



**MONTGOMERY**  
C O U N T Y

**STILLWATER CENTER**

***Celebrates National***

***Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month***

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# March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month



# What Are Developmental Disabilities?

- Developmental Disabilities are a group of conditions due to an impairment in physical, learning, language or behavior areas. These conditions begin during the developmental period, may impact day-to-day functioning and usually last throughout a person's lifetime.

Source: Rubin, C., Crocker, A.C. (1989) Developmental Disabilities: Delivery of Medical Care for Children and Adults.



# Facts About Developmental Disabilities?

- One in six, or about 15% of children aged 3 through 17 years have one or more Developmental Disabilities.
- Caring for a child with a disability cause marital strain, financial challenges and emotional stress within families.
  - *Ex. Mothers of children with Autism spectrum Disorder are 6% less likely to be employed, work 7 hours less per week, and earn 56% less than mothers with children with no health limitations.*
- The number of adults with a developmental disability is expected to double by the year 2020. This will increase the need to address funding for transition services, residential care and trained caregivers.



# Stillwater Center

8100 N. Main Street – Dayton, Ohio



- 98 bed ICF/IID owned and operated by the Board of County Commissioners
- Provides respite and residential care to adults and children with severe to profound Developmental Disabilities and significant medical needs.



***At Stillwater, we recognize that...***

**Not All Disabilities are  
Congenital.....Some  
Disabilities are caused.**



# The Joani M. Story



**Joani in 2011**



# Joani's Story

- In 2011, at the hands of her father, Joani M. suffered the following injuries
  - Multiple broken ribs
  - Two broken legs
  - Retinal Hemorrhages and Hematomas
- As a result of her injuries, Joani requires life sustaining medical care, which she receives at Stillwater Center.

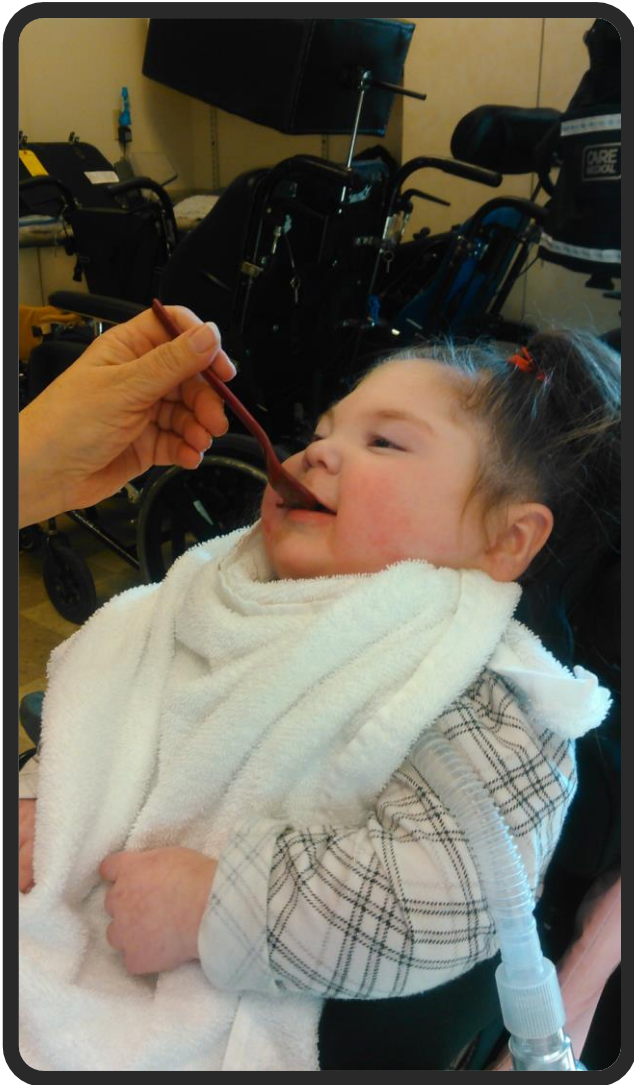




# Prosecuting Attorney Quote

“ Her chance of having any meaningful life is gone”





At Stillwater, dedicated  
staff  
work with Community  
Partners  
to ensure that Joani has a  
Meaningful Life.



# Joani's Meaningful Life



Attended Stillwater Center's in-house classroom once she came of pre-school age.

Now attends Rosa Parks Early Learning Center. Thanks to our partnership with Dayton Public School and Alliance Home Care.

Joani is able to get our attention by pulling on her trach tubing and then laughing about it.

