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**MENTAL HEALTH**

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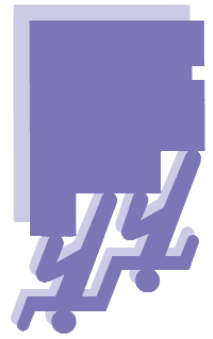
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 CONTINUE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

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- The following agencies are funded by The Geauga County Board of Mental Health & Recovery Services:
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Northeast Ohio
  - Catholic Charities Services of Geauga County
  - Teen Institute
  - Family First Council
  - The Family Planning Association of Northeast Ohio, Inc.
  - Lake-Geauga Recovery Centers, Inc.
  - Mental Health Association in Geauga County
  - NAMI Geauga
  - Neighboring Mental Health Services
  - Ravenwood Mental Health Center
  - WomenSafe, Inc.

**The Geauga County Board of Mental Health & Recovery Services**

November 6, 2007  
 "Continue Your Commitment"

Only 1/2 mill for five years.

**Cost for this replacement levy is just \$1.72 more per year for homeowners with a home valued at \$100,000.**

**Board Backs Up Promises with Quality**

**Levy Dollars Used Effectively - And As Promised**

In 2002, when the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services passed their one-half mill Mental Health Levy, they promised to bring back programs forced to close due to losses of state and federal funds.

Not only have those services been returned, but each one of those programs has been enhanced over the past 5 years! Mental Health services to seniors, children, and mentally ill adults have all been brought back and are once again available when they are needed.

Now, Geauga County residents can also be assured the administration and quality of those services are the best in the state as well. The Geauga Mental Health Board has just been awarded the Ohio Culture of Quality Certification, assuring the highest quality of administration and programming available. The Board is only one of seven in the state to meet the 142 strict standards and receive this three year certification, the highest recognition available. Acquiring this certification also received recognition from State Representative Matt Dolan and the Ohio House of Representatives (see picture), which provided their commendation to the Board for a job well done.



State Representative Matthew J. Dolan presents Jim Adams, Board Executive Director/CEO, a commendation from the Ohio House of Representatives.

Quality and a Commitment to Keeping Promises - That's Something Worth Supporting!

**Continue Your Support - Vote Yes For Issue 31, the Mental Health Replacement Levy!**

*Mental Health Association in Geauga County's mission is to promote services and programs that are responsive to the mental health and chemical dependency needs of the citizens of Geauga County. In furtherance of this purpose, we shall: \*Provide individual and group educational opportunities. \*Research, evaluate and disseminate relevant information. \*Increase awareness of mental health and chemical dependency causes and issues. \*Address public perceptions of mental health and chemical dependency. \*Support and facilitate the programs, activities and services of public and private providers. \*Foster public visibility of the Association as well as other community agencies.*

vote YES On Issue #31

# Casting A YES Vote on Issue #31 for the Geauga County Board of Mental Health Replacement Levy will ensure that these programs stay in our community!

## Preschoolers

The Mental Health Associations' **The Very Important Kid Program** is designed to increase self-esteem in preschool aged children. It is offered at most Geauga County preschools free of charge. The **Very Important Kids Club** is held the first Saturday of the month at the Middlefield Library FREE for 3-6 year olds.

The Board funds **KIDSFEST** every spring, a free fun-filled day of hands on activities, entertainment and refreshments featuring countywide information and services for families.

Catholic Charities Services **Dinosaur School** teaches three to nine year olds how to handle conflict, communicate effectively, and behave appropriately at school and at home.

## Children

WomenSafe reaches out to children who have survived a domestic abuse situation through their **Art Therapy** program.

Catholic Charities Services offers **Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation** in schools and in homes for children with persistent behavioral and emotional problems. A mental health consultant works one on one with parents and teachers to improve the child's social skills.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters **Mentoring Program** provides children of single parent homes with a positive friend and mentor, fostering self-esteem, trust, and responsibility building.

Ravenwood Mental Health Centers' **Junior Bridges Program** offers intensive treatment for children ages 8 to 11.

## Teens

Ravenwood Mental Health Center has many programs to help the troubled teen. **Bridges** is a partial hospitalization program for youth with severe mental health issues. Over 300 Geauga County youth have benefitted from this program since 1990. The **STOP Program** is a coordinated community program providing immediate and continuous help to children who have been sexually abused and their families.

Catholic Charities Services and Ravenwood Mental Health Center offer support groups in schools and have ongoing counseling, community support, and youth programs for children and teens in Geauga County.

**Family First Council** provides prevention, early intervention and an inter-system of services which support the entire family of multi-need children and teens.

WomenSafe's **Violence-Free Dating/Date Rape Prevention Program** is a vehicle to teach young people the skills for establishing healthy relationships and safely ending abusive ones.



This is a sampling of the programs funded by the Geauga County Board of Mental Health & Recovery Services.

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Mental Health Replacement Levy

## Parents

The Mental Health Association provides **Parentalk™**, a free parenting newsletter mailed to first time parents in Geauga County. Parents receive 20 issues from birth to five years of age corresponding with the baby's age and stage of development.

Catholic Charities Services and Ravenwood Mental Health Center offer counseling programs for parents of youth including anger management and parenting skills.

Catholic Charities' **Incredible Years Program** teaches positive parenting skills to help survive the preschool years for parents struggling with their children's behavioral issues.

Catholic Charities Services offers a **Family Violence Intervention** program for troubled families.

## Seniors

Suicide rates are highest among senior men over 65. The Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services oversees the **Suicide Prevention Coalition** dedicated to helping prevent suicide in Geauga County. Seniors are offered training and information to help prevent suicide among the elderly.

"**Senior Wellness Day**" part of Red Ribbon Week is funded in part by the Board.

Catholic Charities Services offers support groups for older adults in group homes and assisted living facilities to help reduce the isolation commonly experienced by the elderly. This service offers seniors the opportunity to interact and help each other.

Ravenwood Mental Health Center provides counseling, psychiatric services, partial hospitalization and community support to seniors with mental illness.

## Everyone

The Board is funding a new **NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness)** chapter in Geauga County, offering support, education and advocacy for families and persons with mental illness.

Ravenwood Mental Health Center runs **COPEline**, 1-888-285-5665, a 24-hour emergency hotline. **COPEline** can connect the caller to a 24-hour crisis intervention therapist.

**New Beginnings** is an Adult Partial Hospitalization Program for adults struggling with mental illness offering support, therapy and education.

Ravenwood Mental Health Center runs **The John Murray Center**, a social and recreational program for adult residents of Geauga County who are experiencing and/or recovering from mental illness.

Neighboring Mental Health Services' **Employment Program** helps consumers return to work after suffering from mental health issues.

Ravenwood Mental Health Center works closely with the Amish community, offering culturally sensitive mental health treatment.

The Mental Health Association offers **educational workshops** twice a year for Geauga County social workers, counselors, schools and safety forces.

This past year the Board launched the **Network of Care**, a web-based resource designed to meet the needs of consumers of mental health services. Visit the Network of Care at [www.geauga.org](http://www.geauga.org).

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Mental Health Replacement Levy

# CONTINUES YOUR COMMITMENT

to persons with mental illness.

VOTE  
**YES**

**YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT HELPS  
THOSE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS**

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Almost 700 children and over 2,300 adults are currently receiving treatment services.

**Thanks to YOU!**

Almost 400 senior adults receive mental health help from the Board.

**Thanks to YOU!**

Another 10,000 residents get education and prevention help.

**Thanks to YOU!**

**This levy passed the first time almost 5 years ago with YOUR SUPPORT!**

**WHAT WE SAID WE WOULD DO:**

- **Bring back closed agencies**
- **Fund all cut programs**
- **Restore education and enhance prevention services!**

**WHAT WE HAVE DONE:**

- **Renewed** our contract with Big Brothers/ Big Sisters
- **Reopened** the Mental Health Association
- **Brought Back** Neighboring Mental Health Services
- **Every reduced program is now running at full capacity**
- **WomenSafe, Suicide Prevention, Very Important Kids, and many, many more are now working because of you!**

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**Vote YES on issue #31, November 6, 2007**



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