



# BRC Thanksgiving

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Thanksgiving Dinner was held on Tuesday, November 21, 2017, at Nutritional Services. The decorations were beautiful and the outpour of staff assisting was beyond measure. All of the campus individuals enjoyed the fellowship as well as the delicious turkey and dressing. Mr. Ashley, Boswell Regional Center Director, welcomed everyone and M. Luckey opened up with prayer. Immediately upon serving the food, silence entered the room as everyone indulged in the feast. This is always a special occasion when individuals and staff come together as a family to give thanks. A great time was had by all and the night was topped off with nothing else but the traditional sweet potato pie! A special thanks goes to BRC staff for their dedication to making this Thanksgiving a wonderful one.

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# Spotlight on Yolanda Walker



**Years of Service:** 2 years

**Resides:** Jackson, MS

**Favorite Color:** Red

**Favorite Team:** Dallas Cowboys/Cleveland Cavaliers

**Favorite Food:** Vegetables; any kind

**Favorite Restaurant:** Primos

**Favorite Vacation Spot:** Vero Beach, FL

**Favorite Music:** Gospel and R&B

**Favorite Song:** Wind Beneath My Wings

**Favorite Movie:** Elf

**Favorite Hobby:** Running

Dr. Yolanda Walker is the daughter of Mr. Leroy Robinson and the late Mrs. Dorothy Robinson of Lorman, MS. She is the mother of Barak, a student at Jones County Junior College, and Bedan, a student at Jackson Academy. Dr. Walker is a member of the Jackson Revival Center; participates in the Choir, Prayer Team Ministry, and Counseling Services. She is also a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She received her Doctorate of Professional Counseling from Mississippi College, Masters in Psychology from The University of Phoenix, and Bachelors in Economics from Alcorn State University.

# Meet Frederick Dampeer



Years of Service: 16

Resides: D'Lo, MS

Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite Team: An Avid Dallas Cowboys Fan

Favorite Food: Fish

Favorite Restaurant: Half Shell Oyster House

Favorite Vacation Spot: Florida

Favorite Music: R&B

Favorite Song: Forever Mine by the O'Jays

Favorite Movie: The Hateful Eight

Favorite Hobby: Reading/Researching



Frederick Dampeer has a daughter (Morgan) and a son (Seth). He is engaged to Dr. Shannon Smith. He began his career with Boswell Regional Center as a Direct Care Worker and is currently serving as a Program Service Supervisor for Ridgeview, Oakbrook and Fairway. Dampeer states, "Working at Boswell Regional Center is challenging at times, but it is very rewarding. It pleases me to know that I have impacted a life of someone in some sort of capacity, and it is a privilege to serve the individuals at Boswell Regional Center."

# Dream Extreme Thanksgiving



Dream Extreme held their annual Thanksgiving meal on Wednesday, November 15, 2017. Participants from Dream Extreme and Connections attended. They enjoyed turkey, ham, dressing, chicken and dumplings, macaroni and cheese, butterbeans, collard greens and green beans. They also had the option of jalapeno cornbread, regular cornbread or a roll. For dessert, they chose from low sugar banana pudding, low sugar peach cobbler, pecan pie or sweet potato pie. Everyone enjoyed the meal and socialization with their friends.

# Representative Tullos Tours BRC



**Pictured Left to Right: Representative Mark Tullos; Mr. Clint Ashley, BRC Director**

Rep. Mark Tullos, District 79, took time out of his busy schedule to tour Boswell Regional Center on November 17th. He visited the programs on campus, waiver homes, Boswell Industries and Day Services. Rep. Tullos was very interested in learning about BRC and the services provided. He enjoyed his visit and left with a better understanding of BRC's programs. Thank you, Rep. Tullos, for your care and concern for BRC and the many Mississippians who are impacted by the services provided by these programs.

# JSU Students Tour BRC



On Monday, November 13, 2017, Social Work students from Jackson State University were on campus to tour Boswell Regional Center. The students are Advance Standing Social Work majors pursuing a Master's Degree. They were greeted and presented with a campus tour by their instructor and BRC employee, Dr. Yolanda Walker and STS Director, Will Beeson. **Pictured Front Row Left to Right:** Jasmine Booker, Garyanna Simmons, Amanda Schmidt, Amanda Marshall, and Dr. Walker. **Back Row Left to Right:** Amanda Blair, Tyanna Ross, Sylver Yarn, and Rachel York.

# Pinelake Celebrates Veterans Day

On November 9, 2017, individuals from Pinelake Geriatric Services participated in their annual community outreach visit to the Mississippi State Veteran's Home. Goody bags were prepared and presented by the individuals for veterans to enjoy in honor of Veteran's Day. Everyone seemed to enjoy the visit.



# Dreams Can Become Reality



Pictured with Mississippi State Football standout, Martin Rankin



Vendor at Magee's Crazy Day



Enjoying the pumpkin patch



Dining as a family



# BRC Orientation Classes



## November 1st Orientation Class:

**Bottom Row Left to Right:** Shemeka Barron (Rials Creek), Brenda Baldwin (Medical Services), Cheryl McCallum (Alpha House)  
**2nd Row Left to Right:** Arlena Rogers (Cedarcrest), Amber Hayes (Broadhead), Terri Knight (Broadhead)  
**3rd Row Left to Right:** Kaitlyn Higgins (Eastside), Monquavis Craft (Ridgeview), Jessica Thomas (Broadhead)  
**4th Row Left to Right:** Rebecca Ross (Oakbrook), Elliott Womack (Eastside), Maria Craft (Broadhead)  
**Top Row Left to Right:** Johanese Jackson (Fairway), Kayla Buckley (Pinelake), Donte Jones (Nutritional Services)



## November 16th Orientation Class:

**Bottom Row Left to Right:** Jaquille Graves (Fairway), Julius Bowen (Security), Michael McAlpin (Maintenance), Courtney Hamilton (Rials Creek), Danielle Barker (Oakbrook)  
**2nd Row Left to Right:** Mary Sims (Medical Services), Chiquita Barron (State Farm), Zarría Knight (Rials Creek), Tina Crosby (Oakbrook), Tameika Smith (Fairway)  
**3rd Row Left to Right:** Carlianne Morrow (Fairway), Bonnie Westbrook (Cedarcrest), Brandy Puckett (Cedarcrest), Natassja Griffin (Ridgeview)  
**Top Row Left to Right:** Gary Sasser (Maintenance), Diana Beasley (Nutrition Services), Jamaris Walker (4th Street), Netrica Walker (Magnolia), Rodreicus Powell (Pinegrove)  
**Not Pictured:** Andrea Daniels (Pinelake)

# Governor's Service Award



Boswell Regional Center employee receives a Governor's Service Award in recognition of 20 years of state service. Kathy Dawn Anglin, Pinelake Geriatric Program, was recognized for her dedication to BRC at the November Directors' Meeting. Congratulations!

# BRC EOM



During the November Directors' Meeting, Boswell Regional Center recognized Employees of the Month in the area of support/professional staff. Employees of the Month for October are pictured **Top:** Gwenda Phillips, Pinelake Geriatrics. **Bottom:** Melissa Ards, Community Services. Presenting the certificate is Mr. Clint Ashley, Director of Boswell Regional Center. Congratulations to each of you!

# Pastor's Corner



**Bro. Rudy Jackson**  
**BRC Chaplain**

## Forgive Me When I Whine

Today upon a bus, I saw a lovely maid with golden hair; I envied her she seemed so gay, and how, I wished I were so fair; When suddenly she rose to leave, I saw her hobble down the aisle; she had one foot and wore a crutch, but as she passed, a smile. Oh God, forgive me when I whine, I have two feet -- the world is mine.

And when I stopped to buy some sweets, the lad who served me had such charm; he seemed to radiate good cheer, his manner was so kind and warm; I said, "It's nice to deal with you, such courtesy I seldom find;" he turned and said, "Oh, thank you sir." And then I saw that he was blind. Oh, God, forgive me when I whine, I have two eyes -- the world is mine.

Then, when walking down the street, I saw a child with eyes of blue; he stood and watched the others play, it seemed he knew not what to do; I stopped a moment, then I said, "Why don't you join the others, dear?" He looked ahead without a word, and then I knew he could not hear. Oh God, forgive me when I whine, I have two ears -- the world is mine.

With feet to take me where I'd go, with eyes to see the sunsets glow, with ears to hear what I would know. I am blessed indeed. The world is mine; oh, God, forgive me when I whine.

Source Unknown.

## Mission Statement

**Boswell Regional Center offers Specialized program options to Mississippians with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. These programs are designed to identify the necessary supports for successful community transition. With collaboration between the individual, family, and community, dreams can become reality.**

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**1 Thessalonians 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. Have a blessed day.**



**Pinelake Geriatric Services  
host their Annual Food Drive**



**Nonperishable Food Items Needed**

**Drop Off Locations:**

<b>Business Services</b>	<b>Administration</b>
<b>MR/QA</b>	<b>Nutritional Services</b>
<b>Training Center</b>	<b>Dream Extreme</b>
<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>Boswell Industries (Downtown)</b>
<b>Community Services Office (across from the Post Office)</b>	

***The food drive will run through December 14, 2017***

**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**

**P. O. Box 128**  
**Magee, MS 39111**



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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**

## 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

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## 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.

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**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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