The Breathing Association

Better Breathing for Better Lives

Air Waves

Summer 2016

Dear Friends,

This is the time of year that we move into the Summer Crisis Season, when we provide energy assistance and medical care to individuals especially vulnerable during the hottest weather. Seniors and children with lung conditions like asthma or COPD are most at risk.

For many of our readers and donors, we think the people eligible for this help live downtown - but in fact many of our neighbors here in our suburban communities are struggling to make ends meet and taking chances with their health. Many seniors trying to remain in their homes can't afford to run air conditioning or get sufficient medical care. Single parents, especially single moms, can find themselves in financial crisis and struggle to navigate the social service system to get help they need.

Our services can provide immediate relief and connect people to additional resources that can get them back on their feet. ***THAT'S WHY YOUR SUPPORT MEANS SO MUCH*** – by spreading awareness of our services, volunteering with us or giving financial support, you help us reach all those who need support – whether they are living next door or downtown – so they can breathe easier.

Thank you for supporting our crucial work. You make all the difference!

Happy Summer!

Joanne Spoth

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President & CEO
The Breathing Association

Save the Date!

October 20, 2016

110th Anniversary Celebration!

An evening to benefit lung health advocacy, outreach & education

6-9 pm

Grange Insurance Haaf Hall

Summer Health and Energy Fair

July 1st is the date for our annual Summer Health and Energy Fair – a family-oriented summer cook-out and information event for clients seeking energy and medical assistance for the summer.

As the only medical Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) provider in central Ohio, July and August are when we focus on providing cooling assistance and medical care to low income families and individuals, especially seniors. We combine the summer HEAP signup process each year with a festive community cook-out complete with free food, games for the kids and raffle prize giveaways.

As a bonus to our guests, we offer free health screenings through our Mobile Medical Unit and invite other community agencies to join us so they can provide additional helpful resources to families in a one-stop info-fest.

We are so grateful to the many local businesses who show their support with their donations and giveaways, and for NCB4 for providing media coverage. For more information about this event, visit our website www.breathingassociation.org.

Columbus Youth Foundation helps with Asthma Summer Outreach Program

The Breathing Association will again team up with a number of sports camps this summer, especially those serving children from low income households. Joey Reed, RN, will work with coaches, kids and their parents to provide information about asthma and how to ensure young athletes can participate safely and successfully.

The support from The Columbus Youth Foundation also enables us to identify and help families who may benefit from a home visit or are eligible to receive additional support through our HEAP program or clinical services.

A Mother's Day Celebration!

honoring Jeanne Shoedinger

May 5, 2016
11:30 am-1:00 pm
The Boat House

Diane Habash

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