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**DENISE BLAND**

## LICCO appoints Bland to board, Gutmann retires

**HEATH** -- Denise Bland recently was appointed to the LICCO Inc. Board of Directors.

Bland is an administrative services supervisor for State Farm Insurance in Newark. She has worked for the company for 14 years.

“Denise has volunteered numerous times at LICCO for the State Farm Good Neighbor event and is very supportive of the visions of both LICCO and the Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities,” said Kyle Miller, LICCO’s chief executive officer and director of adult services for the LCBDD. “Because Denise has demonstrated interest and support over the last couple of years, she was the natural choice to fill a vacancy on the LICCO Board.”

Bland lives in Heath with husband, Chris, and their two daughters. She has volunteered at the St. Vincent Haven homeless shelter for men, and attends Jersey Baptist Church in Pataskala.

Bland fills the LICCO Board seat that was recently vacated by John Gutmann, also a Heath resident and State Farm employee. Gutmann retired from the LICCO Board as its immediate past president. He had served two three-year terms, the maximum number of terms allowed.

Gutmann proved to be an outstanding leader and Board member, and is credited with involving his State Farm coworkers in a number of volunteer projects at the workshop, according to Miller.

“John made a significant impact,” Miller explained. “He recruited volunteers, encouraged donations and secured valuable resources -- including equipment and grant awards -- which has greatly benefitted the LICCO organization. He will be truly missed on our Board, but we know he will continue to be a great friend and supporter.”

Including Bland, those serving on the LICCO Board in 2011 are: Zoe Latimer, Jim Johnson, Pamela Ondrik, Linda Linham, Sheri White, Doug Wills and Brian Elder.

LICCO Inc., 600 Industrial Parkway, Heath, is a private, non-profit organization. It works in partnership with The Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities and local employers to provide meaningful work experiences -- in the workshop and throughout the community -- for adults with developmental disabilities in order to increase their independence. To learn more, visit [www.LICCOINC.com](http://www.LICCOINC.com).

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