## **SPOTLIGHT**

#### **WORKING HARD PAYS OFF**

Herman Faulkner is a 56 year old resident in Lawrence County. He graduated from Chesapeake High School and has been a dedicated and integral part of his community for many years. Herman learned his work ethic from his grandfather and has carried on his legacy for his whole life. He belives in working hard for what you have and using what you have to help other people.

Herman found a career at Cintas in 2013, and has since won awards and recognition for his hard work including Production Partner of the Quarter (pictured on the right) He has found pride in being able to clean.

Herman attributes a lot of his success to the support of Lawrence County DD. Susan, his SSA, originally helped him find the job that he is passionate about and has been there throughout the years to help him become successful in his career. In his words, "Susan is the best woman that I've ever known, that has ever taken care of me." Not only does she help with his employment, but helps him to stay healthy so that he can live a long life.

"If you want to have a future for your life, work. And make a better person for yourself," said Herman.







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#### **PAST EVENTS**

Featured from Left to Right -Brenda Cook, Peter Moore, Kimberly Pinkerman and Julie Monroe, Superintendent of Lawrence County DD.

#### 2ND ANNUAL PROVIDER RECOGNITION LUNCHEON

The Lawrence County DD honored local providers at the 2nd Annual Provider Recognition Luncheon held on June 26, 2023. Brenda Cook, an employee of Capabilities, and Kimberly Pinkerman, an Independent Provider, were nominated and chosen to receive the Excellent Service Award. The day was made extra special by the attendance of Peter Moore, CEO/President of the Ohio Provider Association (OPRA), who delivered an inspirational message to the attendees. The Lawrence County DD values all of the local providers that make services possible for people with developmental disabilities! We would also like to thank our sponsor - GO Concepts, Inc. for their generous contribution that helped make this event possible.

#### **BOOK READING**

This past spring representatives from Lawrence County DD, Sue Cahal and Michelle Black read "A Friend for Henry" to second graders in Lawrence County with each classroom receiving a copy of the book. The book raises awareness about Autism from a child's perspective. The project was funded by the Corey Black family in memory of his parents, Steve and LoRena Cahal, The Cahals were strong advocates for their son, Aaron, and all people with developmental disabilities. LoRena was a Board member for the Lawrence County DD.



### **UPCOMING EVENTS**



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