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Richland Newhope still seeking award nominations

(Mansfield, OH) – Richland Newhope continues to seek nominations for its Heroes with Heart Award. The award is given each year to Richland County residents who have made a significant difference in the life of someone with a developmental disability and whose efforts have contributed to positive public awareness and understanding of persons with developmental disabilities.

This is the fifth year for the Heroes with Heart award. Winners are selected by Richland Newhope's Developmental Disabilities Awareness Committee, which is made up of employees and an individual served by the agency.

Nomination forms are available on the Richland Newhope website at www.rnewhope.org or by calling 419-774-4215. The nomination deadline is March 9. Winners will be honored at the agency's annual recognition banquet on May 11.

Richland Newhope (Richland County Board of Developmental Disabilities) currently serves 1,300 individuals through early intervention, preschool, adult services, residential, therapy, transportation, and other family support programs.

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March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in Ohio. This year's theme is "Our community is better together." This simple message encourages people to understand that when people with disabilities are welcomed into local neighborhoods, workplaces, houses of worship, and schools everyone wins.

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