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## Business growth leads to employment



Huntington employee Kevin O'Brien with job developer Mark Prohaska

Finding himself unemployed as an account clerk with Citi Group, Kevin O'Brien's future seemed uncertain. However, five months before losing his job the eventual solution to his employment dilemma was in the works.

In November 2016 Huntington Bankshares announced its plans to make a commitment to the Northland and Linden neighborhoods by creating 1,000 jobs by 2024. The former Meijer store on Cleveland Avenue was

purchased with plans to house a 210,000 square foot technology and back office support complex which would become Huntington's Gateway Operations Center.

Kevin's FCBDD job developer made a referral to Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities which allowed Kevin to receive employment services assistance. Kevin received a variety of employment supports which included updating his resume, mock interviewing, preparing for job fairs and completing applications for various business positions with over 15 local employers.

Then Kevin's big break came in August when he was scheduled to interview for a process specialist position at the newly completed Huntington Gateway Operations Center. Kevin was hired as a full-time worker in October and quickly learned job functions associated with the processing of auto titles in Huntington's finance division.

Given Kevin's ability to learn tasks quickly and proficiency with performing his job duties, his supervisor Terrie feels he could very well be a candidate for data entry.

Ask Kevin what he likes most about working at Huntington and he will reply "my job!"

## October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month



## Employment Services Department: Employment by the numbers



**692 individuals have been served by ESD Placement Services in 2017 for a total of 564 individuals currently placed in 585 jobs**

**Our Mission:**  
ARC Industries supports and empowers persons with disabilities to achieve their life goals.



Front Row (from left to right): Board member, Robin Hepler, Natasha Masser, board member Marge Barnheiser, Mark Straugher, Chelsea Henson, Grace Terry, Crystal Sexton, Christine Hunter, and Scholarship Chair, Cynthia Hengeli

Second Row (from left to right): ARC CEO, Bob Gaston, ARC Board President, Gary Coats, Amber Dunn, Patrick Meehan, Robert Rushia and board member, Dr. Raymond Lawton

## 2017 John J. Siebold Scholarship Awardees Recognized

Scholarships totaling \$13,500 were awarded at the 14<sup>th</sup> annual John J. Siebold awards luncheon held on September 18<sup>th</sup> at the Creekside Conference & Event Center.

A total of nine individuals representing participants with ARC Industries and staff members with FCBDD were on hand to receive scholarships that will provide

funds to assist with their post-secondary education in areas related to developmental disabilities.

Siebold family members in attendance for this year's celebration of John's legacy included Jessica, Amber, Jim, Kyle, Marissa, Sherry and Mary Siebold, and Lisa Pomeroy.

*Discover  
Your  
Possibilities!*



## Membership provides opportunities



Jacobe learns about programs and services included in his YMCA membership

Jacobe's volunteer work with Meals on Wheels and his keen interest in community activities, made him the ideal candidate to receive one of two complimentary YMCA memberships provided by ARC Wellness.

Since joining the Gahanna YMCA Jacobe has become an avid fan of increasing his endurance on the treadmill and proficient in pedaling on the recumbent bicycle.

When asked what he likes best at the Y, Jacobe beams

and says "workout!"

## OhioHealth goes the extra mile



Thanks to the generosity of Ohio Health, the ARC Industries' Wellness program has become home to a much appreciated donation of two NuStep bicycles!

NuStep is a low impact cross trainer bicycle, when used on a regular basis, promotes increased stamina and mobility and improves overall health.

Wellness participants from ARC North,

ARC West and Bixby Center gathered on October 6<sup>th</sup> to try out the new equipment, and as you can see, they gave it a big "thumbs up!"