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WCBDD celebrates Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month with Open Houses

(Lebanon, OH) - On March 15, 2022, the Warren County Board of Developmental Disabilities (WCBDD) will host two Open Houses in honor of Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. The Open Houses, held in Lebanon, will offer the community the opportunity to learn more about the agency's services and supports provided to individuals with disabilities. Inspired by the Cincinnati Bengals, this year's theme is "Why not us? It is us" and will showcase stories of individuals served by sharing their goals, fumbles, touchdowns, and wins.

The first Open House will be held from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., and the second will be held from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Warren C. Young Center, located at 801 Drake Rd. Both Open Houses will include a proclamation declared by a Warren County official, which will be presented to WCBDD Superintendent, Megan Manuel as well as an enrolled individual.

The evening format follows the same schedule as the afternoon event, with addition of a performance by the Voices of Warren County, a choral group consisting of adults receiving services from WCBDD. At 7:00 p.m., guests will be invited to the gymnasium for the Business and Provider Fair where a variety of local businesses and service providers will display their products and services offered. The fair will run from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Concluding the evening, will be a raffle drawing for gift baskets, held at 7:45 p.m.

WCBDD is currently welcoming donations to include in the gift baskets that will be raffled off at the end of the evening Open House. Proceeds from the raffle ticket sales will benefit the WCBDD Special Olympics Program.

Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month (March), is a statewide campaign to raise public awareness about people with developmental disabilities. Through this effort, the public will better understand the barriers individuals with disabilities face, and the ways in which they overcome such barriers, to lead more fulfilling lives.

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