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Area office on Aging honors thirteen home health aides in the trenches



Ms. Billie Johnson, president and CEO of the Area Office on Aging, explains the importance of home health aides, to those in attendance at the breakfast

By Journal Staff Writer

Seeking to see wages for home health aides, go from minimum, to a living wage, administrators and top officials at

the Area office on Aging invited local, state, and federal politicians, representing the varying districts of Northwest, Ohio, to their ninth Legislative Breakfast. The event was held Monday,

May 4 at the Parkaway Plaza, in Maumee, Ohio.

Billie Johnson, president and CEO at the agency said that, they will use the time with the officials to discuss concerns

and issues facing older adults, as well as the home health aides that take care of them.

In addition, 13 area home health aides were given awards for their service to the older adults.

"We're honoring 13 workers who are in the trenches of providing care to seniors who can no longer do it for themselves, or don't have family members around to help them," Ms. Johnson stated. The awardees were nominated by their place of employment.

"Many of these individuals are working for minimum wage, with no benefits. We want to bring to the legislators a need for the workers to get a living wage and benefits so they can care for their families," she stressed.

Michael Ashford, state representative for House District 44, told The Toledo Journal that, although there's no bill on the floor of the House, they are still in the talking stages. "A living wage is well over due, especially for home health aides."

Barbara Sears majority floor

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Veteran and beginner runners, as well as other exercise enthusiasts, laced up their running shoes, stretched their legs, and some secured their phones or other musical listening devices to their arms, as they prepared to either run, or walk in the second annual S.T.R.I.V.E 5K Walk-Run. The event was held on Saturday morning, May 9 at Ottawa Park, North Cove Boulevard.

Flo Wormely, officer for the Toledo Police Department, TPD, as well as coordinator for S.T.R.I.V.E, which is an acronym for Success Through Review Incentive Vision Effort, is a program that prepares students to take the Ohio Graduate Test, OGT, said the second year event had approximately 150 people registered.

"The purpose of this event is to raise funds to help put on youth programming, particularly preparing for the OGT, and a for a summer fitness component called Brains and Body Summer fitness Program," she said.

First place winner received a certificate and a S.T.R.I.V.E. drinking mug.

In addition to the walk-run, TPD showcased their robotic bomb equipment, and dogs from their K-9 unit.

Also, \$500.00 from the

S.T.R.I.V.E 5K Walk-Run brought at the best in people



Let the races begin with runners up front and walkers coming in behind them

event goes to the University of Toledo as a book scholarship for an African American female going into nursing. The scholarship is honor of former S.T.R.I.V.E student, Jordan Harris, who was tragically murdered, in a domestic violence dispute, on October 13, 2013.

"I feel proud and honored that my daughter is remembered in this fashion" said Leslie

Jones, Jordan Harris' mother.

Jordan was a State Tested Nursing Assistant, STNA, and was in school to become a Registered Nurse, before her murder.

"My daughter would be honored," Ms. Jones said.

The three runners earning first, second and third place were Aaron Riter, Ken Mackinon and Nick Linthicum.

"I participated in the event because it was a good cause and I wanted to represent the TPD in a positive way," said Mr. Riter, who is an officer for the TPD, finished first with a time of 21:20.

He told The Toledo Journal his strategy was, "Start fast, and finish fast."

Although Mr. Linthicum

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