Local Businesses Support New Perceptions

There are approximately 300 individuals with disabilities working in our community today as a result of the Supported Employment Department at New Perceptions. Many have been working at these places for 10 years or more, and a couple are coming close to their 30 year anniversaries of being employed.

None of this great success could have been achieved without the Agency’s philosophy that persons with significant barriers to employment are able to successfully work as long as they get the support needed to do so from a job coach. New Perceptions is fortunate to have nine dedicated men and women who serve as support to these individuals.

Each job coach has a case load of individuals assigned to them. These individuals are in various stages of either being evaluated for employment, actively participating in the process of looking for a job, or are currently working in a community job. The job coach provides the necessary training and support in all of these stages of the process.

Another vital component of a successful employment services program is, of course, the employers themselves. New Perceptions’ staff over the years has developed relationships with some fantastic businesses and companies in the Northern Kentucky area. These include, but are certainly not limited to, St. Elizabeth Healthcare, Aramark at Thomas More College, most (if not all) of the Kroger stores, Remke Markets, Cracker Barrel in Dry Ridge, The Millard Group at the Florence Mall, HMS Host at the Greater Cincinnati Northern Kentucky International Airport, the Goddard School, Club Chef, Noah’s Ark Animal Clinic, and the Crosset Company.

Upcoming Events

- **March 5, 2014**
  Our Children Achieve

- **May 1, 2014**
  Ladies Night Out

- **June 7, 2014**
  Florence Rotary Club Fishing Day

- **August 26, 2014**
  Annual Dinner

Don’t miss your chance to win in our Ladies Night Out Raffle. Details on page 11.
Many times throughout the year, I am invited to speak about New Perceptions. I represent us at numerous United Way presentations, businesses, and other great opportunities. You are looking at the luckiest, most fortunate and blessed guy in the world. I get to go to work every day with people that make a difference in other’s lives – numerous individuals that serve others with their talents and treasures.

Our on-site Adult Day training program includes nearly one hundred of my coworkers. Many others have different names for these folks – participants, clients, etc.; I call them my coworkers and they brighten my day every day. In this program, we have a large number of Cincinnati Reds fans. As many of you know, the Reds didn’t finish the season the way many of us wanted. As they were stumbling towards the end of the season, every day my coworker, Bridget, would meet me each morning to console me with a smile and say, “We got close, we’ll do better”. She then tells me the game time and who the Reds play that night. For some reason she tells me most days that Bronson Arroyo is pitching. I’m not sure if she likes his Frisbee slider or his hair. Bridget gives me great perspective every morning. Her attitude enriches and enlightens everyone – me especially, and I am lucky to know her.

If you attended the Our Children Achieve luncheon or Annual Dinner, you saw more of the same. At Our Children Achieve, you saw a brave mother named Jody speak about her gorgeous little daughter, Gabby, who has clear, piercing blue eyes and curly blonde hair. We were asked to intervene to help her developmentally. This beauty has Rett syndrome, and she will face many challenges until a cure is found. Her family believes that our therapists’ intervention have been instrumental in helping her make developmental gains. We feel blessed to be a part of her life and her family’s life.

Finally, we heard a father speak about his son who is my age, who faced a society and caregivers long ago that thought an institution may be best for their child, but Greg was fortunate to be born to Will and Helen and they thought Greg deserved the best life they could give him. Will spoke of the many travails of someone born in the late fifties to early sixties with very low IQ and how limited their options were. At the end of Will’s talk, he asked Greg to stand from where he was seated with his mother, his brother, the lawyer, and his brother, the architect. Will then told Greg how proud he was of him and the many accomplishments he has made in his life – the many things that we take for granted. Greg stood and accepted the standing ovation. There wasn’t a dry eye in the house.

So now you know why I say I am the luckiest, most fortunate and blessed guy. The late basketball coach Jim Valvano stated in part of his infamous speech as he was dying of cancer, “Three things we should do every day, laugh, think, and have our emotions moved to tears.” We are lucky, fortunate, and blessed to have this happen on a regular basis at New Perceptions.
Potter’s Ranch Summer Camp

Rising Star Studios is planning its 2nd Annual Potter’s Ranch Summer Camp for June 14 & 15, 2014. The focus will be on “Creating Healthy Minds and Bodies”. There is a link between the mind and body that can particularly affect individuals on the autism spectrum, who often suffer from gastrointestinal issues, depression, and anxiety.

This summer camp will be a unique, affordable experience for families to learn, grow, be active, and make new friends. There will be physical activities, such as nature walk/geocaching, zipline, archery, yoga, equine therapy, plus other recreational therapeutic activities, such as art and music therapy. Each of these activities will be designed to promote team-building, group cooperation, and social interaction.

(continued below)

Potter’s Ranch, located in Union, KY, is a beautiful property, and the natural beauty promotes a relaxed environment. The staff is very accommodating for special needs. Many summer camps are offered in this area, but rarely are the summer camp opportunities in northern Kentucky geared specifically for young people with autism and other social/communication challenges.

If you or someone you know would be interested (ages 8-25), email info@risingstarstudios.org for more information, or call Brenda at 859-344-9322, ext. 15. Rising Star Studios is also looking for sponsors to help families with less resources be able to attend.

Check Out Our New Wheels!

Thanks to a Grant from the Sutphin Family Foundation and the John A. Schroth Family Charitable Trust, both managed by PNC Institutional Investments, you will be seeing our new van on the roadway as we transport our clients to community outings.

New Perceptions Gets a Makeover

With help from many generous volunteers, our building is getting a much needed makeover. These individuals spent several weekends scraping, washing, painting, renovating a conference room, and doing whatever was needed to brighten up New Perceptions. Their sweat and hard work certainly paid off.

Everyone is thrilled with the results of their hard work.
Happenings at New Perceptions

Ladies Night Out 2013

Pampering yourself is the key for this event, which may be the reason this was our largest attended Ladies Night Out to date. Every pampering wish had been arranged for this special night, as well as delicious food and desserts, beverages, and the much talked about Silent Auction tables filled with beautiful baskets. Thank you to the service providers who donated their time and talents: Go Beyond Medicine, Schulz & Sons Jewelers, CXC Salon, Cloud 9 Salon & Spa, HaircolorXperts Salon, 501 Salon & Spa, Amber Nichols; Mary Kay, Lincoln College of Technology Florence, New Beginnings, NKY Pain Relief & Physical Medicine, Marilyn Stevens; Arbonne, Intl., Gateway Comm. & Tech. College, Synergy Chiropractic Wilder, Sindy’s 7th Heaven Salon, Estee Lauder Dillards, Massageville, Inc., Sableux Salon & Spa, JCPenney Co. Salon & Sephora, Total Transformation Movement, Rev. Deborah Williams, Laura Tewes, RN, LMT, Penny Rump, LMT, Victor Paruta, Spiritual Consultant, Karen Kenny, Psychic Medium, Merle Norman Crestview Hills, and Carrie D. Cox, PhD. The ladies enjoyed mouth watering desserts donated by: Maribelle Cakery, Fantasy in Frosting, McHale’s Events & Catering, GiGi’s Cupcakes, and Marilyn’s Desserts.
Happenings at New Perceptions

Annual Dinner

Steve and Kelly Schuetz, owners of A-1 Electric Motor Service, Inc., were Co-Presenting Sponsors for the evening.

Cracker Barrel Old Country Time Store manager, Kevin Steine, right, accepts the Community-Based Supported Employment Award from Paul Meisenholder, Employment Services Manager (L) and Shawn Carroll, Executive Director.

L-R, Gary Wesdorp, Ross Wesdorp and Amy Garcia accept the Site-Based Employment Award for Jewel Craft from Shawn Carroll (L).

Lynne B. (center) receives her 10-year award from her manager Sabrina Harge, (L), Executive Director, Shawn Carroll, (center back), and Meridian Bioscience representative, Melissa Lueke (R).

Our friends and supporters from IsoNet.

Community Support

Leslie (center) is surrounded by her family who participated in the Branching Out 5K.

The community rallied in support of the Branching Out 5K.

Mary Alice Koch, center, presents Barb Jasper (L) and Shawn Carroll with a $5,000 check from the Jack J. Smith, Jr. Charitable Trust, PNC Bank.
Community-Based Supported Employment

Visitors to the Site-Based Program

The Four B’s stopped in to entertain the clients.

Enjoying a game of corn hole at the Just for Kicks Summer Picnic.

Cathy Halloran, Founder, President of Chicks and Chucks, Inc., and breast cancer survivor, demonstrates to a group of clients self-examination techniques.

Employee Appreciation Award given to a few of our Community-Based Supported Employment participants.

Mary Kay consultant, Elizabeth Holmes, treated some of the ladies to manicures. Latasha, above, loves her newly painted nails.

Cathy Halloran, Founder, President of Chicks and Chucks, Inc., and breast cancer survivor, demonstrates to a group of clients self-examination techniques.

Kenton County K-9 dog, Santo, gets friendly with Mary.
Site-Based Adult Activities

Mark (L) and Billy enjoying their lunch at Barleycorns.

Kevin, with his dad’s help, is waiting for the fish to bite. Thanks to the Florence Rotary Club for a fun day.

Mike and Latasha do a great job in their custodial roles.

Andy gives the best hugs!

David shows off his artwork.

Lynne can always be found with a smile on her face.

Halloween Party

The Children’s Summer Sensory program, Bridging the Gap, provides continued therapy during the summer months.

Children’s Activities

In-home therapy
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You are invited to join Brent Cooper, Chair of the 2014 Our Children Achieve luncheon, on March 5, 2014 at noon. You will hear guest speakers, Dr. Allison Kelly and Ms. Akrivi Watson, share how New Perceptions is helping their loved one achieve their individual potential.

Kathrine Nero will serve as Emcee. Reservations required.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Enjoy an evening while helping to raise awareness and funds for children and adults with special needs. Those in attendance will have an opportunity to bid on items received from our generous community, as well as enjoy pampering options chosen specifically for this event.

The 2014 event will be held at Receptions in Erlanger on May 1, 2014 from 5:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Admission price is $60. Reservations can be made online at www.newperceptions.org by clicking on the Event Registration, or by calling 859.344.9322.
Ladies Night Out Raffle

Purchase your $10 raffle ticket to be entered into the drawing.

**Grand Prize:**
Two round trip airline tickets to Chicago and tickets to local attractions. ($1,150 value)

**2nd Prize:**
“Spa”cation Enjoy a manicure, pedicure, followed by a massage for your group of 4. Excludes Saturdays. Refreshments provided. ($600 value)

**3rd Prize:**
Origami Owl Jewelry Gift Certificate Tara Collopy, Independent Designer, in honor of Rilley ($150 value)

Drawing will be held at 9:00 p.m. at the Ladies Night Out event on May 1, 2014 at Receptions Banquet and Conference Center. A fun night for ladies; pampering, food, raffles, and amazing Silent Auction items!

To learn more about the Ladies Night Out event or to purchase admission tickets, visit [www.newperceptions.org](http://www.newperceptions.org) and click on Events or call 859.344.9322.

All proceeds will benefit the individuals we serve.

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YES, I would like to support New Perceptions
To purchase a raffle ticket, fill out this form and return with payment to New Perceptions. Ticket stub will be sent to you at the address below. We accept cash, check or credit card payment. Need not be present to win!

Total # Tickets: ________       Total Amount Enclosed: $__________   ($10.00 x # of raffle tickets)

Make checks payable to New Perceptions or Charge to my [ ] VISA [ ] MasterCard [ ] Amer. Express [ ] Discover

Expiration Date: ___________

Acct. No. ____________________________________________________ Signature: __________________________________________

Name: ________________________________________________________________________________________________

Address/City/State: ______________________________________________________________________________________

Zip Code ________ Email: __________________________________________ Phone: ______________

Please send me an invitation to the Ladies Night Out event [ ] Yes [ ] No

Return to New Perceptions Development, 1 Sperti Dr., Edgewood, KY 41017
Raffle Ticket request must be received at New Perceptions before April 18, 2014
THE DAVID G. BENZINGER
Client Employees of the Month (2013)
Congratulations to the following clients for their outstanding achievement!

The David G. Benzinger Employees of the Month award recognizes client employees who learn new work skills, achieve higher production goals, or greatly improve attendance or work attitudes.

Brad Camp, of HiCorp in Tulsa, Oklahoma, established the award to honor the memory of David G. Benzinger, a former client of New Perceptions who passed away in 1997. Mr. Camp also wanted to encourage other New Perceptions employees to adopt David’s positive work attitude and his spirit of self-motivation, persistence, and joy of living.

January
Wayne Hill
Bridget Schultz
Betty Jo Litschgi

February
Nick Burns
John Sparks
Lucy Quinby

March
Ben Fryer
Mary Britt
Kraig Goodwin

April
Earl Bradford
Karen Beck
Melody Morrison

May
Ian Ray
Amy Gearding
Greg Davis

June
Bill Bach
Randy Zmurk
Ron Dalton

July
Bonnie Howard
Tim Adams
Carla Wondrely

August
Derek Reffitt
Kean Schuetz
Kimberly Lynch

September
Heather Meyers
Carrie Moore
Joey Meyer

October
Darrell Freeman
Adam Bright
Gordon Schuetz

November
Susie Cook
Beth Davis
Chris Witt

December
Mary Forsyth
Jake Hopperton
Kevin Miller

David G. Benzinger

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