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## Deepwood Foundation Newsletter

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Greetings and happy summer! There are lots of exciting things happening at the Deepwood Foundation and we're hoping that our new email newsletter will help keep you in the loop. Please check it out and let us know what you think!

Wishing you a happy, healthy summer.

## 15th Annual Doc's Deepwood Run



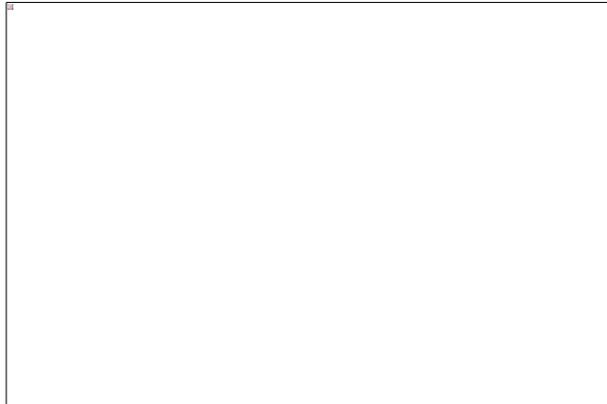
Isn't it great when two terrific non-profit agencies can work together to help even more people with developmental disabilities? The [Deepwood Foundation](#) is partnering with Doc's Deepwood Run to reduce duplication of services and provide a more effective use of resources.

[Doc's Deepwood Run](#) started as a compassionate idea by a Vietnam Veteran known simply as "Doc." Because funding for children and adults with developmental disabilities had been reduced, Doc saw the need and came up with the idea of raising funds through an organized motorcycle ride and raffle. Ever since, these funds have gone to help individuals with developmental disabilities.

[Click here for Run and Raffle Info](#)

### The 15th Annual Motorcycle Run will take place on

**Sunday, August 26th**, starting at Deepwood Center at 9:00 am. Raffles, door prizes and fun with grand prize drawings are at 11:00am. A Super Raffle offering great prize packages will make eight winners very happy! Raffle tickets are available [online](#) or by calling 440-946-4023. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Even if you're not a motorcycle enthusiast, make sure to come to see the sights and enjoy the excitement and support those with disabilities.



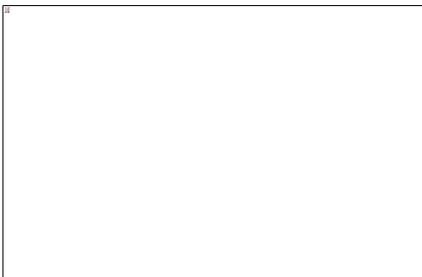
## Deepwood Foundation and Partners Give Away Over \$30K in May!

The Deepwood Foundation, Doc's Deepwood Run, the Marcus' Lantern Fund, the Autism Fund, and private donors joined to assist over 100 local children and adults with disabilities. Moneys spent will provide camp scholarships, communication devices, adaptive equipment, transportation assistance and more.

## Something to Smile About

Here's a great opportunity to brighten and whiten your teeth *and* donate money to the Deepwood Foundation! Drs. Greiner and Visger can beautify your smile with Zoom Whitening and will donate half the cost (or \$125) to the Deepwood Foundation. The dental office is located at 7553 Center Street in Mentor - call 440-255-2600 to make your appointment today!

## Save the Date!



You're invited to *Mardi Gras Magic - An Evening with Deepwood* on **Friday, November 9, 2012** at LaMalfa, Lake County's premier location for elegant events. Doors open at 6:00, and you can look forward to a fabulous buffet, an open bar, auctions, raffles, The Spectacular Spirit Wheel and ... a little bit of Mardi Gras magic.

The Benefits Committee is already hard at work soliciting donations and sponsors for the evening - can you help? Donation forms are available at the Deepwood Foundation office and items needed for raffles and auctions include everything from electronics to sports tickets, and from gift

cards to golfing packages. Sponsors are also being sought to help underwrite the evening. Please contact Rikke Coach or Melissa Gonzalez at 440-350-5209 or

[Melissa.Gonzalez@lakebdd.org](mailto:Melissa.Gonzalez@lakebdd.org) with your ideas and offers to help!

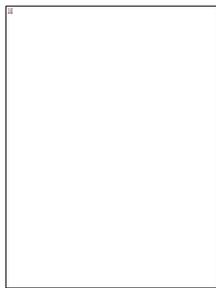
Ladies, you don't want to miss this! ***Jingle Belles Rock*** will take place on Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at LaMalfa on Heisley Road in Mentor. As in years past, Jingle Belles rock is a fun and affordable Girls' Night Out that helps benefit the Deepwood Foundation. Fun stuff will include an open bar, salad bar, pasta bar and chocolate (of course!), silent auctions, raffles, Chinese auctions, chair massages, side boards, vendors, grab bags, hair and makeup demonstrations, and some of Lake County's best-looking gentlemen (FIREMEN!) to wait on us for a change! [Buy your tickets now!](#)

### **Our New Website Is Gorgeous!**



Have you had a chance to visit the new, improved [Deepwood Foundation website](#)? Why not take a look right now? With support from the Cleveland Foundation, the new design incorporates beautiful photographs and allows visitors to [make donations online](#). Check our website for all the most up-to-date news from the Deepwood Foundation.

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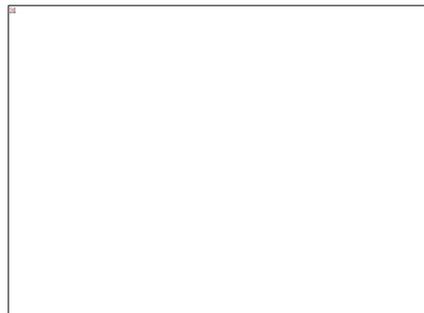
Sincere appreciation and gratitude is extended to these wonderful organizations and individuals for their generosity.

[The Finish Line Youth Foundation](#) made a generous donation to the "Camp for All" Program. The Finish Line Youth Foundation financially supports opportunities for participation in youth programs that place an importance on youth development and an active lifestyle. The Camp for All project supports unique, barrier-free camps working in partnership with other non-profits to enrich the lives of children and adults with challenging illnesses or special needs and their families throughout the year.

[The Knights of Columbus](#) made a generous donation from their Measure Up campaign. The Knights of Columbus has long been known for their support for our citizens with development disabilities. In Ohio, their primary fundraiser for assisting those with special needs is the annual Measure Up campaign. The KOC solicits donations from their own members with the "Gimme Five" campaign, and from local businesses and the public with a street collection.

Since 2006, the Knights of Columbus at St. Bede's have raised over \$33,000. \$27,000 has gone directly to Deepwood Foundation to purchase adaptive equipment and pay for camp tuitions. \$6,000 went to Special Olympics via the Knights of Columbus State organization. A special thank you goes out to Alana who raised money in honor of her grandfather for Deepwood and Chuck Johns, event coordinator.

Thanks to [Western Reserve Junior Service League \(WRJSL\)](#) for their generous donation to the "No Limits to Learning" program. WRJSL is a women's organization that raises funds for distribution to various non-profit organizations in Lake, Geauga, and Ashtabula Counties. No Limits to Learning is designed to increase adaptive technology for children and adults with developmental disabilities, and WRJSL has provided funds to buy iPads that will be loaned to early intervention teachers, elementary teachers, and vocational trainers on a rotating basis. Also, No Limits to Learning will provide matching funds to assist families in purchasing iPads for home use with their children (when appropriate and recommended by a speech therapist).



Thank you to [Eastlake Middle School](#) for hosting its second annual dance-a-thon in April to raise awareness for autism and to collect money for the Deepwood Foundation and autism research. About 170 students participated (and stayed on their feet for 12 hours!), raising almost \$10,000 for our neighbors with developmental disabilities.

Finally, many thanks to *Kevin Patton and Phillip the Fire Truck!* At last year's Foundation Fundraiser, both the Guenther Family and the Humble Family bid on a chance to ride on Phillip the Fire Truck. Both families chose to donate the truck to visit the program areas. To match their generosity, Kevin Patton offered the truck for an entire day, planning to spend time in every program area. On May 24, hundreds of children and adults had the chance to sit on, crawl on, and ride the truck that day. It was an experience they will never forget!