

The Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental

Disabilities recognized its corps of volunteers with a brunch at the 100th Bomb Group on April 16. More than 200 people attended the event, whose theme was *Volunteers bring Joie de Vie!* The French motif carried through on the menu, artwork, donated gift baskets and favors.

In 2010, 225 our volunteers reported 15,764 hours of service! The total value of their contributions, based on an hourly rate of \$21.36 (the average current value of a volunteer hour, including benefits, according to Independent Sector statistics) was \$336719.04.

Named volunteers of the year were:

- **Doreen Skonier**, Beachwood Adult Activities Center
- **Jeanette Revay and Rudie** (her pet therapy dog), Brooklyn Adult Activities Center
- **Gladys Brown**, East Cleveland Adult Activities Center
- **Derek Osborne**, Euclid Adult Activities Center
- **Kaylin Caldwell**, Maple Heights Adult Activities Center
- **Gale Berda**, Parma Adult Activities Center
- **Jeannie Koran**, Rocky River Adult Activities Center
- **Dolores Kratzer**, Southwest Adult Activities Center
- **Greg Williams**, Green Road Developmental Center
- **Lynzie Powis**, Parma Developmental Center
- **Jean McGinnis**, Forest Hill Center
- **Heather Guhde**, William Patrick Day Early Childhood Center
- **John Jodzio**, Sussex Early Childhood Center
- **Karen Surella**, St. Bridget Early Childhood Center

Three organizations and one individual were recognized with Inclusion Awards. These awards honor organizations and individuals in the community for recognizing, supporting and integrating individuals with developmental disabilities into their organization and/or the local community.

Inclusion Award winners were:

- **the Holy Name High School Service Program**, whose student volunteers help with bowling and other activities;
- **Bon Appétit**, the food service at Case Western Reserve University, which employs men and women with DD;
- **Auntie Anne's Pretzels**, whose Parmatown and Great Northern locations employ workers with DD;
- and **Christian Borrero**, a self-advocate who speaks throughout Ohio and the nation on DD issues.

The Board of DD also honored **Michael A. Clegg** as the second inductee into its CCBDD Hall of Fame. This honor goes to an individual, group or organization that has, over the course of many years, made outstanding contributions to improving the lives of children and adults with developmental disabilities.

Clegg was recognized for his service as a board member and chairman at a time in the 1980s and early 1990s when the Board of DD underwent tremendous growth in enrollment and the scope of programs and services it provides. Enrollment in adult programs nearly doubled as several new adult centers were added and others were expanded. The Board of DD also began its residential programs, opening group homes in many communities in Cuyahoga County. He has also chaired six Board of DD levy campaigns.

