Maritime Museum of Sandusky

**Wightman Wieber Kids Fest Safety Fair** ● Saturday, May 21 | Noon-5:00pm | Sandusky Bay Pavilion | *Presented by the Wightman-Wieber Committee*

**Full Moon Hike** ● Saturday, May 21 | 8:00pm-10:00pm | DuPont Marsh, Huron | Erie MetroParks

**MetroPark Hikers** ● Wednesday, May 25 | 10:30am & 6:00pm | Hoffman Forest MetroPark, Milan | Erie MetroParks

**Playdate at the Library** ● Wednesday, May 25 | 10:30am-Noon | Huron Public Library

**OHIO BIKE WEEK 2016** ● May 27 - June 5 | Downtown Sandusky

**Memorial Day Ceremony & Parade** ● Monday, May 30 | 9:00am | Ohio Veterans Home



**May State of Comedy** ● Friday, May 6 | 8:00pm

*Sponsored by Firelands Winery*

**Sandusky Summer Jam** ● Friday, May 13 | 6:00pm

*Sponsored by Manny's Car Wash*

**Michael Shirtz's May Jazz** ● Friday, May 13 | 8:00pm

*Sponsored by First American Title Insurance Company*

**Comedian Jim Breuer Live!** ● Saturday, May 14 | 7:30pm

**Union Bound The Tour** ● Saturday, May 28 | 7:30pm