Exciting changes are coming to SHC’s Resource Center. The Paradise Road address will be the same, but we will be moving the equipment loan program to The Link building on February 2, 2018!

The Resource Center will now be operated by people with disabilities who attend SHC’s Link Day Program. The Link building is next door to the SHC office. Please call ahead for your equipment needs as we are unable to accommodate walk-ins. The new phone number is 330-722-1900, ext. 330, and will be open Tuesday and Friday, 10 am to 2 pm.

Melanie Kasten-Krause
Executive Director

SHC celebrates 65 years of supporting individuals with developmental disabilities in 2018.

In 1953 if you had a child with a disability, your only choices were to place your child in a state institution or for them to remain at home without receiving any education or services. Families in Medina County wanted their children to remain in and be a part of their
communities. They came together to form SHC and to create services for their children.

These families have left a legacy to our community. Over the years our programs have evolved, shifted, contracted and expanded. We retain the values of our founding families: Community participation, leadership, quality, integrity, collaboration and excellence. Our founders brought our community members together to support the building of services.

“SHC has always had a wonderful circle of support.”

Melanie A. Kasten-Krause
executive director

In our field we often talk about each individual’s “circle of support”. The people in their lives that have their back and are always there for them. Some of them are families, some are friends, all are supports. We all need support. We wouldn’t be here without our founding families and we won’t get where we are going without you.

In this issue of the Bright Spot we are focusing on SHC’s circle of support. SHC has always had a wonderful circle of support. Your support has brought us through many decades of development, challenges and growth.

We so appreciate that you have our back as we move on to the next 65 years. Thank you!

Holiday Fashion Show & Luncheon

There is a saying “it takes a village” and it rings true to the success of the Holiday Fashion Show & Luncheon. Just look at the list of names on Pages 4 and 5 in this publication! Sponsors, donors, models, volunteers, the best event committee in the whole world and a sold-out crowd helped SHC/The Arc raise more than $41,000 this year! We are truly grateful for their support of our annual fundraiser which benefits the SHC Foundation. The Foundation supports critical programs and services for people with disabilities so they are able to live, learn, earn and play in their communities. Thank you for your generous support of SHC’s mission and those we serve.
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SHC is accepting applications for full-time and part-time direct care staff.

We are also looking for a full-time maintenance worker.

You'll join a team committed to providing the highest quality care with an emphasis on the health, safety and respect of those we serve.

SHC offers many benefits to both part-time and full-time workers.

Apply on-line at:

https://shc-the-arc-of-medina.workable.com/

SAVE the DATE
March 7, 2018
Developmental Disability Awareness & Advocacy Day
At the Ohio Statehouse

Save The Date!
Every year we celebrate National Developmental Disability Awareness month in March. The event will be held on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus.

Our job as advocates is to help others understand that people with disabilities each have their own story to share, be heard and we all must work together to make a difference in their lives.

For event updates visit:

https://ddohio.wordpress.com/

REGISTRATION OPEN
Red Cross babysitting class gives you the skills and confidence to care for children with special needs

2018 Training Schedule
June 16 & 23
September 15 & 22

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at:
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4283 Paradise Rd
Seville, OH 44273

$85 per participant

Contact: Shelly Wharton
330-722-1900, ext. 126

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The Chippewa Lake Lions Club selected SHC/The Arc of Medina County as one of its charities for the 2018 Polar Bear Jump & 5K Run/Walk. SHC is grateful for the ongoing support from the Chippewa Lake Lions Club. Register online or join the crowd to cheer on your favorite runner, walker or jumper at the corner of Longacre and Beachside Blvd in Chippewa Lake!
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