

## **Hamilton County Developmental Disabilities Services**

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Cheryl Phipps, Superintendent

## Winter 2011

## **Dear Friends of Cheryl:**

You've probably heard that Cheryl Phipps, Superintendent of Hamilton County DD Services, is retiring in October 2011, completing a career of service to individuals with disabilities in Ohio spanning more than 40 years.

Those who have had the honor of working with her for the past 11 years are planning a retirement send-off that will involve telling the story of her remarkable career and impact on individuals with disabilities, their families, and others who have worked with her. Our goal is to collect as many well wishes, pictures, articles, videos, etc., of her career from as many people as we can reach between now and the Spring. We need your help with the following:



- Save the date for the official retirement open house/reception: September 2, 2011, 3-7 pm
  Support Center offices, Hamilton County DD Services 1520 Madison Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45206
- 2. Check your picture, article, document archives and send any memorabilia to my attention at the above address.
- 3. Prepare to share your favorite memories of Cheryl on camera, and your impressions of the difference she's made in the lives of people with disabilities. Staff from HCDDS will be visiting various state meetings in the next several months to capture your spoken words on video. This will be shown at her retirement celebration and presented to her as a gift. (We are trying hard to keep this part a secret!)
- 4. Share your memories in writing by sending letters to my attention at the above address, sending emails to me at <a href="mailto:jenny.dexter@hamiltondds.org">jenny.dexter@hamiltondds.org</a>, or by visiting the blog we've started for this purpose at <a href="http://cherylphippsretirement.blogspot.com">http://cherylphippsretirement.blogspot.com</a>.

Thanks in advance for helping make Cheryl's send-off extra special. She's an extraordinary leader who's made a lasting impact on people with disabilities, their families, and those who have worked with her. We want her retirement celebration to reflect that impact well!

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Our Mission: Supporting people with disabilities and their families to achieve what is important to them.