

Community Recognition Award



Pictured from left: Commissioner Scott Dunn, Sherri Mitchell-FCBHA Intellectual Disabilities Deputy Administrator, Kelly Linko, Rita Rosensteel, Glenda McLaughlin and Commissioner Vincent A. Vicites

For four years in a row three women have given residents in the county with an intellectual disability something that many of them have never experienced – a prom.

And while they don't do it for the recognition, Glenda McLaughlin, Rita Rosensteel and Kelly Linko were honored last week by Fayette County and the Fayette County Behavior Health Administration (FCBHA) Advisory Board. These ladies were presented the 2023 FCBHA Advisory Board Community Recognition Award by Sherri Mitchell, Intellectual Disabilities Deputy Administrator at May 2024 Commissioners' meeting. Mrs. Mitchell stated the women are deserving of the recognition because of the kindness and caring they show in all of the activities they plan for the "Under the Stars" special needs prom. They help the attendees find attire for the event and arrange for the night's food and musical entertainment. She went on to say "Most of our individuals didn't have the opportunity to go to a prom when they were in school. This is an amazing opportunity for them. There's no dollar amount you can put on it for how happy the individuals are after this occurs," said Mitchell.