

Geauga County Board of  
MRDD  
(Metzenbaum Center)  
Winter 2008 Update



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Notable Retirements

Two long-time employees have retired after at least 30 years of service. After 43 total years of service, Tom Battles, our transportation supervisor, retired on November 30th. Pam Bill, a Hab Spec II, retired on December 31st after 30 years of service. Our best wishes go out to both of them.



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## Accreditation Report

The State of Ohio Department of MRDD completed their review of the Geauga County Board of MRDD. Their initial report is that the Board has received a four year accreditation. The Board is eligible to apply for a fifth year based on submitting documentation of "Best Practices" in at least 5 areas.

The Board received 98.7% of the possible points and only 5 citations. In 2004, the Board received a three year accreditation with 84 citations.



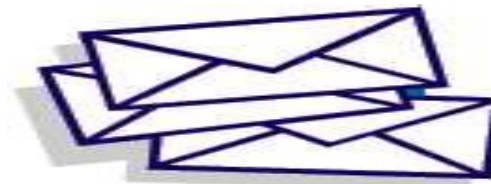
## Golf Outing

The third annual MRDD Golf Outing in Memory of Gary Fusco is scheduled for June 28th. If you are a golfer, a sponsor, or a volunteer, please let us know. We will be sending out details soon.



## New Residence Added

Maple Leaf Community Residences, Inc. has added a 14th home for community housing options. The new home, located in the Middlefield area, will be designed to provide housing for four new residents. The Ohio Department of MRDD provided 80% of the funds with a 20% match by the Geauga County Board of MRDD.



## Communications

We are working to improve our communications. If you have e-mail and would prefer to receive electronic communications, please call Ann Rosen at (440) 729-9406 with your e-mail address.

## Christmas at the Residence

Once again, Santa visited the ICFMR this year. The West Geauga Kiwanis Club sponsored the annual event. Parents and family members were invited to participate. A great time was had by everyone.



## Future Programming

The Board has approved the 2008 Annual Plan. The Plan includes providing Preschool and School-Aged services. For details, please call Don Rice.

## Family Swims

We are offering swim sessions for families in the evenings. If you are interested in participating, please contact Pam Marusic at (440) 729-0026.