

# STAFF NEWSLETTER

Mission Statement: Enhancing the lives of people with developmental disabilities by providing them with responsive services and supports.

## EMPLOYEE *of the* MONTH

Susan Mayer  
Lycoming Home Educator  
Early Learning Program  
January 2009



Susan originally came to Hope in July 1994 as a Home Visitor for the Early Learning Program. She worked in that position until July 2000 when she resigned. Susan returned as a Home Educator in March 2006. She has been working in this position since that time. She was nominated by her Program Supervisor, Barbara Burke, who stated, "Sue works very hard providing families with the best service possible. She willingly takes on difficult family situations and successfully finds a plan that will work for the child. Sue consistently keeps her supervisor and the service coordinators updated about the families on her caseload. Sue truly cares about the families that she works with and shows respect toward all individuals and coworkers. She has adapted to the many recent changes and additional responsibilities present in the Early Intervention Program".

Frank Forsha, Vice President of Programs and Services LCN region, supported this nomination saying, "I certainly endorse this nomination. Sue has done an excellent job. She works hard to serve the children".

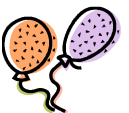
Susan is very involved in the lives of her nieces and nephews while also providing essential support to her parents. She is involved in church activities as well. She enjoys shopping, taking walks, and reading. She also enjoys taking day trips to places such as New York City. As commented by her supervisor "one of the best Home Visitors we ever had".

Susan, thank you for your continued dedication and support to Hope Enterprises, Inc. You are truly an integral part of the Hope team.

## Staff Birthdays

January

Amy Younkin	Prospect Lane	01/10	Heike Breining	Huffman Street	01/15
Dona Gephart	Marlin Parkway	01/10	Daniel Ammerman	Euclid Avenue	01/16
Matthew Berta	Marlin Parkway	01/11	Gregory Artley	Custodial Svcs	01/17
Susan Richmond	St. Mary Street	01/11	Johanna Clark	Reed Street	01/18
Selena Rodriguez	Four Mile Drive	01/12	Heather Jacopetti	Memorial Avenue	01/20
Stefanie Hover	Moore Avenue	01/12	Alexis Beechey	Memorial Avenue	01/20
Dwight Rhodes	Work Center	01/13	Tina Alter	Northway Road	01/21
Jack-lyn Draper	Almond Street	01/13	Heather Young	Palmer Hill Road	01/21
Theresa Hilling	1925 Mahaffey Lane	01/14	Monique Moll	Grand Street	01/21
Beverly Lytle	St. Mary Street	01/14	Neyfor Bravo	Euclid Avenue	01/21
Bianca Bebble	Ames Place	01/14			



## HOLIDAY CLOSING

In observance of Martin Luther King's birthday, Hope Enterprises, Inc. offices and day programs will be closed on Monday, 01/19/09.

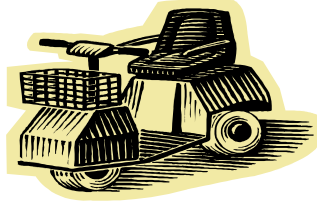


## **Emergency Municipal Service Tax (EMST)**

The Emergency Municipal Service Tax (EMST) of \$52.00 will be withheld from all staff who are employed as of January 1, 2009 in installments of \$2.00 per pay.

If you have an exemption (Working for Multiple Employers, Expected Annual Earned Income Total will be less than \$12,000, Active Duty Military, and/or Military Disability Exemption), LCN staff should contact Darlene Hepler and CMSU staff should contact Peggy Shultz to obtain the necessary form to complete.

**Jazzy scooter for sale. Barely used, asking \$500.  
If interested, please call 772-9659.**



## SHAPE UP PA

Registration began 01/05/09 and the program will run from 02/04/09 through 06/24/09. New for this year are advance/novice categories, better website management of scoring, weekly tips & motivations, scrolling leader board with up-to-date scoring, weekly video exercises, and quick resolution of any issues. Teams can compete in one or both of the categories (Weight Loss & Accumulated Activity).

### Roles and rewards of being the team captain

- Motivational leader
- Weekly tips available on website from Moe Miles
- Videos available on website for exercise and diet
  - Reports team's progress on a monthly basis
- Receives support from Shape Up PA officials
  - Shape Up PA T-shirt

Everyone can benefit from the program. Individuals who, along friends and family, work toward establishing healthier lifestyles, companies that integrate the program into their employee wellness programs, cities and counties who are working toward helping their residents combat the growing obesity and no leisure time activity problems facing the Commonwealth. There is a \$10 charge per participant plus a one-time \$10 charge per team for t-shirt shipping and handling. Each participant will receive a Shape Up PA T-shirt.

If you are interested, please contact Kris Ottaviano at 326-3745, ext. 1209.

