

SENIOR CHOICES UPDATE

During the month of February, staff members spoke with **835** people who were interested in obtaining information and assistance, SENIOR CHOICES services or advocacy. Our staff enrolled **32** new clients and disenrolled **29** clients, bringing our total to **864** clients at month's end. So far this year, we have served **918** clients.

CARE CONSULTANT CHANGE

Care Consultant Candy Klingel resigned her position with the Council for Older Adults on February 22. We wish her the best in her future endeavors. We are in the process of hiring a new Care Consultant. You should be receiving a letter soon with information on the Care Consultant who will be assisting you during this time of transition. Once a new Care Consultant is hired and fully trained, clients will be transitioned to this Care Consultant. We will do everything in our power to ensure continuity of care. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this time of transition.

MARCH IS NATIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH

We would like to thank our social work staff at the Council for Older Adults for their dedication and commitment in working with older adults in Delaware County. We would also like to thank the community for supporting the SENIOR CHOICES program which allows older adults to remain safe and independent in their own homes for as long as possible.

CAREGIVER WORKSHOPS

The Council for Older Adults provides monthly opportunities for caregivers to learn, grow, and gather support. Presentations are provided by various members of our community and focus on a host of topics. Please join us on April 12 from 9:30 - 11:30 for "Nutrition and the Older Adult," presented by Lindsey Bills of Worthington Christian Village. Workshops are free and are held at the Center for Older Adults, 800 Cheshire Rd., Delaware. Please feel free to bring a friend! To register, please RSVP to Jen Spicer at (740) 203-2377.

CAREGIVER RECOGNITION

Every May, the Council for Older Adults recognizes some very exceptional caregivers in Delaware County. These caregivers provide ongoing support, care and assistance to elderly friends, family or neighbors. We feel that caregivers deserve a special gift of appreciation for their service. Dozens of volunteers will go to the homes of local caregivers on Wednesday, May 25, from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Volunteers will present caregivers with a letter of appreciation, a gift and a flower as a personal gesture of thanks for the efforts they make every day in caring for older friends and relatives. If you know a caregiver who deserves this special recognition, please contact the Council for Older Adults by May 13 at (740) 363-6677.

AARP TAX AIDE

IRS trained tax counselors are preparing taxes for those individuals needing assistance with filing their income taxes. AARP's Tax-Aide is a free annual program, brought to you by

your local AARP chapter and Council for Older Adults. The program makes tax assistance available to older adults in Delaware County. Those making appointments will need to bring their Social Security card and photo ID; last year's tax return; W-2s; 1099s; information on sales tax paid on the purchase of a new car if purchased in 2009; billing statements for new windows, doors, insulation, etc. purchased in 2010; amount paid in real estate taxes for 2010, even if you do not itemize, and any other tax-related materials. **This service is provided by appointment only.** Please call the Council for Older Adults to schedule tax appointments for the Center for Older Adults and Sunbury Library locations at (740) 363-6677 or (800) 994-2255, weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

There are five locations this year:

- 1) Center for Older Adults**, 800 Cheshire Rd., Delaware, Wednesdays & Thursdays, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- 2) Sunbury Library**, 44 Burrer Dr. in Sunbury, Tuesdays, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- 3) Westerville Senior Center**, 310 W. Main St. in Westerville. Tax appointments for this location can be made by calling (614) 901-6560.
- 4) Dublin Community Center**, 5600 Post Rd. in Dublin. Tax appointments for this location can be made by calling (614) 410-4550.
- 5) Andrew's House**, 39 W. Winter St. in Delaware, Tuesdays, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Tax appointments for this location can be made by calling (740) 369-4520.

SENIOR APPLIANCE PICKUP

Keep Delaware County Beautiful is again taking calls for the Senior Appliance Pickup service. Delaware County residents aged 60 and older can get large appliances and home computer components picked up from their homes for recycling for free. To get the service, phone Keep Delaware County Beautiful, located at the Delaware General Health District, at (740) 201-1700. The first to call will be the first served, and requests will be logged while funding remains available. The service assisted 63 households last year.

Chaffin and Sons Moving of Marysville has been hired to perform the pickup chores. The movers will accept home computers and computer components, ranges, refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers, microwave ovens, dishwashers, and dehumidifiers. Television sets and non-computer electronics will NOT be accepted. Additional appliance and home computer recycling opportunities for residents ineligible for the Senior Pickup will be announced in the near future.

The Senior Appliance Pickup service is funded primarily by the Council for Older Adults of Delaware County with additional support from the Delaware General Health District, which operates Keep Delaware County Beautiful.

SUMMER FESTIVAL JUNE 11....SAVE THE DATE!

The 19th annual Summer Festival will be held at the Center for Older Adults, 800 Cheshire Road in Delaware. This beautiful building and 12 acre grounds will be the perfect setting for the festivities. The event will be held on Saturday, June 11 from noon to 8 p.m. Look for more information in the near future!

