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Measuring Up for the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities

Medina, Ohio, October 5, 2017 – The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities (MCBDD) was honored to receive a donation from the Brunswick Knights of Columbus' recent Measure Up fundraising campaign.

On Tuesday, October 3, the Knights of Columbus, Brunswick Council #4847, presented the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities with a check for \$1352.78. The check represented the proceeds from their recent Measure Up Campaign which is the primary fundraiser through which the Knights of Columbus provide support and assistance to citizens with developmental disabilities. Statewide the Measure Up Campaign raises approximately \$370,000.00 for over 322 agencies that sponsor a variety of training and support programs. Of the money collected, 80% is returned to the local councils for donating to a local agency. The remaining 20% is used for statewide programs.

John Taylor, Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus Brunswick Council, and Dennis Pastorelle, Measure Up Event Coordinator, met with Jon Bluebond, MCBDD Interim Superintendent, and Sandra Thomas-Fain, MCBDD Board President, to present the donation. Mr. Pastorelle stated, "The services which the Medina County Board of DD provides to the community, and especially to those with developmental disabilities, are so important and we are happy to help this worthwhile organization to impact lives in Medina County."

The generous gift will go towards upgrades needed for the Windfall School outdoor learning activity area which helps students with disabilities increase their social skills and gain independence through play. "We are so thankful and cannot thank the Knights of Columbus enough for their ongoing hard work and commitment to people with disabilities. It is so wonderful when our community takes time to support the individuals who receive services from the Medina County Board of DD," said Ms. Fain.

Upon receiving the donation, Mr. Bluebond stated, "On behalf of our Board and the families we serve, we thank the Knights of Columbus for their generous contribution and for their support of people with disabilities. We know that two of the principals which the Knights of Columbus embrace are charity and unity, and we think this donation proves the Knights dedication to both of those principals and their importance to our community."

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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 1250 individuals with developmental disabilities - from birth to death - to live, learn, work, and socialize as citizens in the community.

Photo Included:

MCBDD Knights of Columbus Donation 2017 – John Taylor (l), Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus Brunswick Council, and Dennis Pastorelle (2nd from l), Measure Up Event Coordinator, present a donation check from their recent Measure Up fundraising campaign to Jon Bluebond (r), MCBDD Interim Superintendent, and Sandra Thomas-Fain (2nd from r), MCBDD Board President.