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Courthouse Pizzeria Makes “Dough”nation to the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities

Medina, Ohio, June 23, 2017 – Jeff Miller, owner of Courthouse Pizzeria, knows something about making dough. But in April of this year he and his staff were interested in making a different kind of dough, the kind that can impact the lives of people with autism in Medina County.

April is celebrated nationally as Autism Awareness Month and Courthouse Pizzeria decided to join in the efforts to help support awareness and acceptance of people with autism by hosting a “Making \$Dough\$” fundraiser. This was the pizzeria’s first attempt at a fundraiser and “it was really a great experience for our business,” stated Lisa Jackson, the Pizzeria Manager.

Courthouse Pizzeria designated three Wednesdays in April as Making Dough Days. On each of these days, 25% of their sales would be donated to the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities to benefit autism related programs. On June 1, Ms. Jackson presented a check for \$1057.82 to Annie Finnerty, Assistant Superintendent, from the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities (MCBDD).

“We believe that as a local business, we have an obligation to support those in our communities who support us. To accomplish this, we use our “Making \$Dough\$” program to help raise monies for those in need,” states Mr. Miller.

But Courthouse Pizzeria’s commitment to helping goes beyond just raising funds, they also employ people with developmental disabilities like autism. By providing work opportunities for people with disabilities, they are helping individuals gain independence and self-confidence. They are also setting an example for the local business community for how successful a business can be if it includes people with disabilities in its workforce.

Upon receiving the donation, MCBDD Assistant Superintendent Annie Finnerty said, “We are so thankful and appreciative of all that Courthouse Pizzeria is doing for people with disabilities. We cannot thank Jeff, Lisa and their staff enough for such a thoughtful and generous contribution.”

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About MCBDD

MCBDD is the lifeline which connects individuals with disabilities to a wide range of resources, including educational opportunities, employment training, funding sources, residential, and transportation services. The mission of the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities is to promote and empower over 1100 individuals with developmental disabilities - from birth to death - to live, learn, work, and socialize as citizens in the community.

Photo Included:

MCBDD Courthouse Pizza Donation – Manager Lisa Jackson (l) presents the proceeds from Courthouse Pizzeria’s recent Making Dough fundraiser to MCBDD Assistant Superintendent Annie Finnerty (r).