



Hello Hamilton County

July 2010

E-News for Hamilton County citizens and employees

Quote of the month:

“From every mountainside, Let freedom ring.”

~Samuel F. Smith, “America”

Commissioner Portune Re-Appointed Commission President — Outlines Policy Agenda



Hamilton County Commissioner Todd Portune was reappointed to the Office of President of the Board of County Commissioners during the June 16 regular meeting of the Board.

“I begin this next phase of my public service thankful for the tremendous stewardship and even-keeled leadership of our immediate past-President David Pepper and grateful for the trust and confidence of my colleagues on the County Commission,” said Commissioner Portune.

Commissioner Portune introduced a statement addressing county priorities for the balance of the year, pledging to “focus the Board’s attention on the issues that we all agree are important.”

Commissioner Portune said that the unanimously adopted “2010 Budget Policy Goals” document would be an important reference as the Board determines what priorities to address in the

second half of 2010.

First on the list of priorities is the stadium fund deficit. Commissioner Portune notes that each commissioner has presented separate options to the Tax Levy Review Committee.

“I believe a consensus motion that represents a compromise by each of us on our own proposals and around those of our colleagues will lead us to a solution that solves the problem in ways that serve the region’s best interests and that do not sacrifice the needs of our community,” said Commissioner Portune. “The first order of business will be, therefore, to come up with a new option.”

Commissioner Portune also stated that the future of Hamilton County lies in being a place where people want to be.

“Ours should be a county of plenty — plenty of jobs; plenty of things to do; where the

availability and the affordability of housing, health care, energy, and of the necessities of life are plentiful. Our agenda will be an agenda focused upon the creating of ‘plenty.’”

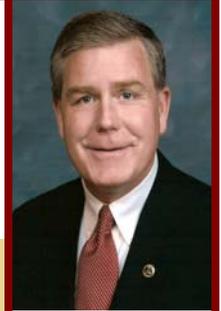
Portune says that soon he will detail the steps the Board can take over the remaining six months of the year to help these things take place within Hamilton County.

Portune emphasized the importance of working together for the common good. He asks his colleagues and all citizens of Hamilton County to be willing to work together and support one another, since everyone has a stake in the success of the county.



Patrick's Perspective

Summertime Brings Increased Focus on the 2011 Hamilton County Budget Process



Patrick Thompson,
Hamilton County
Administrator

Summertime in Hamilton County is a wonderful time of year. Beautiful weather, longer days, and ample recreation opportunities make this a great time of year to enjoy what Hamilton County has to offer.

Summertime also is the time that Hamilton County rolls up its sleeves and sharpens its focus on next year's County budget. We've just passed the mid-year point, and Hamilton County's focus on the 2011 budget is in full swing.

The 2011 budget process formally kicked off on June 15 with a budget "new year's" breakfast, which was attended by county fiscal officers and the budget office staff. This event is coordinated by the budget office to allow for an exchange of ideas and information regarding 2011 revenue projections, 2010 budget performance, tentative plans for employee benefit budgeting in 2011, and salary adjustments.

As reported in the monthly projection reports, revenue projections for the general fund are exceeding 2010 estimates.

Though revenue growth is not to pre-recession levels, we are seeing positive trends beginning to develop.

While this is good news for the County general fund budget and will allow us to replenish depleted reserves, other funds are still facing fiscal challenges. For example, the Job and Family Services Department is facing another round of funding reductions by the state. This would be on top of a 45% reduction since 2007, which has resulted in over 850 positions being eliminated in that department.

For 2011, we will strive to minimize changes to employee contributions and co-pays associated with health insurance. We are midway through our first year of being self-insured for employee medical insurance. Because this funding option is new, we must approach 2011 conservatively, taking into consideration medical inflation and changes due to health care reform. We do not anticipate changes in other benefits plans, such as dental and basic life

insurance.

The topic of greatest interest at the budget kick-off was compensation adjustments. Although there will be no mid-year compensation adjustments at this time, Hamilton County is aware of the financial sacrifice employees have made over the past three years. We will continue to monitor the County's fiscal health and our ability to afford salary adjustments.

The County workforce has endured a lot during the past several years, but has persevered and continues to provide quality services to the public. I realize that County employees will be watching with great interest as the 2011 budget process continues. I will keep you posted throughout the process. In the meantime, thank you for all of your great work on behalf of Hamilton County, and enjoy your summer!



National Association of Counties (NACo) Recognizes Hamilton County With Six Achievement Awards

Hamilton County organizations have been awarded six National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement awards. NACo Achievement Awards recognize innovative county government programs that modernize and streamline processes while increasing levels of service. These award-winning programs serve as models for other counties in the nation.



This year, only 12 NACo Achievement Awards were awarded in all of Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana combined. And Hamilton County earned six of them! Hamilton County's award winning programs include:

- **Convention and Visitors Bureau Performance Matrix: Hamilton County Administration's Office of Economic Development** (In conjunction with the Cincinnati USA Convention and Visitor's Bureau (CVB) and the City of Cincinnati.)

The matrix is a performance management tool that aligns the travel and tourism goals of the City of Cincinnati, the CVB, and Hamilton County. It pushes the CVB to manage beyond the traditional scope of tourism measurements and to implement longer-term initiatives that consider satisfaction ratings, planning visits, media impacts, and trade show presence.

- **One on One Chats with Consumers: Hamilton County Job and Family Services**

Hamilton County residents with questions about their Child Support cases can now have private, online chats with an enforcement technician to get the answers they need. The private, one-on-one chats are offered four hours each weekday.

- **Social Media Strategy: Hamilton County Job and Family Services**

Knowing that JFS had to do more with less, the JFS Communications team started using new ways to

share information with agency clients and others using social networking. JFS uses new media techniques such as blogging, chatting, video, audiocasts, and social media such as Facebook and Twitter to communicate key messages quickly.

- **Co-occurring Resource Group: Developmental Disabilities Services**

This unique partnership of human services professionals fills the gap in services for individuals with disabilities who also have a mental health diagnosis and behavioral health challenges (this combination of diagnoses is known as co-occurring diagnosis). The cross-disciplinary team consists of highly skilled professionals from multiple agencies who strengthen the interest, willingness, and ability of local health and mental health care staff to effectively and efficiently support people with a co-occurring diagnosis.

- **Cincinnati Emergency Preparedness Initiative: Developmental Disabilities Services**

This emergency preparedness initiative involves a multi-county, multi-agency, and multi-disciplinary group of professionals joined in partnership to prepare professionals and agencies working with vulnerable populations, like people with developmental disabilities, for widespread, long-lasting catastrophic emergencies. Members include health districts and city and county health departments, emergency management agencies, law enforcement, and other agencies that advocate on behalf of people with functional needs.

- **Vision 2014: Developmental Disabilities Services**

Vision 2014 is a long-term, all-inclusive, customer-driven planning process that Hamilton County Developmental Disabilities Services launched three years ago. The goal was to publish a five-year strategic plan that focuses on what is most important to individuals with disabilities and their families. The plan is the agency's guiding document for service delivery, and it provides the framework for all decision-making and action.



Hamilton County Communication Center Hosts Demonstration of Next Generation 9-1-1 Technologies

On June 16, the Hamilton County Communication Center hosted a demonstration of Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG 9-1-1) services.

Approximately 70 police chiefs, fire chiefs, mayors, and administrators from Hamilton County and other local communities participated.

Despite big changes over the years in the technology that people use to communicate, 9-1-1 systems in the country have remained basically unchanged over the past 20 years. NG 9-1-1 is the next step in upgrading 9-1-1 systems to new technologies. Hamilton County

Communications has an agreement with Intrado to provide NG 9-1-1 services. Intrado has been in the forefront of development of the nation's 9-1-1 system and now leads the way in research and implementation of NG 9-1-1 applications.

The new technologies greatly expand how people can access 9-1-1 services. The new technology provides people with the ability to contact 9-1-1 from virtually any communications device, not just telephones. For example, instead of picking up a phone and calling, people can use a blackberry to send a text, or use a computer to e-mail 9-1-1. This is beneficial to people who have disabilities that may prevent them from talking or hearing phone conversations, and it can be helpful when people need to contact 9-1-1 without being heard by others.



Intrado's mobile NG 9-1-1 vehicle can provide back up services if Hamilton County's Communication Center is out of service.

The new technology allows for interoperability of 9-1-1 systems across the nation. So, for example, if a call from New York accidentally gets routed to 9-1-1 in Hamilton County, it's going to be faster and easier for Hamilton County to get that call to the proper jurisdiction — assuming that jurisdiction also uses NG 9-1-1. Every second saved with routing calls to the correct jurisdiction can save lives.

Intrado's display vehicle, which Hamilton County officials toured on June 16, was recently placed into service and has an educational as well as practical role. There are 17 radio and

telephone dispatch consoles inside the truck. The vehicle can be rapidly deployed anywhere in the country to provide telephone and radio back up services in the event that a local communication center is out of service due to disaster or other circumstances. This vehicle is available to Hamilton County if its Communication Center suffers a catastrophic failure.

"Hamilton County Communications has always been actively involved in the cutting edge of emergency communications technologies," said Mike Bailey, Director of Hamilton County Communications. "We are excited about the possibilities NG9-1-1 services will bring to our citizens."



Hamilton County and Colerain Township Use Neighborhood Stabilization Funds To Rehab Two Homes



Commissioner David Pepper joined representatives from Cincinnati Habitat, Colerain Township, and the Ward and Mahmoudi families for a kick-off ceremony marking the beginning of the house rehabs being funded by the NSP.

Thanks to Hamilton County's allocation of Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Funds, Cincinnati Habitat for Humanity began construction on two homes in Colerain Township in June.

Hamilton County and Colerain Township provided the funds to rehab the two homes through an allocation of federal funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development's NSP.

"This unique partnership is creating a good home out of a foreclosed property," said Commissioner Pepper. "Not only does the family benefit, but there's a ripple effect that benefits the surrounding community and our entire

county."

Colerain Township has been significantly affected by the foreclosure issue, with a foreclosure rate second only to the City of Cincinnati among Hamilton County Communities. Colerain Township intends to utilize the NSP funds to remediate these vacant, foreclosed properties, thereby promoting property values and stability in these affected neighborhoods. Colerain is a sub-recipient of the NSP funds allocated to Hamilton County.

"The Township chose to partner with Cincinnati Habitat because they have a great reputation for providing quality housing for underserved populations for a

minimal cost. Partnering with Habitat allows the Township to maximize its use of NSP funds. And, of course, the people at Habitat have been great to work with," said Susan H. Roschke, Planning & Zoning Administrator, Colerain Township. "We are excited to see work begin on these two properties, as a cooperative effort of Colerain Township, Cincinnati Habitat for Humanity, and Hamilton County."

The home at 10334 Pippin Lane will be built in partnership with the Alice Ward family. Alice Ward is a single mother of four.

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When asked to describe her family, Ward said, "My family and I are like most other families—very close and loving. We know how important it is to put family first. We are blessed in so many ways and try to be and do our very best at anything we do in life. My kids are all honor roll students and all have a love for music. My daughters play the flute and violin, and my son plays the piano."

About the opportunity to build, or in this case rehab, and then buy her own home, Ward said, "Two of my children have disabilities that require that they have enough space to do physical therapy exercises and store necessary equipment. Currently, we have a small apartment and have an urgent need for space. It is such a blessing for me and my family to own our own home."

The second home being rehabbed in Colerain by Cincinnati Habitat is located at 10293 Storm Avenue and will belong to the Cheghali and Fatiha Mahmoudi Family. Cheghali and Fatiha have two young sons. Cheghali is a taxi-cab driver.

"We wish to live in peace and have a wonderful life," Cheghali said. "We really like people, talking with them and helping others. Buying a home was our number one goal, but it wasn't possible because we couldn't afford a mortgage. Through Habitat for Humanity, our dream is becoming a reality. We are glad and very excited to enjoy the experience of working on our

build site. We are so tired from moving place to place, and we need an area for our boys to play and more space as they grow up. This is such a great opportunity for our family."

When the homes are complete, they will be sold to the Mahmoudi and Ward families with a 0%, 25-year, interest-free mortgage payable to Cincinnati Habitat for Humanity.

Each family can expect their monthly mortgage payment to be approximately \$400 (including closing costs, taxes and insurance). To qualify for their Habitat homes, families have to meet a variety of criteria, including housing need, ability to pay a mortgage, and willingness to partner with Cincinnati Habitat. Partner Families will work beside volunteers from Hamilton County

and Colerain Township, investing at least 500 hours of sweat equity into the construction of their homes.

The NSP was established for the purpose of stabilizing communities that have suffered from foreclosures and abandonment. Through the purchase and redevelopment of foreclosed and abandoned homes and residential properties, the goal of the program is being realized. To learn more about Hamilton County's use of NSP funds, visit [this link](#).

For more information about Cincinnati Habitat for Humanity or to volunteer, visit www.cincinnatihabitat.org.





Department of Budget and Strategic Initiatives Participates in Urban County Budget Retreat



Left: Hamilton County Management Systems Supervisor Jim Cundiff talks with Cheryl Subler, Managing Director of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio.
Right: State Budget Director J. Pari Sabety addressed the retreat participants.

On Friday, June 11, the Hamilton County Department of Budget and Strategic Initiatives participated in the Urban County Budget Retreat.

This retreat, which Hamilton County's Budget leaders help coordinate each year, provides a chance for Ohio's urban counties to share information about budgeting issues and strategies.

"As in any profession, it is intellectually stimulating to 'talk shop,'" said Christian Sigman, Assistant County Administrator. "While some might say developing a balanced budget is hardly stimulating, we gain value, insight, and ideas on how to address common issues such as equipment replacement, employee health insurance options and salary adjustment

policy."

Retreat agenda items included:

- A legislative update by Cheryl Subler, Managing Director, Policy, County Commissioners Association of Ohio;
- State Budget Update by J. Pari Sabety, Director of the Office of Budget and Management for the State of Ohio;
- Group discussions about topics such as county revenues and shared services collaboration efforts.

Participating Counties include:

- Cuyahoga County (Cleveland area)

- Franklin County (Columbus area)
- Hamilton County
- Lucas County (Toledo area)
- Montgomery County (Dayton area)

The counties that participate have similar population sizes and similar budgets. So it's a great opportunity for these budget professionals to learn from their peers as they share knowledge and ideas about best practices. And meeting annually enables them to develop the kind of good working relationships that make it easier to reach out to each other throughout the year to ask questions.



Hamilton County Job and Family Services Launches New Teen Adoption Campaign



In June, Hamilton County Job and Family Services launched a new campaign encouraging people to adopt teens.

Currently, there are over 200 children who are in the permanent custody of Hamilton County JFS, but who have not found adoptive homes. Of those, over 69 percent are 10 years old or older. And about 55 percent of them have been in custody longer than one year.

“They shouldn't have to wait,” said John Cummings, JFS Community Adoption Recruitment Manager.

The new campaign should help. HCJFS began airing a new television commercial, plus targeted billboards and posters are displayed in various communities and neighborhoods. Community outreach is also planned through social groups and places of worship.

“The goal is to show people that adopting older children — especially teens — opens so many great possibilities,” Cummings said. “Not just for the kids, either.”

Cummings spent some time researching what happens to teenagers who leave the child welfare system without being adopted. What he found was troubling.

“One study (from the North American Council on Adoptable Children) found that kids who leave foster care without being adopted are more likely to be involved in the criminal justice system, to experience homelessness, to use alcohol and drugs — even to become teenage parents,” Cummings said. “Not only that, but they are also less likely to be employed and more likely to have poor health outcomes, according to the findings.”

But if older teens find a permanent home, they at least have a better chance of doing better, Cummings said. “It's about the relationship that kids form with family,” he said.

Cummings says there are a few myths that might prevent people from considering adopting a teen.

“People believe that kids in foster care are juvenile delinquents,” said Cummings. “The truth is, the majority of kids in foster care are there because they experienced abuse or neglect. It had nothing to do with their own behavior.”

A second myth, Cummings said, is the belief that older youth would rather live on their own than live with a family. “Older kids still need the support of family, even as they develop independent living skills,” he said.

For more information, please visit www.hckids.org.



Job and Family Services' Communications Director Wins OJFSDA's Excellence Award



Brian Gregg with Mead Wilkins, OJFSDA's President.

The Ohio Job and Family Services Directors' Association (OJFSDA) honored Hamilton County Job and Family Services' Communications Director Brian Gregg with an Excellence Award in May, honoring his contribution to enhancing communication efforts and media relations.

"One of my first goals as the OJFSDA executive director was to establish a positive working relationship with the various media outlets," said OJFSDA Executive Director Joel Potts. "And fortunately for me, as well as the county agency directors, we didn't have to go far to find a true expert in the field that has no peers when it comes to media relations."

"Brian Gregg has a wealth of knowledge and experience and is the person we most rely on for trainings, media issues, creative ideas and leadership," said Potts. "His insight and support

has provided immeasurable results and is obvious as counties are more involved in external communications than at any time in our history. Brian's guidance has helped us to be prepared, proactive and creative in our workings with the media, public and legislature."

Gregg says receiving the award was a "total shock. You don't expect to get recognized for simply doing your job. I will say this: Joel's push for counties to build better relationships with the media is an incredibly smart move and worthwhile goal."

Winning awards is nothing new for Gregg and his team. The communications team at Hamilton County JFS that Gregg leads earned a National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Awards this year for their social media strategies.



You're Invited to Submit Photos For Soil & Water Conservation District's 2010 Amateur Photography Contest

The Hamilton County Soil and Water District is sponsoring an amateur photography contest that highlights conservation habitats.

The definition of Conservation is to use our natural resources wisely. Or, as Aldo Leopold, author of the Sand County Almanac put it, "Conservation is a state of harmony between men and land."

Habitat is generally considered to be a natural environment where animal and plant species live. This includes food, water, shelter and space. When we share our space with other living creatures and provide for their needs, we are creating a conservation habitat!

Anyone may participate in this contest by sending a picture of a good conservation habitat located in Hamilton County by July 16, 2010.



Rules and Guidelines

1. All high quality, color, close-up, mid-range and landscape photographs of the installation process or results of a conservation practice located in Hamilton County will be considered.
2. Individuals may submit up to three (3) color photographs for consideration. Digital images will be accepted on disc and must be in a jpeg format.
3. There will be two age categories for submission:
 - The Junior Category is for students between the ages of 12 to 19 years old.
 - The Senior Category is age 19 or older.

First prize in each category is \$100.00 and the second prize is \$50.00.

4. Images will be judged on composition, technical excellence, originality, color and overall impact. Each entry will be judged anonymously - the name and location of the entrant will be hidden. The decisions of the judges are final.
5. Winning photographs may be used in District publications. In order to ensure the highest quality images, the winning photographers will be asked to provide a high-resolution file of their photograph(s).
6. All winning photos become the property of Hamilton County SWCD.

To Enter:

Deadline for submission is July 16, 2010.

Please mail your photographs with your name, address, daytime phone number and location of photo to:

**Hamilton County SWCD,
22 Triangle Park Drive,
Cincinnati, Ohio 45246**

Visit <http://www.nacdnet.org/stewardship/2010> for examples of conservation habits that lead to great habitats.
For more information, please call Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District at 513-772-7645.



Hamilton County Employees Generate Over \$4,000 Through Paper Recycling

In the eight months since a new paper recycling program kicked off in October, employees in six Hamilton County buildings recycled an impressive 113,882 pounds of paper.

Instead of paying to send all that valuable paper to the landfill, a recycler is actually paying Hamilton County for our recycling efforts. In just eight short months, the recycling program has generated \$4,109 in payback!

How is your building doing so far? Check out the estimated breakdown below:

- County Administration Building: 27,416 pounds
- 800 Broadway: 21,089 pounds
- Courthouse: 27,416 pounds
- 222 E. Central Parkway: 21,089 pounds
- 237 William Howard Taft: 8,436 pounds
- 250 William Howard Taft: 8,436 pounds

Want to help make the recycling numbers even more impressive? You can:

- Check out the list of recyclables to make sure you are recycling all your paper.
- Collect paper in your desk-side box and empty it into one of the larger collection containers located on every floor.
- Talk to your coworkers about recycling if they are not already participating.
- If you have a lot of shredded paper, place it in a clear plastic bag next to the recycling container so there is room for more paper.

Congratulations to everyone who is contributing towards making the recycling program a success! Your efforts make a difference!

For more information, please contact:

- Hamilton County Recycling Hotline: 513-946-7766
- Michelle Balz: michellebalz@hamilton-co.org



Employees Can Recycle:

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| Office Paper | Junk mail |
| Glossy Paper | Brochures |
| Shredded Paper | Envelopes |
| Sticky Notes | Newspaper |
| Index Cards | Magazines |
| Manila Folders | Catalogs |
| Colored Paper | |



Hamilton County Department of Job and Family Services Co-Sponsors Free Conference



Hamilton County Job and Family Services joins Lighthouse Youth Services and the Ohio Practitioners Network for Fathers & Families in sponsoring a free fatherhood conference. It will be:

**“A Brighter Future:
Strengthening Fathers for Families and Community”
Friday, August 13, 2010
8:30 a.m.—3 p.m.
Kingsgate Marriott at the University of Cincinnati**

Fathers, attorneys, court personnel, probation officers, and social service agency employees who work with fathers and families are invited to register to attend.

The conference will feature workshops on child support, parenting, relationships, family violence, and mental health. Congress Representative Steve Driehaus will give the keynote address. Continental breakfast and lunch will be included.

Organizers have applied for free Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credits for attorneys.

If you would like to attend, please register in advance. You can call 513-487-6780 or visit this link:

<http://healthyfathers.brighterfuture.sgizmo.com>

In the Market for a Vehicle? Check Out the Hamilton County Surplus Auction!

(You can buy lots of other great items there, too).



www.hamiltoncountyohioauction.com



Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation District Offers Conservation Education Programs

The Soil and Water Conservation District (HCSWCD) is presenting free conservation education programs at several libraries around town this summer, on a variety of topics. For program descriptions, please visit the HCSWCD website: www.hcswcd.org/news/default.asp

If you have any questions about any of these programs, please contact:

- Gwen Roth, District Education Specialist at 513-772-7645, or
- The children's librarian at the particular library branch.



Wednesday, July 7, 2 p.m.—3 p.m., Loveland Brach Library, **Worms**

Thursday, July 8, 1p.m.—2 p.m., Cheviot Branch Library, **Cookie Mining**

Friday, July 9, 11a.m.—12 noon, Covedale ranch Library, **Worms**

Monday, July 12, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Sharonville Branch Library, **Lorax**

Monday, July 12, 2 p.m.—3 p.m., Avondale Library, **No Water Off A Duck's Back**

Wednesday, July 14, 2 p.m.—3 p.m., Blue Ash Branch Library, **Edible Soil**

Thursday, July 15, 12 noon—1 p.m., Symmes Twp Branch Library, **Program TBD**

Thursday, July 15, 2 p.m.—3 p.m., Delhi Brach Library, **Local Fossils**

Monday, July 19, 2 p.m.—3 p.m., Loveland Branch Library, **Lorax**

Tuesday, July 20, 2 p.m.—3 p.m., North Central Branch Library, **Lorax**

Wednesday, July 21, 1:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m., Madeira Branch Library, **Lorax**

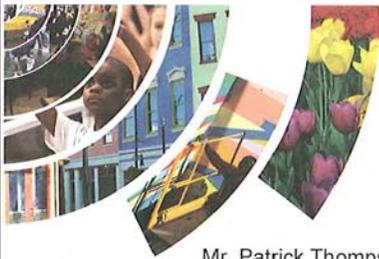
Tuesday, July 27, 2:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m., Madeira Branch Library, **Pur Water Treatment**

Wednesday, July 28, 2 p.m.—3 p.m., Price Hill Branch Library, **Local Fossils**

Thursday, July 29, 2 p.m.—3 p.m. Forest Park Branch Library, **Cookie Mining**



Hamilton County Employees Support the Fine Arts Fund



FineArtsFund

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June 4, 2010

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Dear Patrick:

A BIG thanks to you and the employees of Hamilton County for your strong participation in the 2010 Fine Arts Fund community campaign. Widespread support from individuals and companies across the region helped us reach our goal to raise \$11,000,000. Your Fine Arts Fund employee campaign plays an integral part in helping our local music, painting, dance, theatre, and artists create vibrant neighborhoods and bring people together through shared arts experiences.

Thank you for appointing Rocky Pegg as the leader of your employee campaign that raised \$17,978 for the arts in our community. It's clear that your campaign team invested substantial time and effort into this year's drive, and we couldn't be more pleased with your results.

The arts all across our community have surprising ripple effects of benefits making this a great place to live, work, play, and stay. Thank you for helping to build a strong region through the arts.

Sincerely,

Julie S. Janson
President, Duke Energy Ohio & Kentucky
2010 Chair of the Fine Arts Fund

cc: Rocky Pegg

Hamilton County employees contributed almost \$18,000 to the Fine Arts Fund in 2010.

Their generosity is appreciated!



Caring Families are Needed!



Germaine **Born August 8, 1997**

With Denzel Washington as his favorite actor and a fascination with shows like “NCIS” and “Criminal Minds,” it’s no wonder that Germaine’s dream is to become a member of the SWAT team someday. Luckily, this practical and dynamic pre-teen has the less dangerous career goal of architect as well!

Germaine’s sense of humor is a riot, and he loves to crack jokes and strives to make people laugh. He’s a smart kid and does well in school, although he looks forward to the end of the day when he can get outside and play football with the other neighborhood children.

This strong, bold young man loves one-on-one attention from adults and would do well in a family that stays active and busy.

**To learn more about Germaine and others available for adoption,
Please call 513-632-6366 or visit www.hckids.org.**



Please post “Hello Hamilton County,” so everyone can see what’s going on!

Hello Hamilton County is published monthly. It is designed to inform citizens and employees about news and events related to Hamilton County government and our community in general. You can find current and archived editions on the County’s website. If you have questions, suggestions, or article submissions, please contact Laura Maus.

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