



# JVS SPOTLIGHT

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## Austim Expo 2009



*Pictured above: Jonathon Sherwood sharing some information about JVS. The Levy 5 signs went very quickly and were very popular.*

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The Fourth Annual Families With Autism Spectrum Disorder Autism Expo was held on Saturday, September 26, 2009 from 10AM-4PM. This year the location was the Live Oaks Campus in Milford, Ohio, right off State Route 28. As always, we were happy to be invited to this event, and happy to share what services we provide to individuals with autism with interested parties. The event drew a large number of interested families from both Ohio and Kentucky. The crowd reflected several Ohio counties including Hamilton, Clermont and Butler Counties. Whether the person with autism was three years old or thirty-three years old, people were anxious to find the right services fit for them. It was a wonderful opportunity to share what we do!

Thanks to Jonathon Sherwood and Christine (Chrissy) Crites for running the JVS booth!

And, thanks to Julia Ann and Gregory Smith and Doug Blecher for putting together a wonderful event, and a great day for all!

With the November elections fast approaching, Jewish Vocational Service is putting on a Burger Bash. As advertised, 20% of the Wendy's proceeds will go toward the Hamilton County Board of MR/DD's levy. Please come out to support a great cause, and eat fast food (another great cause)!



The poster features the JVS logo in the top left corner, with the text "Jewish Vocational Service presents..." to its right. The Wendy's logo is prominently displayed in red, slanted letters. Below it, the words "Burger Bash!" are written in white on a blue oval background. The main text reads "Eat at Wendys and 20% of your purchase price goes to JVS!". This is followed by a row of five small burger icons. The event details are listed as "When: Wednesday, September 30 4-8 p.m." and "Where: 7289 Kenwood Rd. 45236 next to the Graeters". At the bottom, there is a large, detailed image of a Wendy's burger with a beef patty, tomato, lettuce, and onion. A blue handwritten-style note says "no coupon nessecary". The entire poster is framed with a red border and decorated with small blue starburst graphics.

JVS  
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## A SAD PASSING

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JVS would like to pass on condolences to the family and friends of Donald Fry. He passed away September 25, 2009, at the age of 55. Donald had worked at JVS in the Work Center for several years. Donald had also worked in the community at National Flag Company for many years. He was a very warm and friendly gentleman with a great sense of humor, and a strong knowledge of sports. His peers thought enough of Donald to vote him in the JVS Employee Council. Sadly, Donald's illness prevented him from ever attending a Council meeting. He will be missed by us all.

## NEW STAFF

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JVS would like to welcome some new staff to the company. Craig Black has joined our Hamilton County Job Coaching team. Erica Busch has taken over for Bernice Bingman as Work Adjustment Case Manager for the Rossplain work center. Chrissy Crites has joined our Work Adjustment team, and Debbie Brooks is now one of our JVS Employment Center Case Managers. We have also started a Project Search program, which will be highlighted in next month's Spotlight. We welcome everyone to the team!

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## STAFF REVEALED

On our trip back down to Hamilton County, the Spotlight visits a seasoned veteran at the Work Center in Blue Ash. Leigh Lockwood has been with Jewish Vocational Service for ten years (her anniversary is in October). She has remained a Work Adjustment Specialist her whole stint at JVS.

Although Leigh can be on the quieter side, she has a lot of impact on our individuals. She has a good working knowledge of sign language. Leigh has most of our individuals with a hearing impairment on her case load, which makes them at ease, knowing they can communicate and get their voice heard.

Leigh says that what she likes most about her job is that reward she feels, knowing that she's helping to make a difference in the lives of those we serve. She likes that no two days are the same, you never know what is going to happen or what you're going to do. The flexibility of the job is also nice.

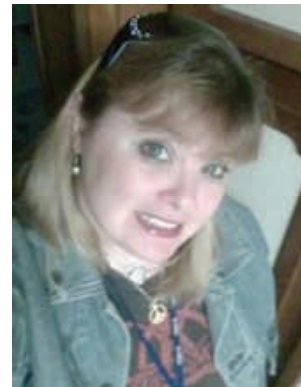
While off the clock, Leigh enjoys history and the outdoors. She enjoys gardening (props to you!), as well as quilting and knitting. Leigh also does some volunteering at her church.

Leigh is a great asset to JVS and is a dedicated and hard worker. We appreciate all that she does!



# CONSUMER DIARIES:

## MELONY REASTER



October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. Because of it, I thought I would write down some facts and information about the deadly, but recoverable disease.

When breast cancer is detected early and treated promptly, suffering and ultimately the loss of life, can be significantly reduced. Women are encouraged to ask their doctors and other health care providers about mammography screening. Mammography (an x-ray picture of the breast), is the single most effective method to detect breast changes that may be cancerous, long before symptoms can be seen or felt. For early stage breast cancer, there are more treatment options, and treatment can be less disfiguring and less toxic. The survival rate is much higher for women who find it early. By getting a yearly mammogram, you can help fight the cancer, before it takes the fight out of you.



### **Dietary Factors**

Dietary factors such as high-fat diets and alcohol consumption have been implicated as increased risk factors for breast cancer in some studies. More recent studies have disagreed and have stated that it's not high-fat diets that give you breast cancer.

### **Smoking & Breast Cancer**

Smoking damages nearly every organ in the human body. It is linked to at least 15 different cancers, and accounts for some 30% of all cancer deaths. It also costs billions of dollars each year for Americans. With knowing all that, one of five Americans still lights it up on a daily basis. Why would you continue to do something that you know is harming yourself and others around you?

### **Fitness & Breast Cancer**

Science long ago proved that fitness is one of the best deterrents to diseases and can contribute to living a long healthy life. A new study by researchers from the University of South Carolina, confirmed previous work that suggested exercise could reduce the risk of breast cancer. The group studied 14,000 women ages 20 to 83, with no history of breast cancer. They classified the women's aerobic fitness from treadmill tests performed with other medical exams at the Cooper Clinic in Houston, Texas from 1970 to 2001. The participants were rated from unfit to highly fit depending on the results. The study found that women in poor physical condition were three times more likely to die from breast cancer than those who exercise regularly. . .

Knowledge equals power, so find out everything you can and you'll be better equipped to prevent it or fight it. Get informed, stay informed, and have regular screenings. Protect yourself and others!

## Jewish Vocational Service

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### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Jewish Vocational Service will be open for all weekdays in October. Please call 985-0515 if you have questions about our programming schedule! We apologize for any inconveniences from the power outage that affected Rossplain in September.



WE'RE ON THE WEB:  
[WWW.JVSCINTI.ORG](http://WWW.JVSCINTI.ORG)

## REFERRAL INFORMATION

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**We are looking for new participants for any of the following:**

**Keith Hammond** can answer all Work Adjustment/Work Center, Enclaves, Mobile Work Crews, and the YMCA Day Array and student/summer questions at 513-347-1528 or [khammond@jvscinti.org](mailto:khammond@jvscinti.org). He also gives tours of the facility at Rossplain Road.

**Virginia Gilbert** manages the Adult Day Service, West Side Therapeutic Social and Recreation Services, and Supportive Home Service programs. If interested, contact her at 513-347-1585 or [vgilbert@jvscinti.org](mailto:vgilbert@jvscinti.org).

**Robin Totsch** is the contact for all JVS-Butler County sites, including the Fairfield and Hamilton Employment Centers and Work Crews. Robin's office is at 3400 Symmes Road; Hamilton, OH 45015 and she can be reached at 513-744-2500 or [rtotsch@jvscinti.org](mailto:rtotsch@jvscinti.org).

**Chrissy Perkins** manages Assessment, Evaluation, Academic Services, Job Development, Job Coaching, and Follow-Along services and will respond to queries at 513-347-1511 or [cperkins@jvscinti.org](mailto:cperkins@jvscinti.org).