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Autism Day 2015

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April is Autism Awareness Month. Blue lights are seen across the nation as part of Autism Speaks Light it Blue campaign for Autism Awareness. On April 24, 2015, Autism Day was held at Morton Group Home. The event started at 9 am with a proclamation signed by Mayor Jimmy Clyde. Arts and crafts, horseshoes, tether ball, and a parachute game were all part of the scheduled activities.

The publication of the BRC Bulletin is made possible by contributions from our dedicated and talented employees. The articles and pictures were written, taken and formatted by BRC employees. Their contributions are greatly appreciated! We sincerely hope that you enjoy this edition of the Boswell Regional Center Bulletin, April 2015 Issue.



Boswell Goes Above and Beyond

Recently, the Arc of Mississippi recognized Boswell Regional Center with the “Above and Beyond Award.” Mr. Matt Nalker, Executive Director of the Arc of Mississippi, presented the award to Mr. Steven Allen, Director of Boswell Regional Center, in appreciation of the commitment to provide services and supports for those we care most about. “The dedication and compassion of people like you assures a positive quality of life for so many,” said Nalker. All of the programs at Boswell should take pride in this recognition.



Spotlight on: Jeff Martin



**Mr. Jeff Martin,
Director of Business Services**

The spotlight for the month of May is Jeff Martin, Director of Business Services. Jeff began work at Boswell in May of 2001. His first duties were in Human Resources as a Personnel Officer working for Suzie Wilder. In 2005, Jeff was promoted to the Business Office Director. Before coming to BRC, Jeff worked 29 years in the “jeans” business. “After the Raleigh Company closed, I traveled to Mexico each month to oversee several contract factories in the San Juan Del Rio area. After a couple of years, the decision was made to move production from Mexico to China. That was enough for me, and I ended up at BRC after that.”

Jeff graduated from Raleigh High School, Jones County Junior College, and Mississippi State University (Go Dawgs). He has also completed the Certified Public Manager Program and attended the Stennis Institute after coming to BRC. Jeff says, “I enjoy working with all the folks at BRC, well most anyway. I really do hate to have to be the bad guy a lot of times - but that just comes with the territory.”

Jeff is married to his high school sweetheart, Becky Martin. They have been married for 40 years and have one son, Jason. “We also have twin grandchildren on the way, if God continues to bless. I plan on spoiling them rotten and sending them back home to Jay and V. Payback is going to be fun.”

Jeff is a member of First Baptist Church Raleigh where he loves playing the bass guitar in the church praise band. He enjoys listening to Christian Contemporary music and old time Rock and Roll. He also loves to fish, hunt and “fool with cows.” He happily admits, “the best time of my life was when Jay was around 12 years old and we were inseparable when it came to fishing. We fished together all the time, from fun fishing to bass tournaments, all the way to today. That has been a special blessing being able to spend time like that with him.”



Angela Murphy is a *Survivor!*

One of Boswell’s nurses, Angela Murphy, finished as the First Cancer Survivor to cross the finish line at the April 11, 2015, Susan G. Komen “Race for the Cure.” Angela is a 2 year Breast Cancer Survivor. Her love for life is simply amazing. She is such a sweet and caring young lady. When asked, she stated she couldn’t have done it without all the love and support that was given to her from Boswell. She states, “God has truly led me to the place I am supposed to be.” Congrats, Angela! We are so proud of you.

OPERATION

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START

Operation Jump Start is a proposed microenterprise development program that partners with Boswell Community Services and Boswell Employment Services in seeking to financially assist aspiring entrepreneurs. Microenterprises are small businesses with just a few employees that require relatively small capital investments to start. These small enterprises create employment for the founders, other members, and with several imaginative concepts could grow enough to employ other members of the community.

Operation Jump Start will provide resources that may be used by a person seeking funding or business start-up. The blending aspect occurs when Boswell Community Services and Boswell Employment Services collaborate and combine resources to support individuals in achieving their self-employment goals.

T. Beube is already active in the Jump Start program. He is an agricultural entrepreneur who grows vegetables, such as, okra and sells it to the public through a farmer's market partnership. The Jump Start program has enabled Mr. Beube to turn his years-long hobby into a potentially profitable business.



Boswell Artists Win Art Exhibit

This year 37 pieces of art were entered in the 27th annual Goodwill Art Show, which was held at the Madison Square Center for the Arts in Madison, Mississippi. Mr. D. Jackson, who currently resides at Fairway and is a soloist for the choir, sang for the awards ceremony to the great pleasure and delight of the audience there. The thrill of the evening was the announcement that Mr. T. Williams, who also currently resides at Fairway, had won first prize for the nonprofessional category with his painting entitled "Catfish Pond." This prize was not just a certificate and blue ribbon, but also included a check for \$500!



Biking



Mississippi Adolescent Center Recreation recently purchased five bicycles and safety helmets. A few of the guys pictured below were the first to get to use the equipment on a lovely day for biking.



Entergy Donation

Entergy Area Line Supervisor Jay Luckey presents a total of \$500 to Boswell Regional Center. The proceeds are split between Boswell's Friends and Family Association and Special Olympics. Receiving the check on behalf of BRC is employee and Special Olympics Area 2 Director, Calvert Sims, Jr. Friends and Family supports the persons we serve, fosters the development of programs on their behalf, and raises/receives funds for that accomplishment. Special Olympics is a national organization that provides children and adults with intellectual disabilities the opportunity to develop, improve fitness and motor skills, and to gain self-confidence and a more positive self-image. Participating in Special Olympics gives the athletes a chance to showcase their talents. Summer Games will be held at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, MS, from May 8 to 10, 2015.



Horses for Handicapped

Horses for Handicapped was established in 1981 and takes place each April at the Mississippi Fairgrounds. The four-day event provides horseback riding, wagon rides, petting zoo, games and activities to nearly 1,700 children and adults with disabilities. Between 225-250 outstanding volunteers come each day to make this special event happen. There are students from junior highs, high schools and colleges volunteering plus individual volunteers. After enjoying the activities at the coliseum, MAC clients went to the park and had a pizza lunch.



A. Rose accepts the certificate for BRC recognizing Boswell as a Relay Patron. BRC held a silent auction to raise the funds to donate to the American Cancer Society. Relay for Life was held Friday, April 24 at the Magee Sportsplex.

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Where Dreams Can Become Reality

BOSWELL REGIONAL CENTER

Family and Friends Day

On Saturday, April 18, 2015, Ridgeview and Oak Brook held its first annual Family Fun Day. Families of the individuals came out to enjoy time with their loved ones. The day also included great food, fun games, and providing information regarding programs and placement options.

Despite a rainy weather report, the individuals and family were able to get out for a little while and seek to find coins hidden by the Units' Administrator, Will Beeson. They used a metal detector to search for the hidden coins. Jamie Prine, QIDP for Oak Brook, helped the individuals draw on the sidewalk with sidewalk chalk and Gilbert Reed, Recreation Specialist, coordinated the fun BINGO game. Other activities were planned; however, time would not permit to do them all. Other staff members attended, too, and helped make this event possible.

Thank you to all staff who came and took part in this fun day! Donald Lockhart and Gilbert Reed, both Recreation Specialists, cooked hamburgers and sausage dogs. The campus kitchen staff provided potato salad, baked beans, chips, banana pudding, and drinks. It was a fun filled afternoon for our first annual Family Fun Day.

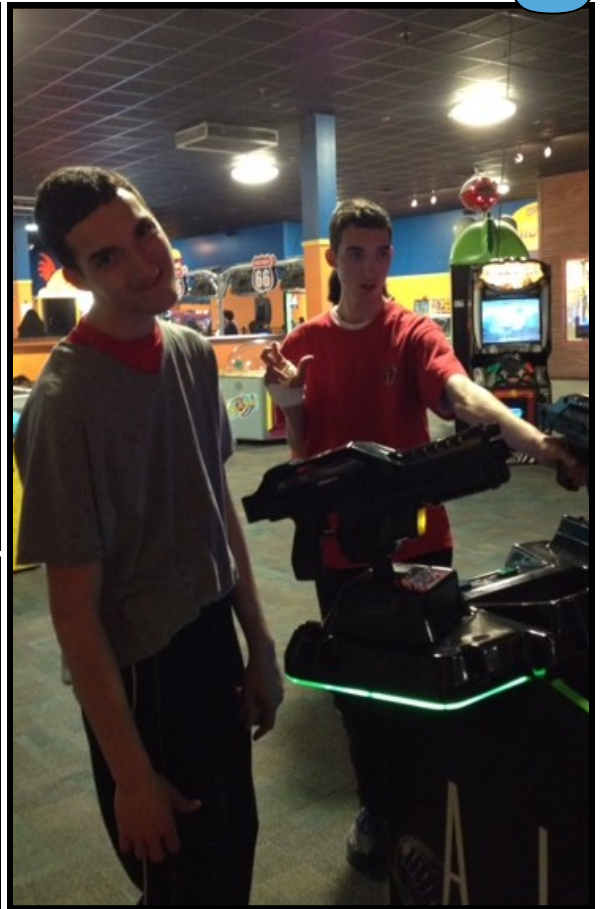


A Day at the Park



Here are some recent pictures of guys from the MAC when they had a day at a local Brookhaven park.

Gatti Town Outing



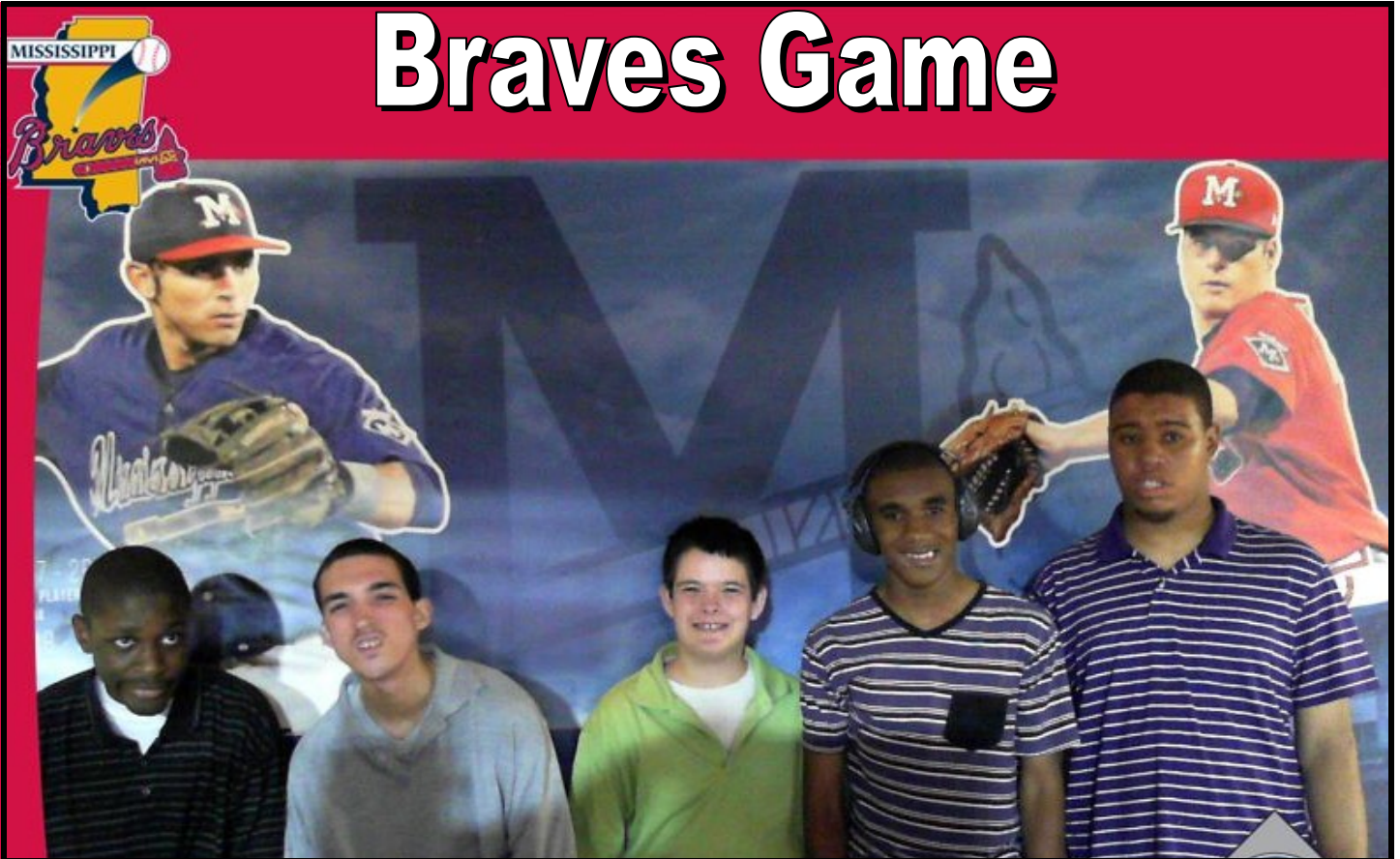
Some of the guys from the Mississippi Adolescent Center had a recent outing to Gatti Town, located in Hattiesburg, MS.

MAC Autism Awareness Day



Mississippi Adolescent Center held an Autism Awareness Day on April 2nd. Everyone attending was given blue cupcakes and blue punch. There was also a balloon release that was enjoyed by all.

Braves Game



On Friday, April 10, 2015, a small group of guys from MAC attended the Mississippi Braves Game. They enjoyed a great night of baseball, hotdogs and cokes.



Fish Fry



Each third Wednesday of every month Elmer Thomas, Program Manager for Rials Creek, Simpson Cove, and Mendenhall Retirement organizes an evening of fellowship and good food. The three sites come together to cook and fellowship with one another. For the month of April the menu was fried fish, potato salad, baked beans, and tossed salad, mostly prepared by Elmer. Elmer states, "I love to cook and more so love to see the persons we serve enjoy the company of each other."



Pastor's Corner



Bro. Rudy Jackson
BRC Chaplain

Just a line to say I'm living
That I'm not among the dead
Though I'm getting more forgetful
And mixed up in the head.
I've got used to my arthritis
To my dentures I'm resigned
I can manage my bifocals
But oh God, I miss my mind.
For sometimes I can't remember
When I stand at the foot of the stairs
If I must go up for something
Or if I've just come down from there.
And before the refrig, so often
My poor mind is filled with doubt
Have I just put food away, or
Have I come to take some out.
And there are times when it is dark
With my nightcap on my head
I don't know if I'm retiring
Or just getting out of bed.
So if it's my turn to write you
There's no need of getting sore
I may think that I have written
And don't want to be a bore.
So remember I do love you
And I wish you were near
But now it's nearly mail time
So I must say "Goodbye Dear."
There I stood beside the mailbox
With a face so very red
Instead of mailing you my letter
I opened it instead!

- AUTHOR UNKNOWN

2 Corinthians 4:16 - For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward *man* is renewed day by day.

The apostle Paul reminds us that this body of ours will wax old with every passing day as the poem suggests yet that which is eternal will never fade, will never perish and will be as youthful ten thousand years from now as when you were a child. What age is stealing from the temporal cannot touch the soul of a Christian which is eternal.

BRC February EOM



During the March Director's Meeting, Boswell Regional Center recognized Employees of the Month in the area of support/professional staff. Richetta Durr (Day Services) was recently named Employee of the Month for February. Her hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated. Congratulations!

BRC March EOM's



During the April Director's Meeting, Boswell Regional Center recognized Employees of the Month in the areas of support and professional staff. Lottie Keyes, Nutritional Services; and Rena Wood, Pinelake Geriatric were recently named Employees of the Month for March. Their hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated. Congratulations!

Governor's Service Awards



Two Boswell Regional Center employees received Governor Service Awards in recognition of a total of 40 years of state service. They were recognized for their dedication to BRC at the April Director's Meeting. Pictured are: Mary Kelly (20 yrs), Theresa Humphrey (20 yrs), with William Gates, Director of Mississippi Adolescent Center in Brookhaven, MS.

MAC March EOM



During the April Director's meeting, Mississippi Adolescent Center recognized the Employee of the Month for March. Pictured are (l to r): William Gates, MAC Director; and Employee of the Month, Victor Dillon.

National Pig in a Blanket Day!



Krystle Drones was one of three lucky winners of a Pig in Blanket compliments of Lee's Donuts!

JOURNEY SKYWARD

With the
Journey of Hope!



(Journey of Hope is a cross-country bicycle trek beginning on the west coast and ending in Washington, D.C. The Event raises funds and awareness for people with disabilities.)

The Journey of Hope is a ride with a purpose!



Saturday, July 18, 2015

John Bell Williams Field

(Raymond, MS)

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Join Us To

Meet the Cyclists!

And

**Be a Co-Pilot in an
Airplane!**



We have limited spaces for flights –if you want to fly, please RSVP as soon as possible to Matt Nalker@601-355-0220 or Rickey Anderson @ 601-969-4009.



POSITIONS AVAILABLE
(Magee, Brookhaven, New Hebron
and Shivers)

Direct Support Professionals are needed
for all shifts and locations.

If you believe that helping people
matters, then we need you at BRC!

For more information contact:

Human Resources
601-867-5000 Ext. 75079

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Programs

Boswell Regional Center programs offer an extensive range of program and service options to those with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD). The primary goal of each existing program using a person centered approach is to allow each person to live more independently and to fulfill their lives through meaningful days.

Programs and services offered through BRC include:

Community Options:

- In Home Services
- Community Living
- Crisis Transition Homes
- Employment Opportunities
 - Day Options
 - Behavior Services
 - Autism Services



Campus Options:

On Campus Residential Services

On Site Day Programs

Person First Language

Person-first language emphasizes the person, not the disability. By placing the person first, the disability is no longer the primary, defining characteristic of the person, but one of several aspects of the whole person.

YOU SHOULD SAY:

person, people

person with an intellectual disability,

people with disabilities

people without disabilities

person who has a congenital disability

person who has (or who has been diagnosed with)...

person who has Down Syndrome

person who has autism

person with quadriplegia, person with paraplegia, person diagnosed with a physical disability

person with a physical disability

person with a cognitive disability

person of short stature, little person

person who is unable to speak, person who uses a communication device, communicates with eyes or gestures

people who are blind, person who is visually impaired

person with a learning disability

person diagnosed with a mental health condition or a mental illness

YOU SHOULD NOT SAY:

consumer, client, individual, resident, recipient, patient

mentally retarded, slow, moron, idiot, retard

the handicapped, the disabled, crippled

normal, typical

person with a birth defect

person afflicted with, suffers from, a victim of....

A Downs, mongoloid

the autistic, an autistic

a quadriplegic, a paraplegic, a spastic

a cripple

mentally retarded, slow, moron, idiot, retard

a dwarf, a midget

non-verbal, dumb, mute

the blind

learning disabled

crazy, insane, psycho, demented, mental patient

Person First Language

student who receives special education

special education student

person who uses a wheelchair or a mobility chair

confined to a wheelchair, wheelchair bound, non-ambulatory

person who is hard of hearing, person with a hearing impairment

the deaf, deaf and dumb, mute

walks on her own

ambulates/ambulatory

remind her by saying...

verbal cues or prompts

distracted

off task, non-compliant

pays attention

on task, compliant

accessible parking, bathrooms, etc.

handicap parking, bathroom, etc.

she/he needs/uses

she/he has problems with/has special needs

person who is paralyzed

invalid or paralytic

person who has a condition

disease

direct care worker/direct support professional

caretaker

person who is successful, productive

has met goals and objectives

person who has an addiction

a drunk, alcoholic, druggie





Boswell Regional Center's Friends & Family Association is a non profit all volunteer organization that works to ensure Boswell individuals are valued and loved.

All monies received from memberships are donated to the organization to purchase items for the individuals served by Boswell Regional Center.

Donations

Donations may be made in memory or honor of a loved one:

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

By: _____

Acknowledgement should be sent to the following:

Name: _____

Address: _____

State: ___ Zip Code: _____

Phone: (___) _____

Email: _____

Boswell Regional Center

**Friends & Family Association
P.O. Box 128
Magee, MS 39111**

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Membership Information

Indicate at right which type of membership you wish by circling the appropriate amount.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please make your check payable to:
Friends & Family Association
P.O. Box 128
Magee, MS 39111

Annual Membership Fees

Single/BRC Employee - Free

Single/Non-employee \$5

Bronze \$25

Silver \$50

Gold \$100

Platinum \$500

Fundraisers

Some examples of fundraisers that have been held are:

Scrub Sales

Jewelry Sales

Book Fairs

RADA Knives

T-shirt Sales

Special Hosted Events

Purpose

To promote and support the individuals of Boswell Regional Center

To foster the development of programs on their behalf

To recognize and reward the efforts of employees of Boswell Regional Center

To raise and receive funds for the accomplishment of the above purposes.

Boswell Regional Center's



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