

The Link



Our Mission Statement:

FAYCO

Enterprises, Inc. is a not-forprofit organization dedicated to integrating persons with disabilities and other life issues into the community and enrich their quality of life with choice and independence.

Vandalia Sites:

Administrative Office: 1313 Sunset Drive Vandalia, IL 62471 Phone: (618) 283-0638 Fax: (618) 283-3892

Transportation Office: 1705 Veterans Blvd. Vandalia, IL 62471 Phone: (618) 283-1875 Fax: (618) 283-3895

Recycling Center: 2022 Wagner St. Vandalia, IL 62471

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Administrative Office:

2112 Schram Ave. Hillsboro, IL 62049 Phone: (217) 532-9250 Fax: (217) 532-9244

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A Summer of Fun at FAYCO

A look inside this edition of From our FAYCO family "The Link" tells all about our exciting summer adventures here at FAYCO Enterprises and more!

For the past few months we have found new and exhilarating ways of taking advantage of our warm and sunny days.

From fishing at the lake to going to the fair, we have had the wonderful opportunity to get outside, enjoy the sunshine, and make some memories. A Summer of Fun at FAYCO is continued on Page 2.

to yours, we hope that you enjoy reading our publications and we thank you for your continued support, because your contributions allow us to continue to "Help Others Help Themselves!"





The "Journey of Hope" Bicyclists visit FAYCO

Determination, Perseverance, and Strength are just a few words we can use to describe these courageous young men belonging to the fraternity Pi Kappa Phi. They ride their bikes in a 12,000 mile trek across the nation in "The Journey of Hope" to raise money, awareness, and hope for those with developmental disabilities.

For the last few years we have had the opportunity to visit with these crosscountry cyclists. We offer them a pit stop with

snacks and cool refreshments to help them refuel for the ride ahead of them. Also, we ended their visit with an all-out water balloon war!

Thank you Journey of Hope cyclists for inspiring us with your incredible determination and for letting us be a part of this amazing expedition!



MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH '708' TAX LEVY PASSES! ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY



The November 8, 2016 election was significant not only for selecting our nation's leader but also for the approval of a tax levy in Montgomery County to provide funding for services to individuals with developmental disabilities and individuals with mental health and substance abuse concerns. Our sincere thanks goes out to the Montgomery **County voters for** understanding the importance of and need for this tax levy to ensure that their families, friends, and neighbors receive the services they need.

This is wonderful news for Montgomery County residents of all ages who may have a



developmental disability and their families. The revenue generated by this tax levy will have a significant impact on the availability of essential services to help individuals live, work, and be a part of their community.

So you are probably thinking – what's the next step and how will this work? The next step is for the Montgomery County Board Chairperson to appoint a seven (7) member Board of Directors. This Board will consist of residents of the county that will be representative of interest groups in the community, as well as the general public. Only one (1) member will be a member of the County Board and no member can be directly affiliated with any facility or service under contract to the 708 Board.

The 708 Board will have 3 primary functions: 1) to protect and advocate for the rights of persons in need of human services in the areas of mental health, developmental disability and/or substance abuse; 2) make funding and service decisions for individuals in need of these human services; and 3) monitor the use of the funds. Once the Board and tax levy is established, qualified entities that serve individuals with developmental disabilities, mental health, and/or substance abuse concerns will be able to apply for funds on an annual basis.

FAYCO is proud to have been an important part of the passage of the Montgomery County **Community Mental** Health '708' Tax Levy. We will reach out to our Montgomery county clientele and their families, both those that we currently serve and those that have the potential to receive new services, to ensure that their needs are addressed. The voters of Montgomery County have entrusted all of us that will be involved with the responsibility of using the revenue generated by the 708 tax levy to provide critical services to their families, friends, and neighbors. We at FAYCO look forward to doing just that! If you have any questions or would like more information please contact Kim M. Taylor at (618) 283-0638 or kimt@fayco.org.

A Summer of Fun at FAYCO continued...

Summer time means the glow of fireflies, a big juicy slice of watermelon, long evenings, and you called it... FISHING! Here at FAYCO, we spend the summer fishing, learning how to take care of horses, and riding rides at the Highland Fair! Who doesn't love a ride or two or the popular lemonade shake-up drink and funnel cake?! We just love getting outdoors and making memories!



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Loyal is just one word to describe Nyla here at FAYCO

Events & Holidays



Events...

- Dec. 21st
 - Christmas Party
- Jan. 2nd, 2017
 - 1st Day back for Day Programming



Please Note:

The Workshop will NOT be Open during **Christmas Break**

FAYCO's Fabulous '40 Employee'

We would like to take a moment to recognize our longest working employee: Nyla Graham. She has been the receptionist at our main office site in Vandalia ever since FAYCO's doors opened in 1976.

She truly is a dedicated employee! Your devotion and hard work here at FAYCO helps keep this place running smoothly! Thank You Nyla Graham for your continued years of service here at FAYCO!



Nyla received her gift from Kim for her 40 Years of Service!



Holidays... We will be celebrating the following holidays in the next few months. Day Programming will not be open on these days.

- Thursday, Dec. 22, 2016 to Sunday Jan. 1st, 2017 Christmas Break & New Year's Day
- Monday, Jan. 16, 2017 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Monday, Feb. 20, 2017 President's Day

Memorial Gifts & Contributions

Between Jun. 2. 2016 – Oct. 10. 2016

In Memory of:

Nick Kelly John Budinger Juanita Garrett Eddie George **Diane Hans** Mr. John Low



William "Bill" G. Rademacher Irene Webber

Contributions Given to FAYCO:

KVS Gun Club Bear Arms of Brownstown Double D Plumbing & Heating **Essendant Charitable Foundation** Fayette County United Fund First United Methodist Church of Vandalia Holy Cross Ladies Society

of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church Mr. Ronald Deabenderfer

Mrs. Laura Feezel Mr. Charles C. Grimes Mr. Maurice Holliday Ms. Vickie McKinnney Mrs. Willa Spoonamore Ms. Tracy Wussow NACO Printing & Advertising Spools of Fun Quilt Club St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Recycling & Clothing Donations



We would like to remind everyone that FAYCO Enterprises, Inc. still offers recycling for the community! So save those tin and aluminum cans, cardboard boxes, plastic bottles, office papers, and more for recycling! It takes effort from all of us to make a difference in helping conserve the beauty of our planet! Also, we accept clothing donations at our yellow boxes! So if you have any used clothing, blankets, bedding, shoes, belts, hats, or more please don't forget to donate your items!





Please keep us in mind as you update your wardrobes or make the decision to begin recycling!

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We're on the Web! See us at www.fayco.org Or



FAYCO Enterprises, Inc.'s Facebook page is a great source for the latest news, event information, and other activities within the organization.

https://www.facebook.com/ FAYCO1975/ **Equipment Needs:** We are currently accepting donations that will be dedicated to the purchase of equipment that will directly benefit those we serve.

Enclosed please find my contribution of	\$10	\$50
	\$20	\$100
	\$25	Other

Please check if you have a preference for the use of your donation:

- ___ AED Equipment to be installed in all buildings.
- <u>Computers</u>, IPADS, Notebooks, etc. to be used to provide meaningful activities to help improve technology skills of those we serve.
 - Sensory-stimulation Equipment which will be utilized in the development of sensory perception and communication.
- _____ Use as needed.

FAYCO is a 501 (c)(3) tax-exempt organization. A letter of acknowledgement of donation will be sent to all contributors. Make checks payable to and mail to: FAYCO Enterprises, Inc. P.O. Box 277, Vandalia, IL, 62471.

Thinking about making a donation?

Through the community's generous donations, FAYCO Enterprises, Inc. is able to provide excellent care to its clients. Gifts of any amount are greatly appreciated.

We would also like to remind you as you make plans for your future to keep us in mind as we accept memorial gifts and contributions as well.

Please go to our website at www.fayco.org to find more information or if you have questions, please feel free to call 618-283-0638 and ask to speak with Sherry Hicks.

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