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**Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities Announces
2017 MCBDD DONOR SCHOLARSHIPS RECIPIENTS**

Medina, Ohio, May 26, 2017 – At its May 22, 2017, board meeting, the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities (MCBDD) announced the names of this year’s recipients of the 2017 MCBDD Donor and Continuing Education Scholarships.

The scholarships, which are awarded by the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities Donated Funds Committee, were founded to support young persons who are pursuing a career which serves individuals with developmental disabilities. Each of this year’s recipients has already shown a dedication to touching the lives of individuals with disabilities, and the MCBDD is proud to recognize the contributions of these outstanding students.

The 2017 Donor and Continuing Education Scholarship recipients are:

Cecelia Majoros (\$1000 Donor Scholarship)

Cecelia is a senior at Medina High School and the Medina County Career Center in the Teacher’s Education Academy program.

Cecelia has already given over 80 hours of time to impacting the disabilities community in Medina County. She has volunteered many times at the Medina County Board of DD. She has helped with events including Safety Town, Fall Fest, the Adult Consumer Picnic, Holiday Dances, Special Olympics, and many fundraising events. She has also job shadowed with teachers in Windfall Preschool. She has used the knowledge she has gained through her volunteer and classroom experiences with children with disabilities to realize her passion to pursue special education as her career.

As one of her reference letters noted, “I am not surprised that Cece wants to pursue a career where she can nurture and help others. This seems to be the core of her being. With her compassionate, caring spirit and her incredible work ethic, Cece will change lives.”

In the fall, Cecelia plans to attend Kent State University where she hopes to complete a degree in Special Education. She would like to one day work with young students in a public school or County Board of DD setting.

Taylor Rininger (\$500 Continuing Education Scholarship)

Taylor recently completed her second year at Xavier University where she is working towards a degree in occupational therapy and a minor in deaf studies. At Xavier, she is part of the University’s Scholars Program, which requires her to take an additional five honors classes a year along with her typical course load. She hopes to one day work as

an occupational therapist in a private practice so that she is able to more closely impact the lives of children who have developmental disabilities such as Autism, Down Syndrome, and Cerebral Palsy, as well as other disabilities.

Taylor is employed in the University's Office of Disability Services where she helps students with disabilities use adaptive technology to take tests. She is also a Student Academic Success Coach who helps students with disabilities with their study, organization, planning, and time management skills.

Taylor has taken an active role in the Xavier University's Alternative Breaks Program which allows students to complete volunteer work during their spring break. Taylor spent her spring break on a service trip to Mobile, Alabama, where she worked in a community for adults with cognitive disabilities. During her time there, she came to realize more about the unseen abilities of people and their deep connections to the world around them.

Outside of school, Taylor has given her time by volunteering with Autism Speaks and Community Action Day. Through these opportunities she was able to help raise awareness and funds for these programs, as well as participate in hands-on activities to help individuals with disabilities

The Donated Funds Committee and the entire MCBDD administration and staff would like to congratulate these two outstanding students and wish them the best in their future endeavors.

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About the Donor Scholarship

The MCBDD Donor Scholarship is administered by the Donated Funds Committee of the MCBDD. Its purpose is to encourage and support quality education while promoting advocacy and training for future generations of professionals in the field of developmental disabilities. It is funded by private donations and fundraising events.

About MCBDD

The MCBDD is the lifeline which connects individuals to the resources in the county; everything from residential services and employment, to education and therapy services. The mission of the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities is to promote and empower over 1200 individuals with developmental disabilities, from birth to death, to live, learn work and socialize as citizens in the community.