

Check out the latest issue of Focus, the newsletter for Lawrence County Developmental Disabilities. Read about Tim Meadows in our Spot Light article and learn about all the details of our upcoming ChiliFest event!

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A NEWSLETTER OF LAWRENCE COUNTY DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

FOCUS

Meet Tim Meadows



Haley Wilson, Tim's provider, assists with his care.

Tim Meadows, a Lawrence County resident, who deals with the daily challenges of Cerebral Palsy, has had a lifetime of support from his sister, Sandy Staton. Sandy and Haley Wilson, their niece, are Tim's providers. Haley describes Tim as, "He has this huge personality. There's no mask with him. Tim is exactly who he shows you that he is, and I think with his paintings...that show's through." Haley continues to explain how Tim takes his moods and emotions and expresses himself through his art. Sandy explains how Tim showed some interest in art in his early years but developed a greater love for expressing himself through art many years later.

Tim struggles with mobility issues in his arms and hands. Sandy noticed that he started to use one hand more and soon Tim began using that hand holding pencils, markers and paint brushes. Sandy decided to foster Tim's desire

to create and has provided many art supplies over the years to support activities that promote mobility in Tim's hands. Soon Sandy discovered that Tim was motivated to create which allowed him to express himself. Sandy expresses how much pride Tim has in himself to have the ability to create art and how proud she is of him.

Tim's Service and Support Administrator (SSA) coordinated funding through his Individual Options (IO) Waiver to help provide a van lift for Tim's wheelchair as well as other mobility items that allow Tim the ability "...to get up and incorporate with everybody." Haley, expresses her gratitude and reassurance that Tim would have support from Lawrence County Developmental Disabilities if members of the family were no longer present to assist with Tim's care. "If myself or my grandmother, the family, couldn't be there, I know that at least somebody would be there for him. They'd make sure that they're vetted and he's going to have somebody with a good heart coming in," says Haley.



[Click this link to watch the video.](#)



LOOK AHEAD

Feb. 2

6 p.m. Autism Project Support Group at Chesapeake Community Center

Feb. 5

6 pm Open Door Autism Project Support Group

Feb. 8

6 p.m. Lawrence County DD Board Meeting at Open Door School

Feb. 19

All programs closed in recognition of President's Day

Feb. 27

11 a.m. Attending Lawrence County Commissioners Meeting for Proclamation Recognizing March as DD Awareness Month in Lawrence Co. Location: Commissioner's Office

March 1

Kick off to DD Awareness month at Open Door School with Bubbles.

March 9

Chili Fest at Open Door School with Open Door Spring Art Show and Sensitive Egg Hunt (weather permitting)

Incident Weather may just be around the corner. We will post closings on WSAZ, Facebook and do phone call/text message. If you have recently changed your phone number, please call our agency person you work with and give them an updated number. **Thank you.**

To receive emergency assistance, or to report alleged abuse or neglect of a person with developmental disabilities, please call (740) 532-0406. This line is answered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



TO SUPPORT DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS

SATURDAY, MARCH 9
10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

OPEN DOOR SCHOOL
606 CARLTON DAVIDSON LANE
COAL GROVE, OH 45638

ADMISSION:

- AGES UP TO 10 FREE
- 11 TO 18 \$1
- 19 AND UP \$2

**OPEN DOOR SCHOOL
ART SHOW
FAMILY FUN
RAFFLE PRIZES
CAKE WALK
& MORE**

A SENSITIVE EGG HUNT WILL ALSO BE OFFERED DURING THIS TIME, WEATHER PERMITTING.

- 11:30 A.M. AGES UP TO 10
- 12:30 P.M. AGES 11 AND UP



LCDD Board Meeting Notice

Lawrence County DD held it's annual organizational meeting in January and voted to change it's monthly meeting time to the second Thursday of the month, 6 p.m. at Open Door School



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