

## Patience

The new fishing dock at Echoing Hills provides an amazing outdoor experience for the people we serve. While a fun activity, it requires great patience. Waiting for the fish to nibble the bait, and for those with dexterity issues it may take several tries to cast the line. But just as God is patient with us to do a good work, so must we be patient in life!

## Self-Control

A week at Camp is an opportunity for campers to experience the love of Jesus Christ and to feel accepted, encouraged and challenged to reach their fullest potential. They are introduced to friendships and a relationship with Jesus. To experience the fullness of this relationship, campers are shown love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness AND self-control as it really all begins and ends with His Spirit empowering us in self-control.



## Kindness

A young woman named Lacey reached out to us before Christmas asking if she could provide gifts to the people who call Echoing Hills of Central Ohio home. Lacey, who has cerebral palsy, wanted to show kindness to others by making sure Christmas would be special...and it was! Lacey lovingly purchased and wrapped every single gift. Kindness is the gift that is never forgotten, is easily shared and is achievable by everyone.



# Echoing Hills Connection



But the fruit of the spirit is...

Goodness

Peace

Love

Faithfulness

Joy

Gentleness

Kindness

Self-Control

PATIENCE

Where the spirit of the Lord  
is there is freedom!

Galatians 5:22



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Residential



Adult



Education



Recreation



Earlier this year, as I was reflecting on the work of the ministry and our core values of CHOICE, DIGNITY, FULFILLMENT, and RELATIONSHIP, a thought clearly came to me. God's call for our work at Echoing Hills is not simply a call for us to do the work, but for us to work in a certain way – diligently, thoughtfully, and for the good of others. Our work is an opportunity for us to display the Fruit of the Spirit and be reflective of the character of God in all we do.

First, I wanted to really take a hard look at myself as the leader of Echoing Hills. Is my leadership motivated by love for people? Do I exhibit an unshakable joy, even in tough times? Do people see my peace and take courage? Do I patiently wait for results and have realistic expectations? Am I a caring and understanding person to everyone? Do I want the best for every person? Am I faithful and do I keep commitments? Can I be strong and firm, but yet compassionate and understanding? Do I have a calm disposition while in stressful situations?

After taking a closer look at myself, I realized we are all human, we make mistakes and will never be perfect. But we need to remind ourselves to always look to the Lord for wisdom and grace. Megan – an Echoing Hills Board member – said it to me best. "Always follow your heart, and lead by the Fruit of the Spirit." I have applied this personally and professionally, and have incorporated it into the day-to-day at Echoing Hills. The Fruit of the Spirit will allow us to build trust, and create an environment in which to thrive for both the team and the individuals we serve. Always remember, where the spirit of the Lord is – there is freedom!

Tim Neville, President and CEO

## JOY Night to Shine

A crown, a tiara, and a night filled with music, dancing, and friends. The much anticipated event brings joy to so many. Several Echoing Hills locations participated in Night to Shine...where everyone was shining brightly.



## Peace

A father shares...The first time we pulled into Echoing Hills, we knew it was different. Within two to three months, Jeff was a different man. He is treated as a person, for the first time since his brain injury. With raw emotion, he says how much he appreciates everyone and the positive impact on Jeff and their family because of the person he *is today!*



## Goodness

Each one of us has the ability to show kindness, to spread goodness, and to give of ourselves. These amazing team members from Echoing Hills of Southwest Ohio made sure everyone who wanted to attend the DD Awareness and Advocacy Day gathering at the State House in Columbus got there safely!



## Love

Falling in love, sharing a life together. The joy of knowing you have a partner in life. Someone to share the special moments. Someone to help weather the storms. Someone to love for the rest of your life! God created us for relationship with Him and with others. The greatest gift ever given was unconditional love!



## Faithfulness

The amazing team at Echoing Hills of Southeast Ohio is committed year after year to organizing and participating in a Walk-and-Roll-athon to make improvements that benefit the people we serve. Everyone gets in involved...including community! Even an orange, hairy animal!



## GENTLENESS

Gentleness is a gift of the spirit, but also takes a heart filled with kindness, compassion and a love for others. We witness this every day at Echoing Hills as our Direct Support Professionals interact with the individuals served! Our wonderful team loves with open arms just like Jesus. The Word tells us "Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near." – Philippians 4:5

