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Press Release

"Just like You" is the theme for Developmental Disabilities

Awareness Month 2010

Mercer Residential Services and other related organizations celebrate Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in March ('this month'), and invite you to consider the true meaning of this year's theme, "Just like You."

Statewide, and across the nation, organizations devoted to serving individuals with developmental disabilities are planning special events in March to raise public awareness of the many abilities people have, regardless of disability. "Just like You" encourages people to bring diversity to their communities by welcoming people with disabilities into local neighborhoods, workplaces, houses of worship and schools.

"This is a time when our organization focuses on encouraging the public to better understand the individuals we serve," said Garry Mosier, C.E.O.

“During ‘Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month,’ we encourage people to learn more about the people in this community who have disabilities. For example, when you see a child who uses a wheelchair – see the child, not the disability. And when you see a man with intellectual disabilities working at your local supermarket, see the man, not his disability.”

Mercer Residential Services will kick off its recognition of March as DD Awareness Month with an open house at our Mud Pike home located at 4874 Mud Pike Road and our Adult Day Services facility located at 420 S. Sugar in Celina. Both open houses will be Sunday March 14th from 1PM to 3PM.

On March 28th there will be an open house at our Thomas Edison Group home located at 500 Augustine Drive, Van Wert from 2PM to 4PM.

MRSI is private nonprofit organization established in 1977 by a group of parents and professionals as a local alternative to the institutionalization of people with disabilities. We provide an array of services from group homes, homemaker/personal care services, vocational, recreational, and social activities, for people with developmental disabilities. We develop and manage affordable housing for individuals and families with mental illness. We operate Challenged Higher, a consumer self help support center for individuals with severe mental illness.

During March, Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, get acquainted with someone who has a developmental disability. You’ll learn that everyone has something to offer and that people with disabilities are just like you!